



## Learning Environment Advisory Group (LEAG)

### AGENDA

Jan 20, 2016

9:30 am – 11 am, G113 Learning Lab

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Chair: Maureen Wideman

Committee: Gordon Jang, Greg Davis, Shelley Young, Ed Visser, Craig Toews, Betty Poettcker, Linda Pardy, Janice Johnson, Frank Ulbrich, Adam Bodnar, Vera White Phipps, Joanna Sheppard, Thomas Davies, Dylan Thiessen, Bryan Wilkinson, Karsten Renaerts, Eddie Campbell, Heather Compeau

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1. Adoption of Agenda
2. C Building Classroom
3. Making More Active Learning Classrooms
4. Upcoming Renos or Projects

### **Next Meeting**

**Date: tbc, 9:30 am – 11 am.**

**A225**

## Learning Environment Advisory Group

Minutes

Jan 21, 2015

9:30 am – 11 am, A225

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Chair: Maureen Wideman

Attendees: Gordon Jang, Ed Visser, Shelley Young, Frank Ulbrich, Bryan Wilkinson, Vera White Phipps, Ryan Petersen, Thomas Davies

Regrets: Heather Compeau, Janice Johnson

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1. Agenda **Approved as amended**  
Add #7 – C Building Classroom
2. Minutes - January 2015 **Approved as amended**  
Correction Agenda Item #3- budget not allocated to the committee but instead to Maureen Wideman's office.
3. Changes in Terms of Reference  
The Terms of Reference wording will change to reflect that money is allocated to Maureen Wideman's office of Teaching & Learning and not to LEAG. A MMA proposal for 100k has been put in for projectors in every room but if no money comes from this proposal then we will use the 60k for classroom upgrades. 60 k is not enough to do all the classrooms because there are 15 left.

### Comments

- Faculty are borrowing laptops and they want more eRoom Lites
- Faculty are notified via email when they book an eRoom lite
- eRoom Lites are better than cows
- Teaching & Learning is working to get rid of COWS hopefully by April 2015
- Faculty can request laptops for refreshing computers in offices but it needs to be authorized by a department head
- Give faculty access to notebooks for an eRoom lite

### 4. Sub-Committee Findings

The LEAG Subcommittee interviewed three Faculty members about what is important to them in a classroom. Interviewed were Molly Ungar, Ian McAskill and Michelle Rhodes. Here are their suggestions for improving classrooms:

- Lots of flow for flexible movement in the room
- Classrooms facing the front make it difficult for collaborative working and makes for less interaction
- POD work is more interactive
- Need (slide able) whiteboards on all walls

- Tables on wheels
- Not necessarily a front of class
- Cubbies for staff and things so students can put stuff in them and then be more engaged in the work
- Table setting sets the environment

Next step is for the LEAG Subcommittee to meet with students and find out how they feel about space and learning.

**Action Item:** Ruby Ord to work with Thomas Davies to arrange 10 students to meet with the Subcommittee. This should be done sooner than later because of the quick turn-around time in the classroom in building C.

#### 5. George Siemens

Maureen Wideman reported that George Siemens, co-inventor of MOOCS is coming to UFV and LEAG has an opportunity on Feb 3, 2015, 1 pm – 2 pm to visit with him.

Maureen encouraged everyone to come out and ask him questions.

Possible questions for George:

- What is his opinion on how the revolutionary coming years will be for universities being the centre of learning? With technology, what does that look like?
- What does and doesn't work in the online environment?
- FOIPPA laws in Canada inhibit accessing social media sites like YouTube for course content that might put the student's identity at risk. What is a good Canadian resource that can be used?
- How do we promote innovation and experimentation cost effectively?

#### 6. G113 Learning Lab

G113 is office space in G building that is being converted into a high technology learning lab with new teaching equipment, whiteboard paint, and special chairs/desks. It will be a place to experiment and will be available to everyone who wants to see what a flexible classroom looks like.

#### 7. C Building

Shelley Young reported that the new Student Centre building on the Abbotsford Campus is to be completed by March 31, 2015. Spaces are being vacated in C building and Campus Planning is considering converting a particular class into a new cutting-edge classroom. Shelley explained that the classroom currently seats 36 students and has windows on one side of the space. Campus Planning has applied for a Minor Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project (MMR) funding from the BC Government and if they don't get it, they will have to work with the current standard budget for new classrooms. She encouraged anyone with ideas to send them to Maureen Wideman before March 1, 2015.