
**Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2021-2022**

DATE: May 12, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Christian Cook, Chair of TLC

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

We are extremely grateful to the highly engaged and professional Teaching and Learning Committee for their exemplary efforts in honouring what we value most: excellence in scholarly informed teaching and learning.

The TLC achieved their goals through four distinct and deeply committed working groups. Those working groups, and a brief description of their achievements, are listed here:

1. Celebrate! Teaching and Learning 2022 Event Working Group
 - a. The working group brought this event to fruition over two days (May 4&5, 2022). Proposals were submitted from across campus and led by students, faculty, and admin/staff to celebrate teaching and learning online and in person. We had over 20 sessions and an incredible keynote presentation (held in the Bella). We also announced the Distinguished Faculty Award recipients for this year and honoured the ones from last year. Additionally, we were also able to recognize MRU's 3M National Teaching Fellowship. Thanks to all who participated and celebrated the wins and the challenges over the past year.
2. LMS (Learning Management System) Working Group
 - a. This group has been incredibly valuable to the University and specifically the ADC, for support in the implementation of our new Learning Management System (D2L Brightspace). With representation from each Faculty, they have served to be an integral link for faculty interests and concerns in the implementation (and timing) of the new LMS.
3. Future of Online Learning Working Group
 - a. This group was able to advance multiple meaningful conversations and connections across campus. Importantly, they were able to engage with students to develop further our collective understanding of their experiences and desires in this space (beyond the emergency remote delivery of instruction experiences of the pandemic). Recommendations will be forthcoming and will contain information gathered through presentations at the MRFA Faculty Retreat as well as the MRU Celebrate! Event for Teaching and Learning.
4. Common Guidelines for Syllabus Working Group
 - a. As the work of this committee officially concluded in the last academic year, they operated informally and under the direction of Shane Gannon to track the progress of the implementation of those guidelines for future academic years.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Committee intends to create, as part of its annual working plan, a window of opportunity to review the common guidelines for syllabi each year. Though this will not alter the mandate of the Committee, we will ensure this activity is embedded in our annual plan.

While we will conduct a review of the working groups to ensure they align with our goals for the coming academic year, it is likely that at least some teams will remain intact.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Christian Cook, CHAIR, GFC Academic Staff Member

Michael Quinn, VICE-CHAIR, Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic

Meagan Bowler, Dean, University Library

Christian Cook, Director, Academic Development Centre

Amanda Venoitte, Manager, Learning Technologies (ADC)

Brad Mahon, Dean Representative

Shane Gannon, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

David Clemis, GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts) *(February – Present)*

Brenda Lang, GFC Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)

Mohamed El Hussein, GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

Luciano Santos, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)

Katharine Barrette, Academic Staff Member (University Library)

Catharine Lindland, Student Affairs Representative *(January – Present)*

Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative *(October – Present)*

Luis Rios, Student Representative

Cheryl Techentin, GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts) (September – December)

Trevor Day, GFC Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology) (September – December)

Patricia Pardo, Student Affairs Representative (September – October)

Rusna Mahoon, Student Representative (September)

Resources

Jim Silovs, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Gaye Warthe, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Melanie Rathburn, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Ian Watson, Designate for CIO and AVP, Information Technology Services *(November – Present)*

Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY, Assistant University Secretary, GFC

Leona LaChance, CIO and AVP, Information Technology Services (September – October)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

- September 30, 2021
- October 28, 2021
- November 25, 2021
- January 27, 2022
- February 24, 2022
- March 24, 2022

- April 21, 2022
- May 12, 2022

For additional information and meeting minutes, visit the [TLC](#) webpage.