



Senate Committees

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

**Topic: Standing report of the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning**

**Date of Meeting: May 12, 2025**

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## **1. 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:
- **Centre for Pedagogical Innovation (CPI)**
  - Global Accessibility Awareness Day Drop-In
    - Celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) with the Brock community by joining us at an accessible pedagogy drop in co-hosted by the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation (CPI) and Student Accessibility Services (SAS). [Register for the Global Accessibility Awareness Day Drop-In.](#)
  - National Accessibility Awareness Week Teaching Resource Challenge
    - Are you interested in learning more about the strategies and workflows that can help you support more accessible teaching and learning spaces and facilitation of workshops and events? [Sign-up to be part of the National Accessibility Awareness Week Teaching Resource Challenge.](#)

- OER 101 and OER Grants
  - Join the Library in this OER101, introductory overview of Open Educational Resources (OER) and their many benefits to both students and instructors on [June 17th at 12pm](#). Next [grant submission](#) deadline: *May 31, 2025*.
- Course (re)Design Institute
  - Save the Date! August 19 (full day) and 20/21 (morning only)
  - The course (re)design summer institute returns this year and aims to support instructors in the development of their courses in preparation for the fall term. [Register for the Course \(Re\)Design Institute](#).
- Distinguished Teaching
  - The Brock University [Award for Distinguished Teaching](#) is presented annually to a faculty member who, in the opinion of their peers, has made an outstanding contribution to the teaching and learning environment at Brock University. Nomination packages are due at the end of May.
- Teaching Assistant Award Winners
  - [CPI recently celebrated Brock Teaching Assistants at our annual reception](#) conferring both the certificates for our [TA Programs](#) and the [TA Awards](#):
  - Novice TA: Mackenzie Ziegler (Faculty of Applied Health Sciences)
  - International TA: Anna Roshni Jose (Faculty of Humanities)
  - Grad TA: Caroline Hummel (Faculty of Applied Health Sciences)
  - TA: Ashley Giroux (Faculty of Social Sciences) and Breah Sovegarto (Faculty of Education)
- **Co-op, Career, and Experiential Education (CCEE)**
  - Alumni Recognition
    - Congratulations to Brooke Iannuzzelli's (BBA '14) on receiving the [2024 Brock Alumni Co-op Employer of the Year](#).
    - Another Brock News story feature [one of our graduates with co-op distinction giving back to Brock](#).

- Year End Plus Program Highlights
  - In 2024/25, our Med and Law Plus students contributed nearly 12,000 volunteer hours across more than 160 different community placements. Application numbers for both the Med Plus and Law Plus programs 2025 are up compared to last year.
- [Co-op Year 1 Transfer Application are open](#)
  - Brock students who have completed their first year of study are eligible to apply for a transfer into the Co-op option of a degree program. We have been actively collaborating with various campus units and communication channels to promote this opportunity. Our efforts include TV promotions, Chalkboard displays, classroom presentations, information sessions, an email campaign to all Academic Advisors, "Co-op on the Go" information booths, a feature in the BUSU newsletter, and more.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Tour of Ferrero Canada in Brantford
  - The Co-op and Workplace Partnerships team organized an on-site tour with Ferrero Canada, which is interested in recruiting Brock University students for administrative and engineering roles. Dr. Jennifer Li from the Goodman School of Business and Dr. Yuxin Ding from the Faculty of Mathematics and Science joined the team for the visit. It was a fascinating opportunity to experience the production line and tour the manufacturing facility firsthand, gaining insight into the technology behind producing over 7 million Ferrero Rocher chocolates each day.
- CCEE Campus-wide Celebration and Recognition event
  - Held on April 15, this event was a great success and honoured the outstanding achievements and contributions of students, employers, and community partners within the co-op, experiential, and career development ecosystem. Both the President and the Provost addressed to the guests. With over 200 guests in attendance, the event served as a powerful showcase of the diverse pathways Brock offers for students to gain real-world experience, and highlighted how collaboration across departments supports student success.

- IRCC regulations and international student support:
  - Recent changes to IRCC regulations now require co-op students to enroll in full-time courses if they are unable to secure a work term as scheduled. While this isn't a major issue for Fall/Winter, it poses challenges for some co-op programs during the Spring/Summer term due to limited course offerings. The Co-op team has been working closely with campus partners and academic departments to support affected international students.
- **Professional & Continuing Studies (PCS)**
  - Spring and Late Spring sessions are now running for Professional and Continuing Studies, with a mix of Continuing Teacher Education and Micro-credential courses.
  - ESL is running the first graduate level cohort of the Accelerated English Language program. The program will primarily serve students looking to enter into the MBA program this fall. This program is being run entirely online to help alleviate concerns around study permits and challenges with entering Canada.
  - Professional and Continuing Studies, in partnership with Goodman Group, completed the first two cohorts of custom training with the Niagara Parks Managers and Supervisors on April 29. There will be another 1-2 cohorts taking the program in the fall. Initial learner feedback was very positive.
  - PCS is in the final stages of planning of the [Canadian Association of University Continuing Education conference](#) taking place May 27-30 on campus at Brock.
  - PCS is also looking forward to the third annual “Speaking with Pride” event on campus at Brock on June 5. This event is done in partnership with Pride Niagara and has received sponsorship from Casino Niagara for this event. Further details will be released through the Brock News in the coming weeks.
- **Other notable activities**
  - Key meetings
    - Attended the Tenure & Equity Audit Working Group meeting on May 2
    - Chaired the Learning Spaces Advisory Group meeting on April 14

- Met with staff in the Vice President, Research's team to provide input on the Dimensions Program
- Met with the CEO of Civiconnect to explore a potential partnership
- Held monthly meeting with BUSU on April 23
- Met with the Library on April 23 to share the results of research on the experiences and perceptions of Brock undergraduate students concerning the affordability and utility of course materials
- Chaired the meeting of the Open Education Working Group on April 24
- Attended the Cycle 4 Board of Trustees meeting on May 1
- Events
  - Attended the Open House on April 6
  - Participated in the Teaching Assistant Awards Reception on April 8
  - Participated in the Plus Program Graduates End of Year Event on April 8
  - Attended the Mapping New Knowledges Conference on April 9
  - Attended a Social Justice & Equity Studies program gathering on April 10
  - Participated in the CCEE Celebration & Recognition Event on April 15
  - Attended a webinar on addressing faculty workload and emotional labour on April 22
  - Participated in CPI's Spring Perspectives on Teaching and Learning on May 5
  - Participated in the Symposium on Antisemitism on May 5