



**SENATE TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

08 December 2021  
2:02pm to 3:35pm  
Via Zoom

**Attendees**

**Senators**

|                          |                   |                    |
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| Dr. Francis Andrew       | Dr. Simon Bates   | Dr. Julian Dierkes |
| Dr. Joanne Fox (Chair)   | Dr. Maura MacPhee | Dr. Ingrid Price   |
| Karen Smith              | Eshana Bhangu     | Lisa White         |
| Georgia Yee (Vice-Chair) |                   |                    |

**Ex Officio**

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| Dr. Kin Lo        | Dr. Christina Hendricks | Dr. Ainsley Carry |
| Dr. Eduardo Jovel | Dr. Maja Krzic          |                   |

**Regrets**

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| Dr. Alison Greig          | Dr. Jan Hare  | Dr. Moura Quayle |
| Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann | Dr. Kate Ross |                  |

**Guests**

Annie Yim

**Office of the Senate**

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| J. Cowen | B. Menard |
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**Call to Order and  
Land**

The meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:02 pm on 08 December 2021 by Joanne Fox, Chair.

**Acknowledgement**

**Agenda**

***THAT THE Senate Teaching and Learning Committee adopt the 08 December 2021 agenda as amended.***

J. Fox  
M. MacPhee

**Carried by General Consent.**

J. Fox noted an adjustment to the agenda that rather than attending today’s meeting, Janelle Kasperski will attend January’s meeting to facilitate a conversation about the Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP).

**Indigenous  
Strategic Plan (ISP)**

The discussion was an initial conversation and “temperature check” of the Committee, with a facilitated follow-up conversation scheduled for January.



## Implementation

### Toolkit

Discussion ensued regarding questions of most interest from the Implementation Toolkit and where opinions are different among the Committee's members. The frame of reference recommended was to think of the "unit" referenced in the Toolkit as the Committee, with attention given to the Committee's terms of reference. It was noted that taking this view can allow for a wholistic approach to teaching and learning including the social and emotional well-being of all involved in the teaching and learning process.

### Break

The Committee recessed for a break from 3:00 to 3:04 pm.

### Minutes

***THAT THE Senate Teaching and Learning Committee approves the 13 October 2021 meeting minutes as presented.***

J. Fox  
E. Bhangu  
**Carried.**

***THAT THE Senate Teaching and Learning Committee approves the 10 November 2021 meeting minutes as presented.***

J. Fox  
S. Bates  
**Carried.**

### Committee Member Introductions

Welcome new committee members Eduardo Jovel and Maja Krzic.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

### Discussions – Digital Assessment Tools

**As presented by Simon Bates, Christina Hendricks, Eshana Bhangu and Georgia Yee.**

In 2019, the cost of digital learning materials was discussed by this committee. A proposal was developed to limit these costs. The topic was brought forward to UBC Senate and endorsed as a topic of broad academic interest. In 2021, UBC Okanagan Senate passed Policy O-131.2 which started from the principles endorsed by UBC Vancouver Senate. It is now proposed that a \$65 CDN limit be put on the cost of these materials.

Internally, there is a philosophical perception that tuition covers the cost of instruction, and included in instruction is assessment. Quite often there are required digital learning materials and platforms whose cost is invariably passed along to students. These materials and platforms have been noted to enrich the experience of students.



Externally, we were informed by the experiences of institutions in other provinces. In Ontario in particular, there is a ministry directive that requires institutions to have a policy on this matter.

The UBC Student Affordability Taskforce is developing an “affordability plan” that the Board of Governors is heavily involved in. It was noted that the development of these principles into a policy is going to be a recommendation in that affordability plan.

It was noted that a policy is needed as principles do not have the same strength as policy. It was also noted that there are now prominent discussions about costs for students.

Discussion:

Discussion ensued about whether anything has changed since the principles were published and whether these are statistics available regarding how often the proposed \$65 CDN limit has been exceeded. It was noted that anecdotal experiences have been shared but statistical information is not readily available. It was further asked whether the dollar amount would be regularly changed as the price of materials increases.

**Action Item:**

**S. Bates to provide information regarding when exemptions will apply and also why the \$65 CDN limit was chosen.**

**Other Business –  
Workday Student  
Consultation**

**As presented by Simon Bates.**

**Action Item:**

**Office of the Senate will circulate a communication from S. Bates to the Committee requesting feedback on proposed labels used within Workday for Students that capture the modality of delivery of courses.**

**Next Meeting**

Next regular meeting is 12 January 2022 from 2:00-3:30pm

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.