

TEACHING AND LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 10, 2024

2:30 – 4 pm

Zoom

**Agenda**

Chair: Rita Dhungel

Vice Chair: Luisa Giles

**Committee:** \*Evan Taylor, \*Kim Striebel, \*Sian Hurley, \*Selena Karli, \*Elaine Newman, \*Kseniya Garaschuk, \*Sandra Smith, \*Helen Twentyman, \*Aleksander Jovanovic, \*Heather McAlpine, \*Andrea Gormley, \*Christine Nehring, Lorna Andrews, Awneet Sivia, \*Satwinder Bains, Claire Hay \*voting member

**1. Territory Acknowledgement**

**2. Items for adoption**

- Approval of Agenda – September 10, 2024
- Approval of Minutes – April 2, & May 28, 2024

**3. Welcome to New members-Rita/Luisa Giles**

**4. Roundtable (Introduction/Check-in)-All**

**5. Update on the new LMS- Michelle**

**6. Teaching and Learning program to support faculty- Michelle Johnson/ Awneet Sivia**

**7. Hybrid meeting (December 3<sup>rd</sup>)- Rita**

**8. Exploration on topic- Claire Hay/Michelle Johnson**

**9. TLC Report- Awneet Sivia**

**10. Other Business**

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September-30)  
For more information link found here: <https://blogs.ufv.ca/blog/2021/09/18156/>
- **Next meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 8, 2:30–4 pm (Zoom only)

## TEACHING AND LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 28, 2024  
2:30 – 4 pm, Zoom  
Draft Minutes

Chair: \*Christine Nehring  
Co-Chair: Michelle Johnson  
Present: \*Anna Kuczynska, \*Trevor Murray, Michelle Johnson, \*Tara Corman, \*Sian Hurley, \*Rita Dhungel, Awneet Sivia, \*Selena Karli, \*Andrea Gormley, \*Kseniya Garaschuk  
Regrets: Elaine Newman, Helen Twentyman

### 1. Territory Acknowledgement

### 2. Items for Adoption

Approval of Agenda – May 28, 2024, Add approval of agenda and minutes  
Approval of Minutes for April 30, 2024, Add Anna Kuczynska's name to present.  
Agenda and minutes approved.

### 3. 2023 / 2024 year wrap-up activity

The following are highlights from the work being done at UFV:

- The first intake of final level of culinary trade was very successful. A Capstone event was hosted with a chef showcase on canapés. A student at UFV won gold at the BC Post Secondary Culinary Competition and are now competing in Quebec.
- ABT ran a par-time program this year online and asynchronous. They are please with how well it went.
- The FLEX program initiated by the Teaching and Learning Centre was excellent for connecting and building relationships.
- ConnectED was great this year. Congratulations to the TLC and all the work that went into setting up the day.

### 4. TLAC Chair and vice-Chair positions

Rita Dhungel is the new Chair and Louisa Giles is the new vice-Chair.

### 5. TLAC Membership

If you need to step away from the TLAC, let Ruby know and suggest someone who can make a recommendation.

### 6. Roundtable

- Pleased that UUP agreed for in-person math exams.

- Summer classes for students are more focused.
- 62% of Calculus students completed the Calculus readiness course.

## 7. TLC Report – Awneet Sivia

- Vendor demos for the new LMS are complete and now the process of shortlisting is underway. The competition is between, BB Ultra, Canvas, and D2L Brightspace. The new LMS will start Sept 2025 and a website is currently being developed that will have resources, videos, and information.
- Celebrate Learning on May 29<sup>th</sup> was a successful event. There were 6 great presentations on what faculty are doing in their classrooms. The event was recorded and can be viewed on media space.
- ILOs received well and openness to updating them. These new ILOs o into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. All new programs going forward will use the new ILOs.

## 8. Other Business

a. Celebrate Learning event: Wed, May 29, 2:30 – 4 pm (online)

o Details for Celebrate Learning [https://blogs.ufv.ca/tlc/2024/04/08/celebrate-learning-at-ufv-may-29-2024/?\\_gl=1\\*4hzhxb\\*\\_ga\\*NDQ2MDQyODEzLjE3MTI1NDMyMDE.\\*\\_ga\\_TGXF08HS7\\*MTcxNjQ4MDM3Mi41OC4xLjE3MTY0ODA0NTYuNjAuMC4w](https://blogs.ufv.ca/tlc/2024/04/08/celebrate-learning-at-ufv-may-29-2024/?_gl=1*4hzhxb*_ga*NDQ2MDQyODEzLjE3MTI1NDMyMDE.*_ga_TGXF08HS7*MTcxNjQ4MDM3Mi41OC4xLjE3MTY0ODA0NTYuNjAuMC4w)

o Register by emailing [TLCevents@ufv.ca](mailto:TLCevents@ufv.ca)

b. Accessibility Week: May 26–June 1 o See the Teaching Matters newsletter for details. <https://mailchi.mp/ed001df1e2ab/tlc-newsletter-feb-10321784?e=b72ba90df1>

c. 2024.2025 meeting dates:

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| Sept 10, 202 | Dec 3, 2024  | Mar 11, 2025 | June 3, 2025 |
| Oct 8, 2024  | Jan 14, 2025 | Apr 8, 2025  |              |
| Nov 5, 2024  | Feb 11, 2025 | May 6, 2025  |              |

**\*A big thank you to Christine Nehring and Michelle Johnson for their leadership with the TLAC for the last two year.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.**

## TEACHING AND LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 2, 2024

2:30 – 4 pm, Zoom

Draft Minutes

Chair: \*Christine Nehring  
Co-Chair: Michelle Johnson  
Present: Claire Hay, \*Elaine Newman, Mary Saudelli, \*Sandra Smith, \*Andrea Gormley,  
\*Hassan Javid, \*Helen Twentyman, Michael Fischer, \*Trevor Murray, \*Kseniya  
Garaschuk, Lorna Andrews, Leanne Joe, \*Evan Taylor, \*Selena Karli, \*Luisa Giles,  
\*Ismail El Sayad, \*Heather McAlpine, \*Mike Corman \*voting members  
Regrets: Awneet Sivia, \*Andreal Gormley, \*Kim Striebel, \*Anna Kuczynska, \*Sian Hurley

### 1. Territory Acknowledgement

### 2. Items for Adoption

- Approval of Agenda – Apr 2, 2024, approved with amendments.
  - \*Add 2.a, announcement by Michelle Johnson
  - \*Add article discussion from Kseniya Garaschuk, in Roundtable
- Approval of Minutes – Mar 5, 2024, approved.
  - 2.a. Announcement – Claire Hay won the J Lewis Robinson award from the Geographers Society. Congratulations Claire!

### 3. TLAC Terms of Reference revisions

See updates on the agenda – all approved the updates as follows:

- I. Update Dean of Access and Continuing Education to Dean of Education, Community, and Human Development
- II. Update Dean of Professional Studies to Dean of Business and Computing
- III. Update Director of the Career Centre to Director of the Centre for Experiential and Career Education.
- IV. Update new title for Shirley Hardman to Associate Vice-President Xwexwílmexwawt

### 4. TLAC Chair and Co-chair Positions

Christine Nehring and Michelle Johnson's terms end this year. We will be appointing a new Chair and Co-chair at the May meeting. See terms of reference for details about membership and chair/co-chair positions. Please consider this opportunity to volunteer your time.

### 5. Faculty-wide Technology Use Survey – Michelle Johnson

Teaching and Learning is making a survey for faculty feedback on technology use in the classroom. This survey will be going live in August 2024. Michelle encouraged everyone to do the survey as this will help TLC support faculty during these changing times.

## 6. ConnectED May 8, 2024

This event is an annual professional development day led by the Teaching and Learning Centre. The deadline for workshop proposals has been extended until Apr 5. Registration starts Apr 8.

## 7. Roundtable

- a. Kseniya Garaschuk shared an article about international students who were angered by failing grades, and felt exploited. See link for article.

[https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/international-students-angered-by-failing-grade-say-they-feel-exploited-now-the-university-is-giving/article\\_50c40ce0-ae64-11ee-b33b-4b4294de0ada.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/international-students-angered-by-failing-grade-say-they-feel-exploited-now-the-university-is-giving/article_50c40ce0-ae64-11ee-b33b-4b4294de0ada.html)

Comments from the committee reflected a concern that international students can complain and get their grades changed. There has also been an increase of students at UFV complaining they have failed the course, even though they have paid the course fee. However, the student is not just failing the final exam, but failing throughout the course. One positive is that students are speaking up and challenging, they have a voice, however, some genuine concerns with students doing this. It is alarming that students equate paying for the course with getting a passing grade. Unfortunately, there is no language support available here at UFV for students which helps them get into academic programs. We are also seeing national students coming from K-12 struggling in post-secondary.

- b. **ASC Recruitment Fair for tutors for the 2024 season**

The ASC is hosting a recruitment fair on April 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup> in the learning lounge outside their centre in G building. This recruitment is to specifically look for students who can tutor in economics, physics, communications, biology, chemistry, and political science.

- c. **Thank your instructor initiative** – Claire Hay

This initiative was created as a way for students to anonymously thank their instructors. A link goes out via the VP Students newsletter. This is a way to hear the good faculty are doing.

- d. **Course Re-design May 2024**- hosted by Claire Hay. This workshop is for faculty who want to design a new course, or update a current course. Contact Claire Hay for more information [Claire.hay@ufv.ca](mailto:Claire.hay@ufv.ca)

- e. **Resources in the Library** – The Library has purchased a new database for interest to teaching faculty in digital humanities. You can access this by going to the library website and look under research databases. Also purchased is LexisNexis, diversity and inclusion ebooks, and a South Asian Archive Collection for India and Pakistan.

The makerspace in the Library is quite busy with events, and collaborations are going on with English and Sustainability.

- f. **Indigenous Curriculum Developer** - Leanne Joe is TLC's new Indigenous Curriculum Developer and she will be working with faculty to bring indigenous content to courses. You can connect with

her on the TLC website <https://www.ufv.ca/teaching-and-learning/inclusive-teaching/indigenization/>

- g. **Centre for Accessibility Services** – The deadline for course accommodations was April 1<sup>st</sup>. Upwards of 500 exams to accommodate this year. If you know a student who needs accommodations, please contact assessment services.

## 8. TLC Report – Awneet Sivia

- **ConnectED May 8th:** This year’s “teach, learn, transform” ConnectED conference will host a variety of sessions and an amazing keynote speaker, [Dr. Kevin Gannon](#), author of *Radical Hope: A Teaching Manifesto*. The [Call for Proposals](#) is extended to April 5th – micro teach, SoTL research, extended teaching experience, and Communities of Practice sessions will be offered. Registration will open on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Upcoming Events:** Please see [TLC Featured Events](#) for events coming up in February.
- **SLG:** One of the hidden gems of this university is the Support Learning Groups program. It is well documented in higher education research that the SLG’s peer-to-peer teaching model plays a significant factor in student success. Annual SLG reports indicate that courses supported by SLG Leaders have an overall increase in mean and median GPA. Furthermore, the competencies and confidence that SLG Leaders themselves develop are a huge reciprocal benefit of this model. UFV’s [SLG Program](#) is hiring new leaders for the 2024-25 academic year. Please encourage strong students to apply and consider hosting an SLG Leader in your course.
- **Video Production:**
  - [Celebrate Learning Event \(Dec 2023\)](#)
  - [Making Content Accessible \(video series\)](#)
- **Educator Journey Towards Reconciliation Leaders Group:** Lorna Andrews is working with seven administrative leaders for a specialized EJTR course on building capacity for Indigenization as leaders at UFV. The mix of senior leaders, deans, and department heads from across the institution has fostered rich and impactful learning conversations.
- **Policy 46:** The review of Policy 46 has been launched by Awneet Sivia, Claire Hay, and Victoria Surtees. A working group of members from all seven faculties will be working over the coming months to revise and update Policy 46.
- **FLEx:** Michelle Johnson has been ‘FLEx-ing’ with four faculty members in the Winter semester, visiting their classes, and discussing pedagogical innovations and ways to push practice forward across a variety of disciplines. This is a strong future trend in higher education – *in-situ mentorship*.

- **Learning Management System:** UFV will be changing to a new LMS in September 2025. Members of the TLC, including Soowook Kim, Courtney Boisvert, Fizza Haider, and Michelle Johnston, are working with ITS to plan for the selection process. Vendor demos from prospective LMSs will take place in May and June 2024.

**Readings:**

- [Kritik - How to Ensure Students Aren't Using AI Content for Assignments](#)
- [Radical Hope: A Teaching Manifesto \(ebook via UFV Library\)](#)

**9. Other Business**

- Information item: K-16 Education Summit Learning Exchange Webinars  
Registration link:  
<https://ufvca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5cocu6hrTMvE9PfgjgBOCWxNEgjzKcoHKkt>  
Remaining topics and dates:  
Tues, Apr 9, 3–4 pm: Indigenization: Moving forward in a good way  
Tues, Apr 23, 3–4 pm: Tools for Learning: Trades partnerships with school districts
- Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm
- Next meeting: Tues, April 30, 2:30 pm – 4 pm (Zoom)