

Teaching & Learning Commons

NEWSLETTER

June 2023



AVPTL message

On this last day of spring, I am feeling grateful for so many things here at KPU. We have weathered many storms the last few years, and despite this there are so many conversations over the past few months that reflect a spirit of curiosity, innovation and commitment to keep growing and changing for the benefit of our learners.

In the last few months we held another [Partner Spotlight lunch to share inspiring projects](#), held a “Think Tank” on Generative Artificial Intelligence and rolled out our [resources](#) to help educators navigate use of this technology. I had the opportunity to be a guest speaker in a Sociology class on Society and Technology (Thanks Dr. Yoshizawa- I had so much fun with your students!). I heard from instructors rethinking their assessment practices, finalized the strategic plan for teaching, attended two conferences, and presented in the UK about the great work happening here around ePortfolios.

In the coming months we will launch some new workshops, provide students access to TurnItIn Draft Coach to support their writing development, open a podcast studio for use by KPU faculty, complete a recording studio with lightboard at Langley, launch Hyflex pilot with upgraded equipment in Fir 136, and most importantly continue to build relationships and community around teaching and learning. We will co-host the AAEEBL conference at Richmond campus. We hope you can join us (we have covered the cost!).

We will begin fall by bringing our TL support team (with ice cream) to each campus during week 1 of classes to connect with faculty and answer your burning questions, we will host another Pecha Kucha Sharing session to highlight the grant funded projects of our faculty colleagues and host another Partner Spotlight lunch.

I hope that each of you will have some fun in the sun over the summer, we look forward to partnering with you again in the 2023/24 academic year!

Cheers,
Dr. Leeann Waddington

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Waddington".



WHAT IS KPU 100?



KPU 100 is a non-credit orientation program offered completely **FREE** to all KPU students. It is a 1-week series, offered fully online or blended in-person, facilitated by TLC Learning Strategists. Students complete daily Moodle modules and meet three times as a group for live sessions, receiving daily feedback on their online activities. This will aid in preparing students for the upcoming academic school year with effective learning and life strategies. This program is a great resource for all new, existing, and post-baccalaureate students.

Key Contents

HERE ARE SOME KEY CONTENTS COVERED IN KPU 100:

- Time-management
- Personal goals development and maintaining focus in an online environment.
- Improve your test taking skills.
- Maintaining well-being through physical activity, sleep and self-compassion
- Proven memory strategies
- The power of questioning
- Why do we need a growth mindset?
- Methods and strategies to read texts and take notes
- Working in online groups and teams
- Using KPU technology (e.g. Moodle) and more!

Over 2,500 students at KPU have registered since 2020! Here's what our students have to say:

"Thank you for providing diverse information to help me prepare in many aspects of this new journey! :)"



LEARN MORE



[CLICK HERE!](#)
[KPU 100 Introduction to University](#)



SAVE THE DATE

AAEEBL Annual Meeting 2023 (co-hosted by Teaching & Learning Commons)

ePortfolio Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The Commons has sponsored all KPU faculty attendance. [Register for free here.](#)

Online July 13 and 14, 2023

In person at KPU Richmond July 20 and 21, 2023

Ice Cream Social

Join us for a sweet treat at your campus. The T&L Commons team will be visiting KPU campuses in September. Stop by and chat!

Cloverdale | Sept. 5, 2:00-3:30PM

Richmond | Sept. 6, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Surrey | Sept. 7, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Langley | Sept. 8, 11:00AM-1:00PM

Appreciating Teaching Excellence

We're thrilled to announce the return of two events that celebrate innovative teaching and pedagogical thought. We welcome you to join us for the following events. More details to follow.

Partner Spotlight

Hear about the collaborative projects T&L Commons and partnering departments have been working on.

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: 11:30 - 2:00PM (attend part or all of the event!)

Location: TBD (Surrey campus)

PechaKucha Sharing Session

Hear about the innovative research projects faculty have been working on.

Date: November 16, 2023

Time: 4:00 - 6:00PM

Location: TBD (Surrey campus)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching & Learning Innovation Fund

Applications are opening June 15 for the TLIF Grant Fall Cycle!

The deadline to apply is August 1st, 2023.

Applications for TLIF may include a budget up to \$10,000.

TLIF projects for the fall cycle will start from September 15, 2023, and end by March 31, 2024.

[The application form and more information about the TLIF can be found here.](#)

OER Grants

Applications are opening June 15 for OER Grants!

The deadline to apply is August 1st, 2023.

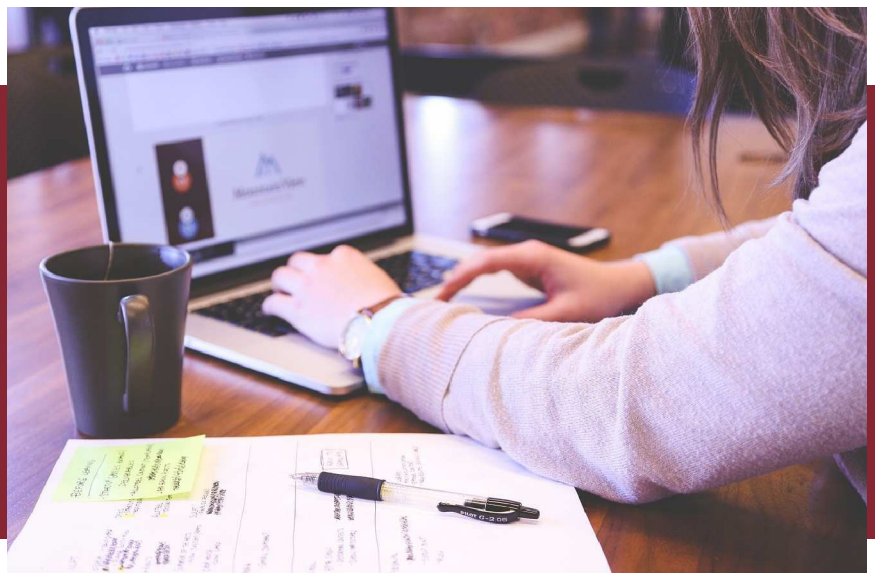
Adapt or create an OER to support the needs of KPU students.

Stream A: Receive up to \$4,000 in project funding, up to \$2,000 of which can be used for PD!

Stream B: Receive a single course release plus up to \$2,000 in project funding.

Information session coming soon! Check Today@KPU for the announcement.

[The application and more information about OER Grants can be found here.](#)



Time Release Position Announcement

ePortfolio Advancement EC



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Undergraduate Research



Fabricio Telo
Faculty of Arts

Inquiry Based Learning



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ePortfolio Faculty Champions



Anjela Godber
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Robin Cook Bondy
School of Business



Elzbeta Bohinska
School of Business



Paola Gavilanez
Wilson School of
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KPU Compassionate Community



Maureen Lee
Faculty of Arts



Ross Laird
Faculty of Arts



Sarah Duncan
Melville School of
Business

[Learn more
about this
initiative here!](#)

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Teaching & Learning Commons provides pedagogical leadership that is grounded in community, ethics, creativity, and care.

NEW TEACHING RESOURCE!

Blended Course Development Checklist Suite

The blended course development checklist suite is a series of prompts created to guide faculty and instructional staff to design, deliver, and facilitate a pedagogically sound course to be delivered in a blended format.

There are six checklists in total distributed across three categories.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS IT!](#)

NEW PODCAST STUDIO!

In early July, we are opening a new podcast studio on the Civic Plaza campus, room 814.

Stay tuned for news on the launch date!

NEW BLOG!

From Trauma-Informed Practices to a Compassionate Community by Sarah Duncan

[CLICK HERE TO READ IT!](#)

