

# Open Education Working Group

## November 18, 2021 – Meeting Notes

### 9 – 10 am by MS Teams

In Attendance (from self-declaration in the chat): Ken Monroe (Chair), Brenna Clarke Gray (Vice-Chair), Paul Michel (Guest), Melanie Myers (Guest), Sarah Gibson, Christine Miller, Carolyn Ives, Crystal Huscroft, Margaret Sonnenfeld, Brenda Smith, Catherine Dishke, Brian Lamb, Meesbah Jiwaji, Marie Bartlett, Melba D'Souza, Verena Roberts, Diane James, Carol Sparkes, Dani Collins, Sharon Brewer, Gloria Ramirez, Steve Earle, Bala Nikku, Jacqueline Kampman, Jon Mackintosh

0. University Territorial Acknowledgement: Ken Monroe offered a personal territorial acknowledgement.
1. Welcome from Paul Michel, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Matters.
  - a. Paul welcomed the participants to the territory and shared a song to open the meeting.
2. Review Notes from the March 2021.
3. Update from Chair and Vice Chair
  - a. Recognition – Over the years many people at TRU have been recognized for their work in the Open Education area .... It happened again .... At the OE Global conference this year the Open ETC was recognized for [an Open Infrastructure Award](#). This is a collective of BC people with Brian Lamb and Troy Welch being instrumental in its development and maintenance. Also some TRU participants (Brian Lamb, Brenna Clarke Gray) in the 25 Years of EdTech podcast project, which won [the Open Reuse/Remix/Adaptation Award](#). Verena Roberts as a partner in OEGlobal open award for [Open Innovation for the picture book project](#).
  - b. Open Access Week 2021 – A session every day. Attendance was pretty good – people at every event.
  - c. Open Education Communities of Practice – updates from each
    - i. Open Research – Verena Roberts: [Shared link to the open research folder in the chat](#). Goal of imagining open in twenty years; regular meetings, open to all. Planning for a webinar in the new year with GoGN.
    - ii. Open Publishing – Brenda Smith: Broad definition of open publishing. Holding monthly meetings since June, all are welcome. Having guest speakers each month (Dani Collins; Brenna Clarke Gray). Next meeting November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, with Carolyn Teare and Stephanie Gountas as guests.
    - iii. Open Pedagogy – Brenna Clarke Gray: Slow start. Plans to revise the webspace and to have an open meeting call in January. All are welcome!
      1. [Open Pedagogy Talks](#) – Verena Roberts: TRU's role is to be the leader in this series; looking for speakers, especially for students to share their experiences of OpenEd. [Shared an event featuring our own Ken Monroe and Marie Bartlett](#).
    - iv. Open Educational Resources – Christine Miller and Marie Bartlett: First official meeting is tomorrow, looking to grow group by word of mouth. OL Media team

[has built a SPLIT for showcasing OER](#). Please contribute to the showcase!

Password for contributions is: OERSC123

- d. Provost Search. Ken and Brenna wrote a letter to the committee re: importance of open in that role (see letter, attached). President responded right away. We have touched base with committee members with some interest in open and reinforced the value of open as a priority for this role. Please remember to ask about open when discussing with faculty reps.
  - e. Integrated Strategic Planning. Please remember to keep open top-of-mind in reviewing the documents that are going forward from faculties into the strategic planning process.
  - f. Year - end activity report. Please send any of your activities – presentations made, articles submitted or other open education activities to Ken for inclusion in the report. UN SDG Fellowship program. Please get information in by December 1.
4. Fellows from the UNSDG project shared their experiences.
- a. Renewable assignments have been developed and they are being implemented in classes; showcase to come in 2022. Presentation forthcoming to advertise at TPC.
  - b. Bala shared the value of the experience and gratitude for the team’s support; Sharon spoke about positive feedback from students; Steve shares positive sentiments while noting slower implementation in OL but confident in progress soon.
  - c. Brenda noted this would make a great Open Pedagogy Talk; encourages sharing and engagement with colleagues.
  - d. Bala suggests an internal version of the program within TRU.
  - e. In the same area but a step towards sharing research and solutions, gauge interest from participants to join [Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#) and more specifically a [Canadian chapter](#) hosted by University of Waterloo.
    - i. Institutions must be knowledge-generating, i.e. they must conduct research, analyses, and/or data collection, and can be universities, research institutions, foundations, or civil society groups. Members have to be involved in research and/or education to participate in the global network; they cannot just engage in advocacy or communications activities. Member institutions should have deep expertise in one or more areas related to sustainable development and commit a substantial amount of their own work towards finding and/or implementing solutions for the SDGs. They should be well-established institutions, having been in operation for over 5 years. Log interest with Ken or Brenna by December 1.
5. OER Development Grant update. A new round of grant recipients has been selected. Thanks to Catharine Dishke of CELT who reallocated funds to support this round. Christine Miller is the Coordinator; thanked the committee from CELT, Library, and OL. Five grants have been awarded, some individual and some group projects, covering resource banks and new textbooks and updates. Email Christine to join mailing list. Christine Dishke spoke to the importance of advocating for this cost (\$100,000) to be formalized as a continued, shared budget line. Ken notes specifically that there is currently no money to do development grants moving forward; please advocate because there is much more TRU can do in this area. Many faculty proposed good projects which could not be funded due to lack of financial resources.
6. OER & ZTC Inventory – update from Brenda Smith: Registrar’s Office is gathering the data on courses, but Brenda has not heard back, so continues to gather the data manually for (hopefully) just one more term. Students can, now, search by ZTC. Jon Mackintosh reports that only 25 courses

have disclosed use of OER to the bookstore. Brenda asking for information from meeting participants via email.

7. BCcampus updates:
  - a. Steve Earle – new textbook (now in editing) to make a course open (ready by 2022): [Environmental Geology](#)
  - b. Marie Bartlett – developing OER for the delivery of [Psychology of Language](#) supporting Dinesh Ramoo; open course using the open textbook
  - c. Zero Textbook Cost program – Associate of Science Diploma: a number of courses and an identified pathway in place now; developing course resources, should be finished in 2022
  - d. H5P development grant – Biggi Wieschedel
  - e. [Regional Leaders of Open Education](#): TRU presence? There does not seem to currently be anyone from TRU involved; Brenna planning to apply.
8. Moving documents and communications to Sharepoint/Teams. Brenna notes lack of support for listservs at IT Services, so this may be an issue for other people and other purposes.
9. OEWG Annual Succession activity: Ken's term as chair will expire as of July, with Brenna moving in. In April, a Call for Nominations for the vice chair position will be made and if necessary a vote conducted. Please reach out if you have any interest or questions.
10. Open Discussion: Brenna invited Melanie Meyers to say hello and share her reflections.
11. Next Meeting
  - a. Mid-late June? To be announced after surveying.