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KPU Teaching & Learning Commons KNOW NOW



This August 2018 update contains information and opportunities for KPU faculty and instructors.

Welcome! The Teaching and Learning Commons serves as a catalyst, collaborator, connector, communicator and coordinator for teaching and learning at KPU. The goal of this newsletter is to share information on KPU teaching and learning activities. We invite and recognize contributions and experiences from the KPU community. Feel free to post in the blog (blogs.kpu.ca/teachinglearning) and/or contact us (ticommons@kpu.ca) if you have expertise or a news story you'd like to share.

NEWS

Longtime KPU welding instructor AI Sumal recognized for teaching excellence Contributed by Trades & Technology



Congratulations to AI Azadwinder Singh Sumal, the Chair of the Welding and Metal Fabrication department in KPU's Faculty of Trades and Technology. Sumal has been welding for more than 45 years, educating generations of welders at KPU. He was named the 2018 Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award recipient by the American Welding Society, which recognizes outstanding teaching accomplishments from across North America. He is the first B.C. recipient to receive the award.

Over his career, Sumal has created programs that assist underrepresented groups to explore possible welding careers. This includes attending and promoting welding at various events, but also developing programs for women, First Nations, refugees and underprivileged youth in India. Sumal is a provincial and national

RESOURCES

The new "**KPU Faculty & Instructional Staff Handbook**" available on [SharePoint](#) provides faculty and instructional staff fast access to forms, procedures, processes and service offerings!

Learning Technologies at KPU – KPU supports a few learning technologies for teaching and learning purposes (Moodle, Mahara, Kaltura, VoiceThread) with more to come. More [info](#) including on where to find help.

Teaching Tips – Looking for general classroom strategies, teaching techniques, or ideas for supporting your students, assessment and evaluation, technology-enhanced classroom, and professional development? The Centre for Teaching Excellence (University of Waterloo) has an [extensive collection](#) of succinct documents and the Learning & Teaching Office (LTO, Ryerson University) has [archived materials](#).

Academic Impressions – KPU has access to the "Academic Affairs" and "Enrollment Management" categories of academicimpressions.com. Here you will find a variety of instructional resources in live webcast, digital recording and short article formats. Create a login using your KPU email address (Thanks to HR).

The Teaching Professor Newsletter – offers useful information and inspiration to help

curriculum committee member and has developed numerous welding procedures for both Technical Safety BC and the private sector.

Reflections on the BC Campus Festival of Learning Conference

Six KPU faculty members received sponsorship to attend the 2018 BCcampus Festival of Learning Conference in May. Visit the Teaching & Learning Commons blog (blogs.kpu.ca/teachinglearning) to see what five of them (Melissa Ashman, Beth Beeching, Candy Ho, Deirdre Maultsaid & Christina Page) learned, how this will benefit them in their teaching practice, and resources that you could use.

National Survey of Online and Digital Learning

KPU has recently contributed to the 2018 National Online and Digital Learning Survey. This survey is operated by the Canadian Digital Learning Research Association (CDLRA), a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization. The National Survey is supported in higher education jurisdictions across Canada including eCampus agencies in various provinces, along with sector organizations such as CiCAN.

The goal of this online survey is to provide a comprehensive and reliable overview of online and digital learning in Canadian post-secondary education. The first National Survey was launched in 2017, with invitations to 203 Canadian public post-secondary institutions. The results provided evidence that online learning has increased at a rate of 10% - 15% per annum and two-thirds of Canada's post-secondary institutions view online learning as very or extremely important to their future plans. The 2017 National Report is available at onlinelearningsurveycanada.ca/publications.

An update on KPU's Zed Cred initiative

Contributed by Rajiv Jhangiani, Special Advisor to the Provost on Open Education

For several years, KPU has been the leading institutional adopter of open textbooks and other open educational resources (OER). Last November we built on this momentum and launched Canada's first Zed Cred program (see kpu.ca/zedcred). The "Zed" in Zed Cred refers to zero textbook costs by way of using OER and/or library materials, while the "Cred" means that students can complete a program and earn a credential without spending money on expensive textbooks. Our first Zed Cred was the [Certificate in Arts](#), a flexible yet foundational 1-year program based on the completion of 30 credits of coursework.

Over the past nine months, the Zed Cred initiative has grown rapidly, from 80 sections this Spring to over 300 sections this Fall. These sections represent 191 courses from 36 departments and 5 Faculties. This Fall alone, students at KPU will save \$1 million in textbook costs!

In addition to this tremendous growth, there are three major advances to report:

1. Thanks to the support of our colleagues in the Office of the Registrar, the academic timetable now includes [a searchable field for Course Attributes](#), one of which denotes sections with zero required textbook costs. This is an incredibly important step as it makes it possible for students to identify Zed Cred sections at the time of registration.
2. With the support of the Bookstore and the Print Shop, this summer we successfully piloted an on-campus print on demand service for open textbooks. Stay tuned for an announcement as we prepare to roll out this service campus-wide this Fall.
3. Most exciting of all, thanks to the immense support of the faculty in [Academic & Career Preparation \(ACP\)](#), KPU has just launched our (and still the country's) second Zed Cred program in the form of the [Adult Graduation Diploma](#) (equivalent to the BC grade 12 graduation diploma) and Qualifying Studies pathways in English, Math, and Science.

faculty members in all disciplines teach more effectively. Access at magnapubs.com/newsletter/the-teaching-professor using your KPU account (Thanks to the Library).

Teaching & Learning Conferences – A list of [upcoming conferences](#) (primarily North American) is available from the Centre for Innovation and Excellence in Learning (VIU), while Kennesaw State University's, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning created a [comprehensive directory](#) that includes international venues

KPU EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

New! Visit our new [monthly calendar](#) for an overview of all offerings.

Moodle Basics Fall 2018

Get your Moodle course in shape for fall and learn about the new features and improvements in version 3.4. This hands-on session is suitable for those with little or no previous Moodle experience.

Mon, Aug 27 | 1-4pm | Langley

Tues, Aug 28 | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Richmond

Wed, Aug 29 | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Surrey

[Register](#) for a session

What's new in Moodle 3.4?

We recently upgraded to a new version of Moodle. If you haven't used Moodle over the summer, attend this session to learn about the new features and improvements.

Thurs, Aug 30 | 1-2pm | Via

Skype or KPU Surrey

Register at [Moodle 3.4](#)

Learning with ePortfolios

Today's learners need the ability to capture ideas, synthesize their learning across places and time and reflect on the personal and professional relevance of that learning. Eportfolios are playing an increasingly important role in this documentation of learning. This hands-on workshop will guide you through the development of your own eportfolio and through the process of introducing eportfolio learning to your students.

Fridays, Sept 14, 21, 28 | Surrey | [Info and Registration](#)

Creating and Supporting Culturally Diverse and Inclusive Student Teams

Finally, a reminder that applications for the next round of OER Grants are due on September 1. For more information about this grant program and other support available for Open Educational Practices at KPU, visit kpu.ca/open

TEACHING & LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

The Learning Technology Team

The Learning Technology team works within KPU's Teaching & Learning Commons. The team provides support and resources for faculty and staff to explore a range of learning technology tools.

After 32 years at KPU, **Meg Goodine**, Manager, Learning Technology retired on July 31st. We thank Meg for the significant contributions she has made to the KPU community over the years and wish her well as she embarks on this new chapter of her life.

Jay Singh also left KPU in June and **Donna Hryniw** kindly returned part-time to assist her former colleagues. She returns to her retirement on September 14.

A search is underway for a new Manager, Learning Technology. In the meantime, the team continues their work supporting learning technologies at KPU.

Welcome to the Team

We are very pleased to welcome **Radka Quigley**, who joined us in June as our Communications and Events Specialist in the Office of the Vice Provost Teaching and Learning. Radka will develop and operationalize our teaching and learning communications plan, organize events and collaborate with others to showcase and celebrate KPU educators.

Symposium on Teaching, Learning, Scholarship & Research

In May, the Commons co-hosted KPU's [2nd Symposium](#) with the Office of Research & Scholarship. Over May 2-4, we had 203 participants, 45 presenters and over 30 workshops, sessions and field trips. Stay tuned for the Call for proposals this **December** and hold the dates for **April 24-26, 2019** for our 3rd Symposium.

INSTRUCTIONAL & PROGRAM SUPPORT

Consultations

Gina Buchanan's role as Senior Manager of Educational Development is to collaborate with staff, faculty and administration to facilitate the development of teaching and learning excellence within the KPU community. Gina is also available for and interested in individual, group and departmental/Faculty consultations and collaborations. For example, exploring strategies to enhance student engagement, assist educators in employing reflective journals, and developing alternative assessment tools/strategies.

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Teaching Fellows

The [Teaching Fellows](#) support and advance the quality of our teaching and learning at KPU by supporting educators through consultations, sessions and developing resources. Focus areas align with key priorities in our Academic Plan.

Learning Environments – Leeann Waddington

Purpose: To advance KPU's classroom, online and blended learning through teaching practices, tools and technologies and classroom design.

Workshops: Conversations about Technology and Learning Series ([Calendar](#))

Contact: leeann.waddington@kpu.ca

This highly interactive workshop focuses on sharing ideas that will enhance an instructor's ability to connect with students – and allow student groups to connect with one another – the result is a better learning experience for all students – international and domestic. Participants will leave the session with methods and tools to transform conflict into creativity, strengthen cooperation and create synergy within diverse student groups.

Wed, Sept 19 | 9am-1pm | Surrey
[Info and Registration](#)

Conversations about Accommodations Workshop Series

In these one hour sessions, the Accessibility Services Department will answer questions on a variety of accommodation topics.

Test Accommodations | Sept 19/20

Disabilities Impacting Social Interaction | Oct 30/31

Access to Course Resources | Nov 13/14

Students with Anxiety | Dec 4/5
For details and registration please consult the [TLC events calendar](#)

Conversations about Technology & Learning Workshop Series

Facilitated by Teaching Fellow Leeann Waddington, these one hour workshops will explore a variety of topics that might be used in your courses for face-to-face, hybrid or online environments.

Engagement and Assessment Online | Sept 25/26/27

Choosing Technology for Teaching and Learning | Oct 10/11

Open Pedagogy, Resources and Tech | Nov 15/16

For details and registration please consult the [TLC events calendar](#)

Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW)

The ISW is a 24-hour course for faculty who are interested in developing or improving upon their teaching and learning processes. This intensive four-day session can accommodate a maximum of six participants and is facilitated by an experienced ISW Facilitator, who is also a KFA member. Participants review ideas about teaching, check current practices and, within a safe and supportive environment, deliver three short lessons.

Experiential Learning – Farhad Dastur

Purpose: To support faculty and instructors to realize KPU's polytechnic mandate through the expansion and enhancement of experiential learning opportunities, and to establish a network/community of practice, resources and plan to sustain [Experiential Learning at KPU](#).

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K-12 Transformations – David Burns & Nancy Norman

Purpose: To prepare KPU educators and programs for the extensive K-12 curriculum changes and incoming students.

Coming soon: Coordinated visits to local high school classes with Nancy, Reading Week event with K-12 teachers and a K-12 website for KPU educators.

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SCHOLARSHIP, FUNDING, AWARDS & LEADERSHIP

OER Grants

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant program provides funding and staff support to KPU faculty members interested in creating, adapting, and adopting OERs (and other types of [Open Pedagogy](#)).

Grants are available 3x a year. Next **Deadline: September 1**. [Info](#).

Scholarly Inquiry Grants

Want to try a new approach, learning technology, tools in your field, etc., in your teaching and to observe the results? Need a research assistant to help you with the literature review, data collection and analyzing the data? Need some funds to present your inquiry project? Apply for a Scholarly Inquiry Grant (SIG) for up to \$2k to innovate and inform your teaching practice. Grants are available 3x a year. Next **Deadline: October 1**. [Info](#).

Distinguished Teaching Award

Outstanding teaching is a core element of Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and accordingly, the University recognizes and celebrates outstanding examples of teaching. This award recognizes remarkable teaching as demonstrated by activities such as the development of new courses and curricula, contributions to the scholarship of teaching, development of effective teaching methods, enrichment of the learning environment at KPU, and contributions that improve the teaching of colleagues. Nominations for the Award can be made by any faculty, staff member or student by **October 1** of each year. Written permission of the nominee is required. [Nominations package](#)

Professional Development Fund Applications

0.6% Faculty PD Fund applications involving research, conference presentations, enhancing teaching and learning as well as support for tuition are some areas considered for funding. All faculty members are eligible to apply to this fund, though preference will be given to post-probationary faculty.

Call for applications occur three times a year: February 1, June 1 & **October 1**. Access the Application and Guidelines by logging into the [Romeo researcher portal](#) or by visiting the Office of Research and Scholarship [website](#). The online application will be activated on September 1st, followed by an announcement on Today@kpu.ca the same day.

Call for Proposals -- Symposium 2018: Scholarly Teaching & Learning in Post-Secondary Education

BCcampus invites proposals from all who are doing research into teaching and learning in all academic disciplines and topics of interest to the higher education community, e.g., open pedagogy, open educational practices, educational technology, indigenization, internationalization, etc. Proposals will be accepted under the following categories:

Fridays, Oct 12, 19, 26 and Nov

2 | 8:30am - 4:30pm | Surrey

Mon, Dec 17 to Thursday, Dec

20, 2018 | 8:30am - 4:30pm

| Richmond

For details and registration please

consult the [TLC events calendar](#)

Other Fall semester events

For additional events, please check kpu.ca/teaching-and-learning/events

EXTERNAL EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Sept 17-21 | **Creating & Using Rubrics: A Facilitating Learning Online (FLO) MicroCourse**

(Online)

Well-designed rubrics are very effective assessment tools. Create a rubric that will clarify course expectations, guide your learners, and assess their progress. Learn what goes into the process then do it.

Free | bccampus.ca

Oct 1 – Nov 2 | **Facilitating Learning Online (FLO) Fundamentals**

(Online)
Facilitating Learning Online (FLO) helps instructors develop and enhance the skills needed to effectively facilitate learning in online environments. This five-week course stresses the importance of mini-facilitation sessions to give instructors an opportunity to practice online facilitation techniques and receive feedback geared towards growth and improvement.

\$250 | bccampus.ca

Oct 22-28 | **2018 International Open Access Week**

This year's theme is "Designing equitable foundations for open knowledge"

Details at openaccessweek.org

Oct 24 | **Scholarly Teaching & Learning in Post-Secondary Education Symposium**

(SFU Vancouver)

The Symposium is an annual one-day event presented by the BCTLC and BCcampus that brings together speakers, presentations, discussions, and networking with colleagues who share an interest in scholarly teaching and learning in post-secondary education.

\$95 | bccampus.ca

Nov 7-8 | **Liberating Structures**

A: Scholarly Inquiry & Research into Teaching & Learning Practice
(45 min. Presentation + Engagement Format)

B: Success Stories from Teaching & Learning Practice (50 min.
Presentation + Engagement Format)

C: Research Bites (3 min., 3 Slides)

For more information consult the [BC Campus Symposium](#) website.

Deadline: September 3.

Symposium 2018 Funding from BCCampus (LAP-E)

The BCCampus [Learning Access Program for Educators \(LAP-E\)](#) helps support instructors and teaching faculty from B.C. public post-secondary institutions to attend BCCampus professional development opportunities. Currently accepting applications to attend Symposium 2018: Scholarly Teaching & Learning in Post-Secondary Education. **Deadline: September 21.**

Call for Proposals -- The Teaching Professor Conference

The Teaching Professor invites proposals for concurrent sessions and poster presentations for the 2019 Teaching Professor Conference, June 7-9, 2019 in New Orleans, LA. Now in its 16th year, the conference provides a thought-provoking and stimulating forum for educators of all disciplines and experience levels to share practical ideas and best practices that advance college teaching and learning. **Deadline: October 31.** [Info.](#)

Workshop 2018 (Downtown
Vancouver)

Explore 33+ powerful facilitation strategies that can be used in classrooms, workshops, meetings, etc.

\$595 | bccampus.ca/liberating-structures-workshop-2018/

