

# OEWG Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2025, 1:00-2:00 pm

**Attendees:** Brenda Smith, Hilary Schmidt, Dani Collins, Jessica Obando Almache, Kaitlyn Meyers, Jon Fulton, Jamie Drozda, Melanie Latham, Natasha Ramroop Singh, Crystal Huscroft, Terryl Atkins, Ben Mitchell, Naomi Cloutier, Bensly Pierre, Greg Vilac, Sarah Gibson, Lian Dumouchel, Vansh Sethi, Jesse Perkins

## Agenda and Notes

1. Mailman ListServ - End of Life
  - a. IT Services has ended the Mailman listserv access because it was old, not supported, and not funded moving forward. The new server can't support it.
  - b. Now using a distribution list. Can send emails as usual. Can't have students, TRUSU, or external people on the distribution list (only for people with @tru.ca email address)
  - c. Suggestion to make a group with students, TRUSU, externals. Include this group when sending to the listserv. Jamie will send this information to Dani, Brenda, Melanie.
  - d. Melvin might have found a way to add people to the distribution list. Jamie will keep everyone posted
  
2. Round table about OE projects and successes
  - a. Ben Mitchell - no updates; just wanted to reconnect
  - b. Terryl Atkins - uses OE resources often; in person assignments have online components (websites)
  - c. Kaitlyn Meyers - working on and editing open textbooks
  - d. Naomi Cloutier - Open Learning working on adopting open textbooks as often as possible for course development and redevelopment; looking to reconnect
  - e. Dani Collins - All OP projects have an adoption form and someone from the University of Wyoming adapted Natasha's OER
  - f. Brenda Smith - Working with open learning courses and finding OER; working on inventory; accepted to present PASS framework (with Lindsay Blackstock, Sharon Brewer, Verena Roberts) at chemistry conference and international ICDE conference in New Zealand
  - g. Hilary Schmidt - working with course developer updating organic chemistry textbook and creating an inclusion component to support a more inclusive and updated approach to organic chemistry; developing virtual simulation game for anesthesia assistants funded by Open Press
  - h. Natasha Ramroop Singh - completed 2 projects funded by OP; her textbook used in her classes and Open Learning; focusing on SoTL on research impact of OER in the classroom.

- i. Crystal Huscroft - working on making a lab manual from UNBC open, looking for funding opportunities for grad student editors, launching winter 2026
  - j. Lian Dumouchel - last fall on sabbatical and finished marketing map open textbook, used the textbook this semester, shared with faculty across country; collecting feedback from students on their experience; received CELT grant for developing AI enabled/assisted open course activities with student research assistant
  - k. Vansh Sethi - co-op student in Open Press; working on plumbing level 1/2, website re-design for organic chemistry
  - l. Jesse Perkins - co-op student in Open Press; working on plumbing level 1/2, website re-design, website set up
  - m. Jessica Obando Almache - coordinating and working on projects for the Open Press
  - n. Bensly Pierre - Graduating with computer science this year, TRUSU executive until sept 2025
  - o. Greg Vilac - Open Press co-op student last summer, also a TRUSU executive
  - p. Sarah Gibson - Career and Experiential Learning working with Open Press; Career Education textbook (almost launching second version); working on industry standard resumes catalogue through Open Press; received Open Press grant for phase 3 of catalogue; working with sciences on planning tool that can be disseminated
3. [Open Press presentation about successes](#)
4. UNSDG Fellowship update
- a. TRU is part of UNSDG open pedagogy faculty fellowship program - different institutions come together to create renewable assignments that align with competencies
  - b. Put call out for fellows and got 2 this year (last year 7)
  - c. UNSDG until 2030 - wondering about future
  - d. UNSDG fellows are encouraged to talk at TPC
5. OpenEd Talks
- a. Joint initiative between TRU, UofC, Mount Royal, UBC to hold lightning talks on Wednesdays in March
  - b. Had about 50 attendees / week (people from Australia and Germany attended)
  - c. At TRU, we held viewings in HOL where people could watch the sessions together and talk about them (10ish people attended)
  - d. Offering again next year
  - e. TRU manages the OE talks website
6. OEWG new vice-chair election information
- a. Melanie will be the chair next year
  - b. Sarah Gibson was nominated for vice-chair (the first vice-chair was from CEL)