Senate Committees

Report to the Teaching & Learning Policy Committee

Information Item

Topic: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Faculty Fellowship

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1. Purpose of the Report

- Brief T&LPC members on the university's new United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Faculty Fellowship.

2. Background

- As featured in a recent Brock News story, as of 2026, Brock University has joined an international faculty fellowship program with a joint focus on the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) and open pedagogy. The fellowship brings together small, cross-disciplinary groups of faculty members from different institutions and provides them with training and support in the design of a set of "renewable assignments" for their courses in which students create open educational resources (OER) in service of one or more SDGs.
- Brock's inaugural cohort of UN SDG Open Pedagogy Faculty Fellows includes 11 faculty members and instructors who are teaching courses in the Faculties of Education, Social Science, Applied Health Science, and Math and Science.
- Each of Brock's faculty fellows has co-designed a minimum of 3 renewable assignments that are integrated into one of their courses during the 2026-27

academic year. These creative and meaningful course assignments are openly-licensed and available at: https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/unsdgopff/

- The fellowship program will culminate in a faculty and student showcase during Open Education Week (early March), after which the call for 2027-28 fellows will open.