

# Open Education Working Group (OEWG) Notes

Location: OM 1742

Time: Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 1-2pm

**Attendees:** Brenda Smith (chair and note taker / Library), Michelle Harrison (Learning Design & Innovation), Gloria Ramirez (Education), Carol Rees (Education), Jon MacIntosh (Bookstore), Randy Matter (Bookstore), Tina Matthew (Office of Indigenous Education), Matt Dyck (Open Learning), Catharine Dishke Hondzel (CELT), Kara Loy (CELT), Ken Monroe (Learning Design & Innovation), Carolyn Ives (CELT), Melanie Meyer (BCcampus), Izabella Mazur (University & Employment Preparation), Naomi Cloutier (Open Learning), Joe Dobson (OER Development Grant Coordinator / ESL), Sierra Rae (TRUSU President), Alex McLellan (TRUSU University Governance Coordinator)

## Agenda

- Territorial Acknowledgement
  
- Introductions
  
- Update on what's been happening:
  - OER Inventory status
    - Members of the OEWG have tried multiple ways to conduct an inventory of TRU courses that are “zero textbook cost” whether they use OER, library resources, or do not have any textbook costs due to the type of course. This data is needed to provide a snapshot of what's happening at TRU, to identify courses for TRU's Zero Textbook Cost programs, and to populate Banner to let students know about zero textbook cost courses when they register. We also need the data relating to open textbooks to send to BCcampus. To date, none of the attempts have provided us with the comprehensive and consistent information that we need. The Bookstore has a comprehensive spreadsheet that may have some of the data that we need. He will send it along to Brenda. Brenda is also contacting Institutional Planning and Effectiveness to discuss options of gathering and interpreting data.
      - Action: Randy Matter to send Bookstore spreadsheet to Brenda
      - Action: Brenda and Joe to meet with IPE in January.
  - Banner links
    - In May 2019, Marion Hannaford (Associate Registrar) informed the OEWG Chair that she had figured out how to mark zero textbook cost courses in Banner. After some courses were identified, this data was loaded into Banner in time for the fall/winter registration opening in June. Unfortunately, the data was not complete, so while we have the

technical capability to mark ZTC courses, we are still working on obtaining the data.

- OER Development Grant
  - TRU has provided SIF funding for grants for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal year. The grant has been promoted via email, newsletters, informal chats with faculty, and an *Inside TRU* article. The call for the next round of grants will be coming soon, so please stay tuned.
- Open Ed website
  - The OEWG website (<https://oewg.trubox.ca/>) was presented at the March 2019 meeting. More information has been added to the website. The site is designed to explore the concepts of OE (including both OER and open pedagogy), to highlight OEWG activities and projects, and to provide information about upcoming conferences, events, and research in the field. If you have suggestions for content to add to the website, please let Brenda know.
- Presenting to Faculty Councils with faculty champions
  - Brenda asked the group about what they thought about having the OEWG present to Faculty Councils with an OE champion from that faculty. The group agreed that this was a good idea.
    - Action: Brenda and Jamie to contact Faculty Council Chairs to get on meeting agendas for the winter semester and identify faculty champions for each faculty/school.
- Draft report for the Provost
  - Brenda briefly reviewed the draft report she has compiled to send to the Provost about Open Ed activities at TRU. She will circulate it to the OEWG members for feedback before sending it to the Provost. Please let Brenda know if there is any missing, incorrect, misleading, or unnecessary information in the report.
    - Note: the draft report is attached at the end of this document
- BCcampus Guests: Ross McKerlich, Open Education Advisor for the Interior and Melanie Meyers, Project Manager, Business & STEM Programs, Open Education
  - Unfortunately, Ross McKerlich was unable to attend due to the highway closure in Falkland due to a police incident. Melanie Meyers provided a brief update about BCcampus' role related to open education, including the \$3.26 million from the provincial government to fund more open educational resources.
- Sharing experiences – updates on various projects including Zed Cred and the OER grants. Lessons learned so far for future projects?
- Next steps

- Next meeting

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> </ul>	1-1:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing experiences – Stories from various projects including Zed Cred and the OER grants. Lessons learned so far or future projects?</li> <li>• Roundtable of various projects – Current OER grant and Zed cred projects were shared. Various models including sprints, and ways to include students in OER development (through open pedagogies, Terry Atkins). Projects are gathering student feedback (Gloria, Steve Earle and Christine Miller). Examples of ideas going forward - more sprints are planned (John Belshaw, BC History), creating connections with K-12 (Christine Miller, Steve Earl looking for possibilities)</li> </ul>	1:15-1:45