



Senate

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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING #5 (2022-2023)
TEACHING AND LEARNING POLICY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2023
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Via Microsoft TEAMS

PRESENT: Christene Carpenter-Cleland (Chair), Drew Dane (Vice-Chair), Francine Vachon, Dawn Good, Princely Ifinedo, Cailin (Cal) Murgo, Kymberly Ash, Rakha Zabin, Jae Patterson (BUFA Observer)

EX-OFFICIO: Suzanne Curtin, Don Cyr, Rajiv Jhangiani, Carol Merriam, Giulia Forsythe

RESOURCE: Simon Burke (University Secretary), Chantelle Kurzawa (Administrative Support), Melanie Molnar, Matt Clare, Brandan Barrett, Melanie Elliott

REGRETS: Nicholas Dion, Ken Chan, Mark Robertson (University Librarian)

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair welcomed committee and resource members, called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved by general consent.

3. Minutes of the December 16th, 2022 meeting

[The Minutes of December 16th, 2022 were included with the Agenda]

The Minutes were approved by general consent.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

5. LMS - Brightspace update

[A report from CPI on Brightspace Implementation was included with the Agenda]

Members received the report for information. The report contained a listing of recent and upcoming project milestones as well as Fall/Winter LMS (Learning Management System) usage Rates.

It was restated that the University is moving away from using Sakai and will be using BrightSpace.

Brock is currently seeing a faster adoption of BrightSpace in the winter term of 36% compared to a 25% adoption in the Fall.

6. Report of the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning

[A report from the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, dated January 13, 2023 was included with the Agenda]

The Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning noted that the Academic Plan was approved unanimously by Senate and welcomed Giulia Forsythe as Director, Teaching and Learning and Matt Clare, Director of Technology Enabled Learning.

The Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning discussed his report with the committee noting that he has concluded his work as part of the BC Digital Learning Advisory Committee, where he chaired the quality enhancement working group. He provided the members with an appendix outlining a set of recommendations for BC's post secondary sector as it may be of interest to the committee.

7. ChatGPT

[A report from the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning, dated January 13, 2023 was included with the Agenda]

The Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning, presented his report on ChatGPT to the committee and a discussion ensued on the benefits and risks of this (currently) public resource tool. Issues around ethics, privacy, academic misconduct, benefits, and limitations were discussed.

Questions over the extraction of data, monetizing of intellectual property, and misinformation were raised. It was pointed out that this is already being done with other electronic teaching and learning tools.

Questions arose over current policies and the need to update them to reflect new technologies. An article from the NY Times (January 16th) about plagiarism was referenced as was the work of University of Calgary Professor Sarah Elaine Eaton in relation to academic integrity as a key way to consider ChatGPT and how Brock needs to equip educators on how they might reflect and consider its implications.

Other issues that arose during the discussion included:

- ChatGPT might support student learning rather than contribute to academic misconduct so there needs to be an analysis to decipher whether more students would benefit from this tool rather than use it for academic misconduct.
- students are not socializing and collaborating as much as they did pre-Covid and the AI tools may further this student engagement trend on non-collaborative practices.

8. Potential Revisions to Faculty Handbook 3.A.9 (Examinations)

The Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning outlined work being done reviewing language for proposing potential changes. A briefing was offered outlining existing language that may be impractical, outdated or constraining. It was noted that the review of this section of the FHB will be assessed through the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, but feedback was being sought from TLPC. A timeline was discussed on when proposed changes might be brought to Senate. The target is for the March 29th meeting of USAC. The changes will be brought T&LPC around that time as well.

9. Generative Discussion Topics

10. Other Business

The committee Recognized Melanie Molnar's departure and wished her well on her future endeavors.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.