
**Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2025-2026****DATE: May 6, 2026****SUBMITTED BY:** Michelle Yeo, Chair of TLC

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

This year, we solicited information and updates from the following initiatives related to Teaching and Learning, and provided advice and feedback as requested:

- Indigenization & Decolonization Strategic Framework 2025-2030 Presentation
- Framework for Responsible AI - presentation for feedback (AI Steering Group)
- Academic Accommodations Working Group Update
- SAMRU Initiative on the Course Affordability Tracker
- Student Learning Services survey results and input to this year's survey questions
- Generative Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning (AI) Working Group Presentation on Draft Guidelines
- Experiential Learning Steering Committee Presentation
- General Education Steering Committee Presentation

TLC reviewed the following:

- Review of syllabus guidelines for 2026-27

TLC approved the rescinding of Policy 581: Text Matching Software Policy and Procedures:

- The Text Matching Software Policy and Procedures were first approved in March 2012. The original purpose of establishing a policy framework was to address obligations connected to MRU's contract at the time with the text matching software provider. The primary purpose of the policy at the time was to address a contractual obligation that MRU had with the matching software provider, Turn It In. Subsequent updates to the contract no longer contain requirements that necessitate a formal university policy, and it seems inappropriate to keep a policy tied to a specific product.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- General Education Steering Committee Presentation
- SPoT Annual Report when new analysis completed as requested
- Follow adoption of AI Framework and Guidelines, request updates from AI Steering Committee and GenAI Teaching and Learning Working Group
- Continue to solicit and address items from the MRU community as relevant to our charter

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Yeo	GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR
Karim Dharamsi	Vice-Provost, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Meagan Bowler	Dean, University Library

Michelle Yeo	Director, Academic Development Centre (ADC)
Andrew Goodmanson	Manager, Learning Technologies (ADC)
Kelly Williams-Whitt	Dean Representative
Nancy Ogden	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for teaching and learning
Lavinia Moldovan	GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Neil Brigden	GFC Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Sarah Hamilton	GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Nick Strzalkowski	GFC Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Erik Christiansen	Academic Staff Member (University Library) <i>(Jan-Current) (Alice Swabey – until Dec)</i>
Christina Lovestone	Continuing Education Representative
Kristin Fulton	Student Affairs Representative
Celine Dixon	Student Representative
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative <i>(Jan-Current) (Sabrina Acosta – until Dec)</i>

Resources

Katharine Barrette	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for teaching and learning
Adam Cave	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for teaching and learning
Giuliana Harvey	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for teaching and learning
Melanie Rathburn	Associate Dean/Vice Dean responsible for teaching and learning
Mark Hiebert	Designate for CIO and AVP, Information Technology Services
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

1. October 2, 2025
2. November 13, 2025
3. January 22, 2026
4. April 9, 2026

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