



**SENATE TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

11 January 2023
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
via Zoom

Attendees

Senators

Dr. Francis Andrew	Dr. Simon Bates	Dr. Julian Dierkes
Dr. Joanne Fox (Chair)	Dr. Maura MacPhee	Dr. Ingrid Price
Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann	Karen Smith	Jorden Hendry
Dana Turdy	Emmanuel Cantiller	

Ex Officio

Dr. Kin Lo	Dr. Christina Hendricks	Dr. Ainsley Carry
Dr. Margret Moss	Dr. Jan Hare	

Regrets

Dr. Alison Greig	Dr. Maya Krzic
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Guests

Annie Yim	Dr. Stephanie McKeown	Dr. Abdel Azim Zumrawi
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Office of the Senate

J. Cowen

**Call to Order and
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Acknowledgement**

The meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:02 pm on 11 January 2023 by Joanne Fox, Chair.

Agenda

THAT THE Senate Teaching and Learning Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted by General Consent

Minutes

THAT THE Senate Teaching and Learning Committee approve the 14 December 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

J. Fox
H. von Bergmann
Carried unanimously



Business Arising from the Minutes

none

For Approval

none

Decolonization Walking Tour

The group was scheduled to visit the indigenous garden in May but the visit was cancelled because only a few people could attend. The Chair canvassed the willingness of the committee to seek out such physical opportunities. There is a Decolonization Walking Tour curated by Belkin Gallery Public Programs and Exhibitions. The committee could go as a group or members could go individually and discuss their experiences at a meeting. The committee agreed a poll of availability would be useful and that it would prefer to do the tour in the spring when the weather is good.

Exam Policy

Presentation by Simon Bates

This item is coming to the committee for information, feedback and input. There is interest on both campuses to change and align the language and approach of the exam policies.

One key element in the Vancouver language is:

Unless the relevant Dean and Head for sound academic reasons, grants an exemption, all courses designed for first- and second-year students shall be examined in the formal examination period.

This can be interpreted in more than one way:

1. if there is an examination, it must be in the formal examination period
2. there must be an examination for first- and second-year courses and it must be in the examination period.

If it's number 2, there is a question as to whether this belongs in the policy which has the stated aims of providing for consistent, fair, and equitable treatment of candidates and to clarify the expectations with regard to scheduling of examinations around the formal examination period.

The committee's discussion included: it seems this is generally interpreted as #2; whether it makes sense to require all first and second year courses to have exams; whether the policy is necessary; Okanagan website makes it clear it that it refers to December and April exam periods; why does the policy only focus on first and second year; a third interpretation could be it doesn't have to be a scheduled exam, could be a take-home in the exam; the Corollary is that 3rd and 4th year don't require exams; the policy also applies to midterm exams for full-year courses; the origin may be that the pedagogy in years 1 and 2 is more foundational; what is the policy trying to fix and who is the audience?; the policy



goal is scheduling and the primary audience is faculty; pedagogical choice may not be not relevant because there are alternative “examinations” happening; the exam schedule is very tight – not having an exam in even one course could an considerably free up students’ schedules; one purpose is to prevent faculty from, for example, having pseudo-formal exams close to the exam period, then no formal exam in the exam period so the instructor gets a longer holiday; possible interplay between the exam policy and inclement weather policy.

The policy will be going to Learning & Research.

It was noted that Academic Policy is the responsible committee and also that the policy appears to be past its review date and it is unclear when it was last reviewed.

The Chair invited updates from the working group along the way.

Other Business

One of the things we committed to as a committee is giving members an opportunity to identify standing teaching or class conflicts and, for anyone who may systematically miss the meetings, to provide input in different ways. If anyone has class conflicts for this term please let us know.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is the joint meeting with Okanagan Learning and Research on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 11:15am – 12:45pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.