A Message from the AVPTL

Just when we thought spring was arriving, snow appeared again, sigh. I hope your reading break in February was as relaxing or productive as you wanted it to be. We have reached such a busy time in the semester when there is so much going on that it was hard to decide what to highlight, so I'm afraid this message has a lot of housekeeping :)

I'd like to start with a few shout-outs. First, to the open education team in the commons and the library who have put together a great list of PD opportunities for Open Education week March 6-10. I hope some of you were able to take advantage of the learning opportunities provided. Speaking of learning opportunities, our events team has been busy planning the Partner Spotlight for next week, and it's not too late to register! (More info later in the newsletter). I would be remiss not to thank the entire Commons team who supported me through my pro tem appointment and held down the fort while I was off for surgery (doing an expert job I might add)!

I'd also like to give a heads-up for some project release postings coming soon, as well as another opportunity to be an e-Portfolio champion - keep an eye out at KPU today.

As I settle into my new role, we will be finalizing the strategic plan for Teaching and Learning as well as requesting visits with various Faculty committees to share our goals. The input you shared previously with Rajiv on his listening tour contributed to shaping this plan, and we look forward to hearing if it meets your anticipated needs. I want to express my appreciation to those of you who completed the Teaching and Learning Library Research Services survey in January. We are just beginning to review the results, and they have informed resource and workshop development that will be scheduled or created for the future.

We know that a large number of faculty are beginning to anticipate summer and possibly their non-teaching semester. We encourage you, as you are planning your PD time, to consider the Foundations of Teaching Excellence modules launched last year. We also invite you to consult our team about your particular teaching goals and what resources or training we might have to support you. As always, we are happy to come out to department meetings if there are things you would like to learn as a team.

Looking forward with excitement to all the possibilities for partnership, innovation, and teaching excellence.

Appreciatively,
Leeann

Learn Tech Bits & Bytes

Padlet is now Live!

Teaching and Learning has procured and enterprise license for Padlet based on faculty interest.

Padlet is a web-based tool that allows users to create and share digital bulletin boards or "padlets" for collaboration, organization, and presentation of ideas. Padlet can be used for a variety of purposes including brainstorming, project planning, lesson planning, and social media curation. It is accessible from any device with an internet connection, making it a versatile and flexible tool for both personal and professional use. More information can be found here:

https://padlet.com/
https://kputlcommons.freshdesk.com/support/search?term=padlet

TV Demonstration Cart

Fiscal 2023 Capital Requests funded a Pilot TV Demonstration cart for Faculty use. Due to the complexity of moving such a large piece of equipment around campus, the cart is being housed at the Teaching and Learning Commons.

We are inviting all interested faculty to use the equipment to record demonstrations for your upcoming classes. The cart can be used to create content, such as recording a demonstration which requires tactile skills. Using the TV demonstration cart is easy, and we will provide you with a brief demonstration of how to use the unit effectively. We have also created a video that you can refer to at any time.

https://www.kpu.ca/teaching-and-learning/technology/tv-demonstration-cart

We welcome any Faculty or Instructional staff to email:
teaching.andlearningcommons@kpu.ca to reserve your spot!
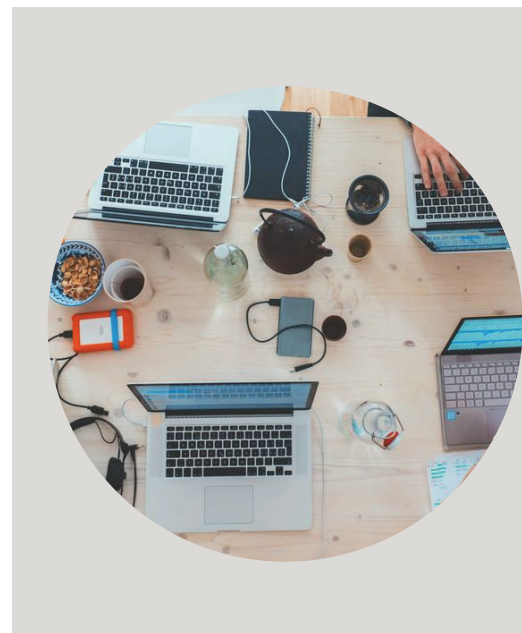
Check it out!

New Blog!
Pedagogy + Practice

ePortfolio Matters @KPU: The Revival Continues By: Gillian Sudlow
Read it **here**

Workshops

Browse our upcoming workshops and register for them **here**.

APPRECIATING TEACHING EXCELLENCE

YOU'RE INVITED!
MARCH 16, 2023

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT
11:30AM-1:30PM, SURREY CONFERENCE CENTRE

At Teaching & Learning, we build connections through active intentional partnering to advance the goals of teaching excellence.

We are hosting another Partner Spotlight to shine a light on some of the special projects from these connections, and to showcase how teaching excellence is supported through an extensive network or partnerships that connect us together.

This is a lunch and learn event to highlight their transformative impact both within and beyond the KPU classroom.

Co-creating the Compassionate Community: Trauma awareness and wellbeing

Digital Student Learning Communities in EACS

Not just for the Science folks: An Arts faculty's pedagogical journey with the SDGs

Supporting faculty with the program review process

Join Us!

There is still time to register but space is limited, please register here:
https://tlevents.kpu.ca

Arbutus 2400, KPU Surrey // www.kpu.ca/teaching-and-learning

Team Update

New to the Team

Sunaina Paudel, Learning Technologies Junior Analyst, joined the team on February 21st, 2023.

Abhishek Gupta, Learning Technologies Junior Analyst, joined the team on March 1, 2023

Both Sunaina and Abhishek provide instructional and technical support to faculty users of KPU's Learning Management System (LMS), create documentation to support educational technologies, as well as providing support to resolve system-related problems.
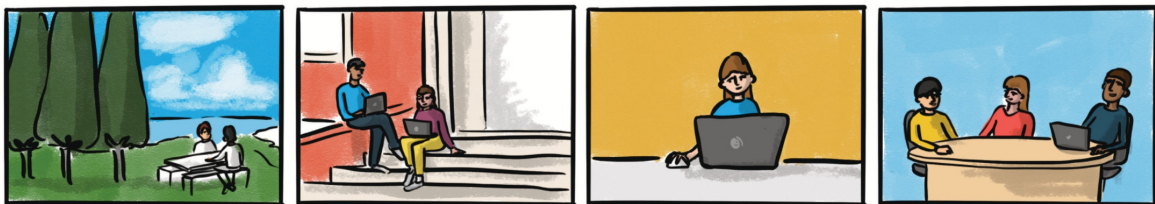
Congratulations!

On behalf of the entire commons team, we would like to offer our most sincere congratulations to **Dr. Leeann Waddington** who has been appointed Associate Vice President of Teaching and Learning.

We are so lucky to have you as our Leader!

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

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