

Open Education Working Group (OEWG) Fall Meeting

October 29, 2025 | 1:00pm-2:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Melanie Latham, Sarah Gibson, Jamie Drozda, Dani Collins, Brenda Smith, Marie Bartlett, Kaitlyn Meyers, Lian Dumouchel, Michelle Harrison, Jessica Obando Almache, Divya Chandak, Terryl Atkins, Jose Contreras Antequera, Naomi Cloutier, Janelle Martinstyne, Katia Dilkina, Hilary Schmidt, Christine Miller, Crystal Huscroft, Trent Tucker, Chris Cooly, Kobe Shimoyama, Daniel Abdulai

1. Welcome:

Melanie greeted and welcomed OEWG Members to Fall Meeting

2. Round Table Updates:

Divya Chandak – TRU Open Press, Coop student

- Grateful for the coop role at TRU Open Press and working with faculty across campus. Opportunity to meet faculty and learn about Open Ed Resources

Kaitlyn Meyers – TRU Open Press, Copy Editor

- leaving TRU and starting a new role off campus

Lian Dumouchel – Teaching Professor, Tourism Management

- Open Textbook Marketing Map – implementing it into courses and received a grant from CELTon AI in course materials

Jessica Obando Almache – TRU Open Press E-Learning Support Tech

- E-nursing projects, nursing resources

Brenda Smith – Open Education Librarian

- Updating Open Education Talks website– dissemination opportunities, UBC, TRU Mount Royal, University of Alberta, Philosophy Project, ZTC project

Terryl Atkins – Communications and Visual Arts

- ERIP – leaving April 30, 2026, Creating Open Learning Version of 1501 text, graphic novels, Cinematic Vision of the Apocalypse – all open-source materials

Jose Contreras Antequera – LTI Co-op Student

- Working on creating alternative text for images to improve accessibility

Naomi Cloutier - Open Learning

- identifying Open Resources for Open Learning Courses 106 undergrad courses, 10 graduate courses, 1 APE course, almost 1/4M of Open Learning Course Portfolio. Mostly Sciences and Arts courses.

Janelle Martinstyne – 3rd year Communications and Journalism student – student rep

- Looking forward to learning and starting new projects

Michelle Harrison – Instructional Designer, Open Learning

- ZTC courses in OL. New project with the University of Calgary, Research Project. Holistic Open Learning Design. Identify characteristics of OL Design. Plan to reach out to other faculty to collect data on what it takes to create Open Educational Resources for students. Innovative Research Project will be reaching out to OEWG members for data collection for research

Katia Dilkina – Open Learning Psychology

- Worked with Open Press over the past year. Hoing to reconnect with projects. OER developed is in use at no cost.

Christine Miller – ABE Faculty

- between projects was working on an instructors guide lab manual shared on BC campus. Faculty Members piloting the guide. Then working on making changes. Co-Editor of ABE ABC Open Journal Publication

Crystal Huscroft – Chair of Environment, Culture and Society

- Method of compensating geo scientists that contribute to Open Educational Resources to recognize contributors. Creative Commons and Images for a Repository.

Marie Bartlett, Instructional Designer Open Learning

- Open First, ZTC, original content. communications course will be ALL open on Moodle. Open Press initiative – got copy right permissions for Level 1 and Level 2 Plumbing Certificate Across BC. No cost textbooks

Hilary Schmidt - Instructional Designer Open Learning

- Shifting to No Cost Textbooks, Organic Chemistry courses around the world, TRU Open Press support has been integral. Not aware of any of other SIMS that exist anywhere

Jamie Drozda – Coordinator, Educational Technologies

- Wicket Problems project – WordPress site, students log in and enter a mind map. Image hot spots. Co-Chair for ETug.ca High impact ETug.ca. Register for free online conference

Chris Cooly – Bachelor of Arts – student Rep

Trent Tucker – Gagliardi School of Business

- Going to Ed Tech Conference in Berlin. Not working too much on OER . Sabbatical in 2027. Take 2 previous OER projects and refresh and update them into the future. Creation of OER , Requesting Help for Sabbatical Ideas

Daniel Abdulai - Open Press Co-op Student Currently working on auto script and generating images COOP?

Kobe Shimoyama – 4th year Computing Science Co-op Student

- Working with Open Press. Working with Nursing Pharmacy Choose your own adventure OER.

Sarah Gibson – Career & Experiential Learning

- New Vice Chair of OEWG supporting Melanie, CEL Textbook active in over 97 countries, 2nd version, New OER for Sciences – mapping academic and career planning from year 1 - 4

Melanie Latham – Coordinator, Educational Technologies

- Re-Imagining Inclusive Design Course into an open website, OE Global Awards, 42 different countries, 3 winners of TRU – huge impact from TRU. Significant impact from TRU across the world in OER.

Dani Collins – TRU Open Press

[Full Presentation Linked Here](#)

- TRU Open Press began in 2023 due to a TRU ISP proposal
- Create a Home for projects that were being run off the sides of faculty desks. Mission was to find a sustainable home for Open Educational Projects
- Centralized Hub to support faculty and work with students
- Thinking ahead on how to support TRU Open Press . TRU Open Press founded in 2023. Created by Marie and Brenna
- Mission and Vision, a centralized Hub for Open on campus. Promote the Development to support accessible resources that integrate students into the mandate of the work. Live the core values of open and accessible. Gaining experience for students – gaining experience.
- More than 80 projects on the go. 57 out of 80 completed.
- Arts Cohort
- 40% of projects have had student content creators
- 77 paid students
- 154 student involvement in Open Press
- Diviya – social media
- Daniel and Kobe – coop students
- Saved over \$3000 K in textbook costs.
- OEWG Role in helping
- Marie and others looking for funding
- Tru Open Press Brand will live as a Brand through Open Learning. Confirmed it will continue via OL but no additional fuding. Jamie D and Marie B will steward it.
- Melanie asking for ideas and help.
- Acknowledge the uncertain times
- Update from TRUSU - new student representatives
- Round table check-in about open work
- Update from the Open Press (OP)
- Looking ahead for the OP and OEWG

Next Meeting:

Spring 2026