

OEWG Fall Gathering
26 October 2023, 10:00 – 11:00

1. Territorial acknowledgement (Marie).
2. Introduction to new chair and vice-chair (Marie and Jamie).
 - a. Thank you to Brenna for her service; will continue with the Open Press project.
 - b. Introduction of new Open Press staff, Kaitlin Meyers, and Jessica Obando Almache.
3. Round table check-in about open work.
 - a. Update presented by Marie from Brenna and Anne-Marie Scott, Brenna and Anne-Marie wanted to share a piece titled “Who cares about procurement?”
 - b. Update from Lian Dumouchel, Lian has just applied for sabbatical to focus on developing an OER.
 - c. Update from Christine Miller, has 75% adoption success of textbook she adapted.
 - d. Update from Michelle Harrison, working on reducing costs for OL science courses.
 - e. Dani’s team is busy working on the back end developing OERs.
 - f. Update from Marie, Jamie and Marie received a teaching and Innovation grant to develop the Websites in Your course resource.
 - g. John Belshaw, kudos for drawing a bigger group, John continues to refine the OERs he previously created and is guest editor of a scholarly journal.
4. TRUSU update, introduction of new student member, Simran Saini
5. Open Press Update
 - a. Brenna and Marie successfully applied for ISP grant.
 - b. Grant was slow rolling out, uncertainty about announcing receiving the grant.
 - c. The budget – asked for nearly \$500,000.00 for 3 years – funding is only for 3 years.
 1. Most of the budget goes to wages.
 2. Currently looking to hire a manager for the open press.
 - d. Current set of projects:
 1. Nursing, joint research project on breast cancer brought forward by Melba D’Souza
 2. Business Human Enterprise and Innovation chapter from Melanie Reed in her open book Labour Relations in Canada
 - e. Call for project ideas – both large and small projects – there are untapped resources available.
 - f. The Open Press is currently looking for space – the space allocated to them was only for 2 people and they need a space for 3.
6. Open Education Group is the creator of the Open Press, the Open Press would like members of OEWG to be involved.
 - a. There will be opportunities to sit on the board.

1. Christine Millar, Natasha Ramroop Singh, John Belshaw, Melanie Latham, Jamie Drozda, and Dani Collins volunteered to be on the board and/or committee.
- b. There will be opportunities to be part of the project selection committee.
- c. Open Press can offer a stipend to UNSDG fellows.
- d. Open Press is looking for projects.