



Senate Committees

**Report to the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee
Information Item**

Topic: Standing Report of the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2025

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1. Motion/Purpose of the Report

- Keeping members of T&LPC informed concerning relevant developments and activities within the portfolio of the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning.

2. Background

- Thank you for the opportunity to provide a regular report to the members of T&LPC. The following is a summary of relevant activities between February 25 and March 31, 2025:

Centre for Pedagogical Innovation (CPI)

- **[Spring Perspectives on Teaching and Learning](#)**
 - [Save the date](#): May 5, 2025, 10am-3pm. Keynote by [Dr. Sarah Eaton](#), “Academic Integrity in a Postplagiarism Era: Prioritizing Pedagogy instead of Punishment.” The day will also include posters, 50min workshops, and 15min shares from Brock instructors showcasing their innovative teaching and assessment practices.
- **TA Reception**
 - CPI received a record number of [Teaching Assistant Award](#) nominations for 2025. The award winners will be announced on April 8, 2025 in addition to the recipients of the [Certificates for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education](#).

- **Award for Distinguished Teaching**
 - The [Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching](#) is presented annually to a faculty member who, in the opinion of the university community, is making outstanding contributions to the teaching and learning environment at Brock University. Nominations are due May 30, 2025.
- **Theory and Practice of University Teaching**
 - Registrations are open for graduate students interested in the Spring/Summer offering of [GRST 5P01](#) offered by CPI.
- **Open Education Week**
 - The OER Working Group was delighted to [Celebrate OER Champions](#) on March 17, 2025
 - The next round of [OER Adoption & Adaptation Grants](#) is open until May 31
- **MCU directive concerning course materials & student fees + FHB III A.10.1.3 requirement to deposit syllabus items with the Dean of the Faculty**
 - On December 9 a new Course Syllabus widget was added to Brightspace homepages. CPI has delivered to Deans the results of this Brightspace-based syllabus depositing.

Co-op, Career, and Experiential Education (CCEE)

- **National Work-integrated Learning (WIL) month, March**
 - CCEE celebrated National WIL Month at Brock this March, with the theme #WILforAll, emphasizing the importance of making Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) accessible, inclusive, and impactful for all. Throughout the month, we highlighted our awards across various platforms and channels. Below are the stories featured in Brock News:
 - [Co-op students recognized for workplace impact](#)
 - [Med Plus: 25 years of preparing future healthcare leaders](#)
 - Niagara Parks recognized for commitment to student success
 - For a complete list of our award recipients, please visit our [Awards & Recognition](#) page.
- **[CEWIL iHUB Funding 2025/26](#)**

- The call for proposals closed on March 18th, and CCEE had a record number of applications for innovative, course-based experiential learning projects. We had to prioritize course/project-based applications during the first round of application, with estimated funding for all submitted proposals nearing \$700,000.
- **Federal Government Funding**
 - In exciting news, the Federal Government has announced additional SWPP funding to [help 40,000 more Canadian students find economy-driving work placements sooner](#). This will provide significant opportunities for students participating in experiential learning.
- **Curriculum Development Initiative (CDI)**
 - Work has wrapped up with the Recreation and Leisure program and we have now commenced conversations with the Psychology Department.
- **Academic Programs Consultation**
 - As part of the IQAP process, it is expected for academic units to consult with Co-op, Career and Experiential Education (CCEE) early in the program design phase when developing new programs. This collaboration ensures the holistic integration of experiential learning components and alignment of program goals and synergies. In March, CCEE provided consultation to programs including the Master of Engineering in Sustainable Systems Engineering, Bachelor of Science, Artificial Intelligence Co-op/Bachelor of Science and Master of Science pathway, Artificial Intelligence Co-op, Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies with possibility of Co-op.
- **Innio Waukesha Tour for Integrated Engineering students**
 - On March 27th, the Co-op Education team organized a tour at Innio Waukesha for our first cohort of Integrated Engineering students to explore innovative energy solutions, facilities, and services. Innio, a global leader in energy solutions, focuses on power generation and green energy. This event was part of CCEE's intentional effort to support the newly launched Integrated Engineering program. Several faculty and staff from FMS also attended. Our students engaged actively, asking insightful questions and demonstrating their enthusiasm to learn from industry professionals.

- [Spring Open House, April 6th](#)

- The CCEE team will be at the Open House on Sunday, April 6th. Our Experiential Education team will be with their respective faculties, while the Plus team promotes Med, Law, and Indigenous Plus programs. The Co-op and Career Education team will be at the CCEE booth to discuss co-op, career options, and Brock's support. We also have two presentations scheduled at the following times to promote our programs:
 - Maximizing Co-op Education, 11:30am to 12:15
 - Plus Co—curricular Programs, 2:30 to 3:15

Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS)

- **PCS Spring Session began on March 24**

- Offerings include micro-credentials and other non-credit courses in Wine, Cider and Spirits (through CCOVI), Continuing Teacher Education, Business Administration and Human Resources.

- **Brock PCS hosted Brock's first Vendor of Record training with the Ontario government, providing foundational government staff training**

- On March 14, in partnership with [Future Bridge](#), Brock Professional and Continuing Studies provided foundational government staff training to all member of the Ontario Government Minister of Finance office.

- **Brock PCS celebrates one-year anniversary of first public course offering**

- On March 19, [PCS celebrated the one-year anniversary](#) of their first public course offering, Introduction to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. In celebration of this milestone, PCS is offering 20% off all of the PCSL coded micro-credentials for a limited time.

- **Brock ESL welcomes special group from Hokkai High School in Japan**

- International study abroad students from Hokkai High School are completing a special program through Brock ESL that ran from March 10 – March 27. The learners complete English language study, experience local Canadian attractions, and visit Thorold High School to interact with Canadian high school students.

- **Explore Government-Funded Program Applications Open for Brock ESL**
 - The Explore program, funded by the Council of Ministers of Education Canada, opened their application portal. This is the first year that Brock ESL will be open to applicants 16+, and interest has been strong in the program. The Explore program offers two intakes, in May and July.
- **Brock PCS hosted MOU Partner Toes Niagara and the Code of Conduct to Prevent Human Trafficking Steering Committee meeting on campus**
 - On March 19, the steering committee meeting for the Code of Conduct to Prevent Human Trafficking in the Niagara region project was held on campus. This meeting was used to discuss community feedback on the initial draft of the Code of Conduct and look at recruitment of pilot organizations. You can learn more about the project on the TOES Niagara website here <https://toesniagara.ca/code/>. This project was funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada.
- **Brock PCS hosted the webinar “Five Ways Professional Development Can Advance Your Career” for the Brock Alumni Lunch & Learn**
 - Brock PCS Director, Nathan Cheney, presented for Brock alumni on March 27 a presentation on how professional development can advance their career. The goal of this webinar is to help alumni learn more about the opportunities available to them and how that can help them in meeting their career goals.

Other notable activities

- Key meetings
 - Met with representatives from KPMG on March 18 to discuss our co-op program, as part of the validation phase of the university’s accountability review
 - Met with Nour Hage, President & CEO of Civiconnect, on March 20 to explore additional collaborations with Brock University
- Events
 - Attended the second day of [CredX, a symposium on micro-credentials, badges, and recognition](#) held at Vancouver Community College on February 28

- As part of Open Education Week (March 3-6) celebrations, facilitated a CPI workshop on [Getting Started with Open Pedagogy](#) and attended the virtual launch of the [Canadian Coalition for Affordable Learning](#) on March 4
- Attended [AI-Cademy: Canada summit for post-secondary education](#) in Calgary from March 6-7
- Attended the [Celebration of Brock's Open Education Champions](#) on March 17
- Attended the [Yosif Al-Hasnawi memorial lecture on promoting racial justice in health care](#) on March 19
- Celebrated the [one-year anniversary since the launch of open enrolment programming by Professional & Continuing Studies](#) on March 19, 2024
- Attended portions of the Faculty of Social Science's [virtual symposium on Digital Regulation in the Public Interest](#) on March 20

