Leveraging Diversity for Student Learning

Who we are:

* Faculty members who sit on the Council for Learning and Teaching Excellence.
* In May, 2014 we formed an action group to examine implications of increasing diversity at VIU.
* Our “Travelling Road Show” will explore and highlight the diversity at VIU.

VIU enrolment statistics for 2013:

* 16,000 full and part-time students enrolled at all campuses
  + 700 of these were students with registered disabilities
  + 1800 were international students
  + 1500 were aboriginal students
  + Trades and Degree programs

25% of VIU students were non-traditional learners (in 2013).

Why do we need to learn more about this?

* Fewer “traditional” students in VIU catchment area – will continue to fall for next decade.
* VIU is actively recruiting from international, aboriginal and other groups in higher numbers to replace the shrinking catchment pool.
* Enrolment of students with disabilities (especially Autism Spectrum Disorder) is projected to increase.

## Feedback

1. What would you like to learn more about around this issue?
2. What resources are you aware of, or have used?
   1. How were they/weren’t they helpful?
   2. What resources would you like see developed?
3. Other general comments to further our group?