

Masterminds 2011–A Report to the Annual General Meeting of the UVic Retirees Association

The Masterminds lecture series highlights the continuing contributions of retirees to UVic and to the community. The series has been hosted successfully by the UVic Retirees Association (UVRA) and the Centre on Aging (CoAg) for the past six years.

This year 366 people attended the four Wednesday evening lectures in April. There were slightly fewer attendees than in 2010. This is thought to be due to other lectures scheduled on campus on Wednesday evenings, and to a large number of candidates meeting in the community. Of those attending, 47.8% returned the assessment forms. A larger than usual percentage (72.6%) of the audience members described themselves as seniors, UVic retirees, or retirees.

An aggregate of all of the items on the rating form gave a positive result of 89.7% of good and excellent ratings. When the ratings of satisfactory were included, the result was 96.8%, indicating a very high level of satisfaction among those returning the forms.

The combined good and excellent ratings of the lectures alone varied slightly (100%, 100%, 100%, 91.4%) with an overall rating of 98.2%. When the ratings of satisfactory and above were combined the percentage was 99.4%. These ratings are the highest obtained in the six years of the Masterminds series. All of the other ratings were high as well. When the satisfactory, good and excellent ratings were combined, every category received a rating within the range of 93.9 to 100%. The categories were: organization, lectures, auditorium, parking, advertising, signage, and overall.

Many thanks are due to all who participated in Masterminds 2011, and made it such a great success. Thank you.

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