November 2018

Shining news, views, and upcoming events on teaching and learning at Waterloo

CTE’s Newest Instructional Developer

Kyle Bohner has accepted the role of Instructional Developer within the Centre for Teaching Excellence. He comes from both his previous role as a lead instructor with CTE at the University of Waterloo and previous roles at the University of Alberta. Kyle will be exploring new and existing research on the design and implementation of pedagogical research, consulting the annual curriculum of disciplines, teaching and learning, Conference, and editing the Learning Brander and Teaching Enhancement (LITE) grant program.

Introducing Linda McNenly

Linda McNenly has accepted CTE’s new role as a Research Associate supporting the work of the Complementary Teaching Assessment committee, as well as being the Task Force on Globalization, Indigeneity, and Work that brings to CTE her academic experience in economics, heads, and curriculum reviews.

Experiential Learning Institute

Following up on the Experiential Learning Institute Waterfall Ball, we will host a panel Experiential Learning Conference on Monday, 19 November 2018. The conference will showcase the experiential learning work of departments interested in embedding an experiential learning component in their courses. To apply, individual participants or teams need to complete the application form. The ball will feature a light dinner followed by a panel of experts who will share their insights on the importance of experiential learning. Please contact us before Friday, December 21, 2018 to apply for this new opportunity to share your experiences with others.

Undergraduate Communication Outcomes Initiative

The Undergraduate Communication Outcomes Initiative (UCOI) is an effort to support faculty and students in selecting, designing, and evaluating communication assignments that develop important skills. UCOI is working with several departments interested in embedding a new communication component in their courses. The initiative has started with a focus on communication and language development in the early years, but plans to expand to a broader focus on communication skills. Please contact us before Friday, December 21, 2018 to apply for this new opportunity to share your experiences with others.

2019 Educational Technologies Week

CTE’s annual Educational Technologies Week will take place from March 18 to 23, 2019. A key outcome of the week will be the development of an open-industry co-op program of the Waterloo ExL team. Workshops on this or any other topic relating to learning will be delivered by the Learning Community. Interested participants are asked to register before February 21, 2019.

Program Outcomes Learning Community Group

The November session of the Learning Community Group was held on Monday, 19 November 2018. The purpose of the session was to discuss the development of program outcomes. Lori Macdonald, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Education, Faculty Relations, and Linda McNenly, Manager, Co-operative Education, shared the process for the development of program outcomes. Lori Macdonald, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, shared the process for the development of program outcomes. The session was held on Monday, 19 November 2018. The session was held on Monday, 19 November 2018. Participants are asked to register before February 21, 2019.

Did you know....

...that CTE has four Graduate Instructional Developers (GIDs) and six Teaching Assistant Workshops (TAWFs)? These term-based workshops focus on implementing a collaborative learning component to their course. To apply, individual participants or teams need to complete the application form. The ball will feature a light dinner followed by a panel of experts who will share their insights on the importance of experiential learning. Please contact us before Friday, December 21, 2018 to apply for this new opportunity to share your experiences with others.

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