

**Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2022-2023**

DATE: May 11, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Christian Cook, TLC Chair

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The TLC achieved several important outcomes over the 2022/2023 academic year. In addition to responding to topics as they arose throughout the year (ie: new advances in artificial intelligence, detection tools for text-matching and identifying content potentially generated through artificial intelligence), the committee as a whole supported several working groups.

1. Celebrate! Teaching and Learning Working Group for our annual cross-campus celebration. Thank you to Yasmin Ahmed (SAMRU), Luciano Santos, Haroon Chehade (SAMRU), Katharine Barrette, Brenda Lang, Bree Smith (ADC resource, non TLC member), Ian Borg (ADC resource, non TLC member), Chuck Dickens (ADC resource, non TLC member), and Mary-Ann Ciupak (ADC resource, non TLC member).

This group worked to envision, plan, and host our annual Celebrate! Teaching and Learning event, in person and on campus on May 4, 2023. Delegates from across the university, in their roles as students, faculty, professional staff, and administrators, shared content with the ultimate goal of thriving through teaching and learning (not just what worked but what didn't work and how we can work with that!). Over 20 sessions were presented to hundreds of campus attendees. In the afternoon our President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Tim Rahilly, and Provost and VP Academic, Dr. Chad London hosted our keynote speaker, Dr.

Pamini Thangarajah, announced our next 3M National Teaching Fellow, Dr. Sarah Hewitt, hosted the 2022 Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA) panel and introduced the 2023 DFA recipients of this prestigious MRU award. Thank you to this incredible working group and to our leadership for their support of this campus wide event celebrating the heart of what we do. Special thanks to the newly reorganized Provost's Office (looking at you, Frank, Jessica, and Linda - and Isha from the President's Office) for your support.

2. Future of Online Teaching and Learning Working Group. Thank you to Cheryl Techentin (chair), Gaye Warthe, Haroon Chehade, Kelly Williams-Whitt, Robin Randall, Shane Gannon, and Meagan Bowler.

Fairly early this academic year, and building off of the recommendations created last year, this working group discussed recommendations to share with the deans through the Provost's Council. Within both the TLC as the ADC (Academic Development Centre), we look forward to supporting future directions for online and blended learning to augment the first class in-person teaching taking place across Mount Royal University.

3. Common Guidelines for University Course Syllabus Working Group. Thank you to Shane Gannon (chair), Melanie Rathburn, Gaye Warthe, Katharine Barrette, Cheryl Techentin, and Adam Cave.

This group was re-activated to address several items, including content on how to address AI and AI detection tools, updates to policies and both the home of best fit and the most effective distribution channels for such important documents.

4. LMS Working Group. This working group has wound down and this work will continue within the ADC, with a dedicated plan to reach out to campus for input and representation.

The TLC looks incredibly forward to serving GFC and university needs related to our mandate in the coming years.

With gratitude,
Christian Cook, CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Christian Cook, GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR

Kenna Olsen, Designate for Vice-Provost, Academic, VICE-CHAIR

Meagan Bowler, Dean, University Library

Christian Cook, Director, Academic Development Centre (ADC)

Vacant, Manager, Learning Technologies (ADC) (*February – Present*)

Amanda Veinotte, Manager, Learning Technologies (ADC) (*September – January*)

Kelly Williams-Whitt, Dean Representative

Shane Gannon, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Cheryl Techentin, GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)

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

Gaye Warthe, GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

Vacant, GFC Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)

Luciano Santos, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)

Katharine Barrette, Academic Staff Member (University Library)

Robin Randall, Student Affairs Representative

Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative (May)

Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative (*September – April*)

Haroon Chehade, Student Representative

Resources

Adam Cave, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Melanie Rathburn, Associate Dean responsible for teaching and learning

Mark Hiebert, Designate for CIO and AVP, Information Technology Services

Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

- Thursday, October 6, 2022
- Thursday, October 27, 2022
- Thursday, November 24, 2022
- Thursday, January 26, 2023
- Thursday, February 23, 2023
- Thursday, March 23, 2023
- Thursday, April 20, 2023
- Thursday, May 11, 2023

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