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This February 2018 update contains information and opportunities for KPU faculty and instructors. **For current info,** see http://www.kpu.ca/tlcommons

FUNDING, RECOGNITION & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES: TIME's RUNNING OUT!

Working with Culturally Diverse Teams? Attend our new session, "Creating & Supporting Culturally Diverse and Inclusive Student Teams". Feb. 14 (date changed). Info & registration.

Scholarly Inquiry Grants (SIG) are available if you'd like to try something new to enhance your students' learning experiences and study it. Hire a research assistant with the funds to help with data collection, for example. New application deadlines: Feb. 15 & June 1. Info.

Call for Proposals: KPU's 2nd Teaching, Learning, Scholarship & Research Symposium: *Collaborate, Create & Connect.* Showcase, celebrate & share your experiences and/or that of your students to KPU Community members & beyond. Proposals invited from any KPU educator. Proposal submission deadline: Feb. 19. Info. *Co-sponsored by ORS & Teaching & Learning Commons.*

Not clear about the K-12 Transformation & what it means to you? Interested in gaining a deeper understanding? Join us, Ministry and school district members and teachers on Feb. 16. *Co-sponsored by the Offices of the AVP, Academic & Vice-Provost T&L.*

Subsidized Registration for BC's Festival of Learning (May 28-30, Vancouver). Interested in attending the 3 days & willing to share your experiences with KPU colleagues OR have an accepted proposal and will attend the 3 days? Let tlcommons@kpu.ca know and whether you have an accepted proposal. *Subsidies available for only 3 more attendees.*

Katalyst Grants (on behalf of the Office of Research & Scholarship). Designed to fund highly meritorious short-term research or scholarly activity that forms a new direction in the research career of the investigator(s). The grant encourages activities that are interdisciplinary or offers other theoretical, methodological, or empirical innovation and applications from new scholars to establish their initial research programs. Deadline: Feb. 19. Info.

NEWS

Upcoming Sessions: Intended to provide faculty and staff with strategies, tools, techniques and tips, these pilot sessions are Instructional Bootcamps. Only 90 minutes each, the sessions are designed to be dynamic, engaging, interactive and practical! The sessions will be scheduled at all four campuses. Stay tuned.

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL DEADLINES

Wed. Feb. 14 (Reading Week): Learning Technology Tinker Faire. 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Surrey Campus. Info & registration.

Wed. Feb. (Reading Week): Creating & Supporting Culturally Diverse and Inclusive Student Teams. 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Surrey Campus. Info & registration.

Thurs. Feb. 15 (Reading Week): Scholarly Inquiry Grants Application Deadline. Info.

Fri. Feb. 16 (Reading Week): K-12 Curriculum Transformation. 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Surrey Campus. Info & registration.

Mon. Feb. 19: **Katalyst Grants** Application Deadline. Info.

Mon. Feb. 19: Engagement 101. 9:30 to 11 am. Surrey campus. Info & registration.

Tues. Feb. 20: Engagement 101. 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Cloverdale/KPUTech campus. Info & registration.

Wed. Feb. 21: Engagement 101: 9:30 to 11:00 am. Richmond Campus. Info & registration.

Thurs. Feb. 22: Engagement 101: 9:30 to 11:00 am. Langley Campus. Info & registration.

Mon. Mar. 5: **Whats new in**

- **March - Diversity 101:** Techniques, Tools and Tips for creating welcoming and inclusive classroom.
- **April - Assessment 101:** More than multiple choice; Exploring assignment alternatives to assessing student learning.

REMINDER: CONSULTATION & SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOU

Gina Buchanan, Teaching & Learning
As the Senior Manager of Educational Development, Gina's role is to collaborate with staff, faculty and administration to facilitate the development of teaching and learning excellence within the KPU community. In addition to the design, development and provision of information, resources and development opportunities for faculty and instructional staff (including workshops and other learning opportunities), Gina is also available for and interested in individual, group and departmental/faculty consultations and collaborations on topics such as strategies to enhance student engagement, employing reflective journals and developing alternative assessment tools/strategies.

Contact Gina at: 604.599.2758 (o), 604.362.7147 (c) or Gina.Buchanan@kpu.ca

Learning Technology
The LearnTech team (Meg Goodine, Robin Leung, Jay Singh, and student assistant Mustafa Mohammed) provides system administration, support, and training for KPU's core suite of learning technology tools. These currently include Moodle, Mahara (ePortfolios), Kaltura (video management) and VoiceThread (rich media discussion platform). Support is provided through face-to-face workshops, online forums and communities of practice, drop-in sessions and one-on-one consultations and in collaboration with IT.

For support, contact: ServiceDesk@kpu.ca
Can't make a scheduled workshop or need customized workshops or training? Contact Meg at: Meg.Goodine@kpu.ca
Drop in general support for Moodle, Mahara and Kaltura at each campus in the Learning Centre with Mustafa. Schedule (login as "Guest" if needed).

CONSULTATIONS & SUPPORT VIA KPU FACULTY MEMBERS

Lesley McCannell: ePortfolios
Lesley supports Faculty and students with the integration of ePortfolios into their learning and development environments. Faculty can receive support in the following ways:

- Attend a *Learning with ePortfolios* hands-on workshop or schedule one specifically for your department,
- Schedule a one-on-one consult with Lesley to design and refine ePortfolio assignments and rubrics,
- Book a hands-on introduction to ePortfolios for your students,
- Explore the material on the ePortfolio Faculty Resources Moodle site.

Contact Lesley at Lesley.McCannell@kpu.ca

Nancy Norman & David Burns: K-12 Transformation

Nancy Norman is one of the two newly appointed Teaching Fellows for the K-16 Transformation. Her expertise centers around pedagogical approaches that use Universal Design as a framework for teaching and learning, and emphasize Differentiated Instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners. With this in mind, Nancy is available to support faculty

Moodle 3.4? 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Cloverdale/KPUTech campus. Info.

Tues. Mar. 6: **Moodle General Q&A:** 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Richmond. Info.

Tues. Mar. 6: **Whats new in Moodle 3.4?** 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Richmond. Info.

Wed. Mar. 7: **Whats new in Moodle 3.4?** 10:00 to 1a:00 am. Online. Info & registration.

Thurs. Mar. 8: **Whats new in Moodle 3.4?** 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Surrey. Info.

Fri. Mar. 9: **Whats new in Moodle 3.4?** 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Langley. Info.

Ongoing: Open Educational Resources Grants. Review of applications ongoing until funding is fully allocated. Info & application.

RECOMMENDED CONFERENCES

Wed. - Fri. May 2 - 4, 2018. KPU's 2nd Annual Teaching, Learning, Scholarship & Research Symposium. KPU Surrey & other venues. Cost: Free. Registration to open in March. Info.

Sat. - Wed, May 26 - 30: Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE). University of Regina, SK. Info.

Mon. - Wed., May 28 - 30: BC's Festival of Learning. Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, Vancouver. Cost: Varies. Info.

May 31 — Jun. 1. Lilly Conference on Designing Effective Teaching. Bethesda, MD. Info.

Fri. — Sat. Jun. 1 — 3. Teaching Professor Conference: Cutting-edge Learning for Exceptional Educators. Atlanta, GA. Info.

Mon. — Fri. Jun. 5 — 8. International Conference for Educational Development (ICED). Atlanta, GA. Info.

Mon. -- Thurs., Jun. 11 - 14. International Institute on Students as Partners. McMaster

in developing their toolbox of student-centered teaching approaches and resources, as well as provide insights and expertise about the recent changes to the K-12 curriculum in BC, and how these changes will impact faculty instructional needs. Contact Nancy at Nancy.Normal@kpu.ca

David P. Burns, the second fellow for the K-16 transformation, will be continuing to partner with Surrey Schools to provide concrete examples of the kind of work produced in the new curriculum. In addition to these examples, he will produce explanatory resources about how KPU can prepare for this shift in educational practice. He is available to consult on the ways in which the new K-12 curriculum can be built on in KPU classrooms, the key changes KPU needs to be ready for and the pedagogical experience the new BC grade 12 graduate will expect. Contact David at David.Burns@kpu.ca

Leeann Waddington, Learning Environments
Thinking about how to enhance learning environments face to face and online? Want to get rid of lectures but not sure how? Trying to figure out this new generation of students and how they learn? Interested in blended or technology-enhanced learning but need support selecting apps and tools or what to do in class vs online?

Leeann is currently completing her doctorate of education in distance learning and is passionate about student engagement and supportive learning communities. She is knowledgeable about course and curriculum planning and has been supporting peers and other programs to try new things. Contact Leeann at Leeann.Waddington@kpu.ca

Farhad Datur: Experiential Learning
As the Teaching Fellow for Experiential Learning, Farhad is excited about supporting experiential learning opportunities in teaching. Many educators, across disciplines and programs, share some common teaching aspirations. We want our learners to:

- Become independent and reflective thinkers;
- Reflect on their learning by assessing their decisions against the consequences of those decisions;
- Apply their skills and conceptual understandings to authentic, real-world situations and problems.

Experiential learning activities are limited only by our imaginations. Here are diverse examples of how KPU faculty have used experiential learning in their teaching: http://www.kpu.ca/experiential.

If you are interested in how to expand or deepen experiential learning opportunities in your teaching, Farhad is happy to meet over coffee/tea (his treat!) and begin the conversation. Contact Farhad at Farhad.Dastur@kpu.ca or experiential@kpu.ca

University, Hamilton, ON. Info.

Tues. -- Fri. Jun. 19 - 22.
Society for Teaching & Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) Annual Conference.
Sherbrooke, QC. Info.

KEY RESOURCES

Teaching Professor Newsletter – offers useful information and inspiration to help faculty members in all disciplines teach more effectively. Login with KPU account.

Faculty Focus – offers daily articles on teaching strategies, academic leadership, assessment, and online learning.

Engaging your Students – VIU's resources on learning through active strategies, groups & teams, interactive lectures, cases & problems, & research.

KPU Faculty & Instructional Handbook. Login with KPU account.

Course Outline Manual (revised). Login with KPU account.

KPU's Teaching, Learning & Scholarship 5-year Action Plan.

Open Education: Includes discipline-specific guides, examples of open pedagogy, etc.

Experiential Learning: Examples, FAQ, etc.

Provincial Instructor Diploma. BC recognized program consisting of 8 courses and offered through VCC. ISW accepted as a transfer credit for PIDP 3220.