Teaching and Learning Commons NEWSLETTER

APPRECIATING — **TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

A MESSAGE FROM THE T&L COMMONS AVPTL
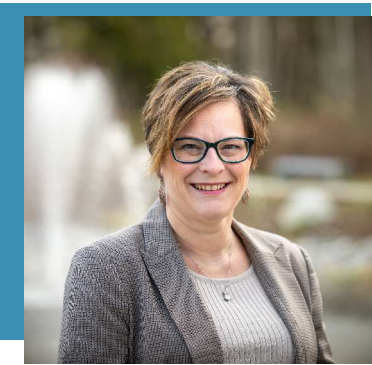
I just returned from the Association for Authentic, Experiential and Evidence Based Learning (**AAEEBL**) Annual meeting. If you are not familiar with this organization, they partner with the Association of Colleges and Universities **(AACU)** to promote and support folio thinking and ePortfolio practices in higher education. If you are interested in folio thinking or reviewing literature on ePortfolio practices, check out their database which maintains a record of all relevant articles **Publications on ePortfolio: Archives of the Research Landscape – AAEEBL.** As a champion for our ePortolio platform Pebblepad,

and a strong believer in focusing on learning process over product, as well as the need for learners to develop their identity as individuals and professionals in their chosen field, this event was a gathering of my kind of educators. There were even presentations on the role of generative AI in ePortfolios and how it can be used as a support or collaborative tool in the folio thinking process. Most impactful were the Batson lecture presentation by Dr. Candyce Reynolds from Boise State University titled "Reflection is Our Most Transferable Skill", as well as the presentations by guest speakers from College Unbound, a local post-secondary institution dedicated to supporting non-traditional and primarily marginalized learners in their pursuit of higher education. These two institutions are designing from a very student-centred lens, reconsidering what we call essential skills and removing barriers for learners while simultaneously helping them to find their strengths, build resilience and develop a growth mindset moving them in the direction of lifelong learners who are community minded and taking action for change.

I am feeling inspired and ready to partner and dig into conversations about how we can change education for the better.

Wishing you a smooth semester start or a productive non-teaching semester whichever is happening for you! We look forward to partnering with you!

Dr. Leeann Waddington

We would like to acknowledge our appreciation of being able to work, study and live on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including those of the Kwantlen First Nation, who graciously bestowed their name on this university.

SIMPLE SYLLABUS

- Simple syllabus has been procured as an operational solution to support consistent, accurate and accessible and clear syllabi to students while decreasing the time and effort it takes faculty to create them.

- As we prepare the technology integration with other KPU systems, a word version of the draft template is available for your use. Instructions and the template can be found **HERE**

Additional information about Simple Syllabus can be found
HERE

We are seeking faculty to test the system this fall, if you would like to participate please reach out to **tlcommons@kpu.ca**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- Relearning Gender
- Getting Ready for Generative AI
- Privacy and Records: A Primer for Faculty
- Demystifying OER Creation: A Hands-On Workshop
- Discover the World of Podcasting
- Designing Authentic Assessments for Academic Integrity

A full List of opportunities and registration information can be found HERE

Are you scheduled to use one of our Technology Enhanced Classrooms this fall?

**Register for an Orientation Session
HERE**

"Establishing your KPU Teaching Practice" This in-person workshop promotes collaboration, innovation, and teaching excellence that is aligned with KPU's Vision.

Register HERE

NEW

keeping up with TEACHING & LEARNING

Annual Report

We recently published the Teaching & Learning Commons first Annual Report.

Read it HERE

Open Education

We're launching a new Open Ed **Community of Practice** to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and innovation in higher education. All are welcome!

Kick off meeting: September 25th 2-4PM Arbutus 2400

More info HERE - To join us click HERE

Generative AI

To learn more about Generative AI consider our **Community of Practice.** It is our intention that this group will work together to develop knowledge, share use cases and inform KPU leadership decisions around gen AI tools, policies and processes.

Join our Community of Practice HERE

Gen AI Business Use

Generative AI is all around us and we have many initiatives in the works to support its use at. KPU now has an updated Generative AI use statement.

Find it: HERE

THINK ABOUT THE WHY...

WE'LL HELP YOU WITH THE HOW.

VISUAL THINKERY

welcome back EVENT

T&L COMMONS SHARES RECIPES FOR SUCCESS!

Join us for games, activities, and prizes!

We invite all KPU faculty and instructional staff to learn, connect, and have fun!

At the heart of this event will be the distribution of apples - a symbolic representation of teaching and knowledge. Along with delicious apples, we will be distributing "recipes" for teaching success and offering practical tips and strategies to enhance your approaches using KPU's learning technologies.
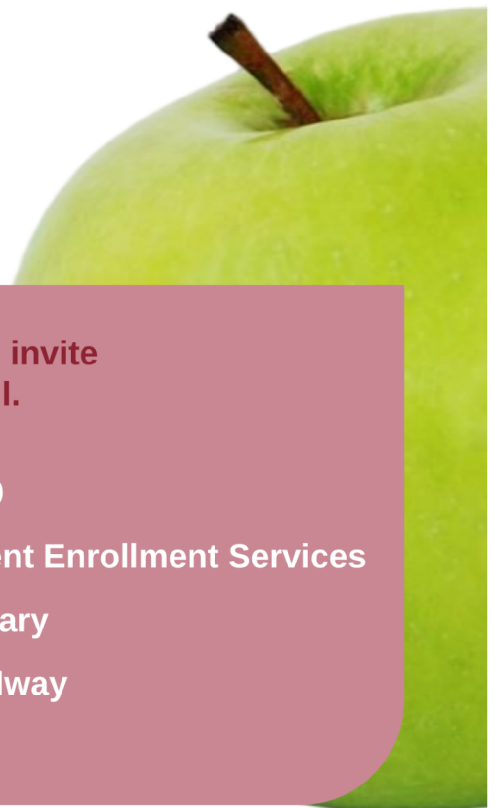
KPU Teaching and Learning Commons is excited to invite you to our fall celebration kick off tour, this fall.

SURREY, Wed, Sept 4, 11:00am-1:00pm | Arbutus 2400

LANGLEY, Thurs, Sept 5, 11:00am-1:00pm | Near Student Enrollment Services

RICMOND, Mon, Sept 9. 11:00am-1:00pm | Outside Library

CLOVERDALE, Wed, Oct 2, 11:00am-1:00pm | Main Hallway

Don't miss your chance to be inspired and to celebrate the art of teaching and the power of knowledge. We can't wait to see you there!

purpose STATEMENT

Through active intentional partnering, the Teaching & Learning Commons provides pedagogical leadership that is grounded in community, ethics, creativity, and care.

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