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Subject: **Report of the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning**

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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 October 13 and November 16, 2023:

Centre for Pedagogical Innovation

- Tribute to Teaching
 - Members of Senate Teaching and Learning Policy are invited to join this celebration of teaching on the morning of December 7, 2023 in the Pond Inlet, 10:30am-12pm. Brock-wide teaching awards will be conferred.
- Webinar Series on Assessment
 - Registration is open for our webinar series focusing on Assessment, which continues through the Winter term:
 - [Reframing the STEM classroom in the age of AI through authentic, equity-centered assessment and evaluation](#), Clarissa Sorensen-Unruh, Tuesday Jan 16, 2024, 11am-12:30pm
 - [Assessments in the Second Language Classroom. A Multilingual Dialogue](#), Dr. Rosa Hong and Adriana Grimaldi, Tuesday Feb 13, 2024, 11am-12:30pm
 - [Slow Change: Responding to Generative AI in the Classroom](#), Dr. Cate Denial, Tuesday March 5, 2024, 11am-12:30pm
 - [Recordings](#) from previous sessions are available on the webinar website.
 - **Accessible Assessments and Universal Design for Learning**, Dr. Ann Gagné
 - **Assessment for Blended and Online Learning**, Dr. Brenna Clarke Gray
 - **Writing in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**, Dr. James M. Lang
- Educational Technologies
 - Getting in touch with CPI through Brightspace: Instructors can now search Brock University's Brightspace knowledge base and contact CPI directly from a widget in the bottom right of the Brightspace homepage.
 - A motion that recommends the replacement or renewal of Brock University's online Student Course Experience Survey system along with a report has been submitted to Senate IT&I committee for their November 16, 2023 meeting.
 - CPI is working on the replacement or renewal of Brock University's "phrase matching software," Turnitin. [A survey has been circulated through Brightspace, the Teaching and Learning Newsletter, and other locations.](#)
 - Brock University's transition to the YuJa video platform is almost complete. Over 40,000 videos and captions have been imported from Echo360 and distributed to instructors and TAs. Instructors should now see their August 2023 and earlier Echo360 videos in their YuJa library. Echo360 videos are being re-embedded in Brightspace with their YuJa versions now. Access to update Echo360 will end in November.

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

- Co-op Professional Preparation Course (N90)
 - Over 400 students (Arts & Sciences and Business) in the Co-op Professional Preparation course engaged in two in-person learning simulations during the first week of November to practice networking skills. 25 senior co-op students volunteered for the simulation and provided students a lower risk opportunity to test their skills in a professional setting and to prepare them for future networking events with industry representatives. On Nov 6 over 60 graduate co-op students interacted with industry professionals across 11 different companies and organizations to learn about careers and job opportunities in a variety of fields.
- Upcoming events
 - November events include:
 - Exploring Careers in Law, Security & Government, November 7
 - Careers in Financial Services, November 14
 - How Can Your Strengths Fit in to Your Co-op Journey, November 7 & 14
 - Level Up Your LinkedIn (Goodman), November 22
 - Experience Expo is set for January 30, 2024, 11am to 2pm. We are looking forward to hosting our largest CCEE Event where employers will have the opportunity to recruit Brock Talent, and students will be able to connect with employers for Full-time, Co-op, Summer and Part-time Opportunities.
- Experiential Education Highlight:
 - Dr. Laura Cousens, the EE Faculty Champion in Applied Health Sciences, is continuing her efforts to provide valuable leadership opportunities in the sport industry to upper year students in the program via the departments major games course ([SPMA 4P98](#)). 46 students are enrolled in the major games class which is focused on Canadian Football Championship events. The 2023 Grey Cup and Festival is being held in Hamilton, Ontario beginning November 12th, 2023. Brock's sport management students will be taking on leadership roles during festival events in the week leading up to game day and will also work with event management professionals for the half time show as well as executives from the Canadian Football League head office for various corporate activations. The vast majority of these students have also applied for and received funding via Brock's iHub Bursary Program to provide them with funds to cover the costs associated with travelling back and forth to Hamilton each day during this experience.
- Requests for career curriculum and job search workshops
 - These are available on a "first come, first served" basis for the Winter term. Requests can be submitted [here](#).
- Members of the CCEE team will be presenting at the 2023 Experiential and Work Integrated Learning Ontario (EWO) Professional Development Virtual Conference Series on Transformative Approaches to Experiential Learning:
 - Navigating the Future Workforce. Laura Fyfe, Skills Translation Coordinator and Alesia Dane, Manager, Student Talent Coaching & Engagement: Navigating a world without resumes - a discussion.
 - Mind the Gap: From "getting a job" to "competencies-based educative approach" Co-op. Julia Zhu, Associate Director, Co-op Education & Workplace Partnership and Dana Tonus, Manager, Employer Partnerships and Relations.

Other notable projects/initiatives

- Advisory Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - This group met on October 25 and discussed a potential professional development opportunity for educators on AI, funded by the Province of Ontario. This event will be co-presented by CPI and the Office of Academic Integrity on November 20 and registration is now open:
 - [AI Essentials for Educators: A Practical Guide for Next Generation Learning, Simon Chow](#)
- Open Education Working Group
 - This group met on October 26 and discussed potential activities for the remainder of this year, including an event during Open Education Week (March 4-8, 2024) and a third round of [OER Adoption Grant](#) applications in January.
- Learning Spaces Advisory Group
 - This group continues to review proposals to modernize classrooms and has recently advanced three recommendations to the Provost.

Events and Presentations

- I attended the 2023 Open Education Global conference in Edmonton from October 16-18, 2023 during which I gave three presentations, including:
 - [Designing for Justice: Evaluating Students' Perceptions of Justice Frames and Open Educational Practices in a Course Syllabus](#) (with Brock University graduate student Oya Pakkal)
 - [Advancing Open Educational Resource Advocacy in Canada and Beyond](#)
 - [10 years of Zero Textbook Cost Degrees: Assessing Impact & Lessons Learned](#)
 - In addition, I attended my first meeting of the Board of Directors of Open Education Global on October 19, 2023
- Along with CCEE staff and other faculty, staff, and academic leaders I was on site for both days of the Ontario Universities Fair on October 21 and 22, 2023 to support student recruitment.
- I attended a virtual meeting of the British Columbia Ethical Educational Technology working group on October 24, 2023
- I attended a virtual planning meeting for the 2024 conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education on October 27, 2023. The conference will be held from June 11-14, 2024 at the Niagara Falls convention centre and CPI staff will support the planning process along with staff from Niagara College. The [call for proposals](#) is open until January 15, 2024.
- I gave the [opening keynote address](#) at the 20th annual Open Education Conference (held online) on November 7, 2023.