

Learning, Teaching and Ed Tech Leadership Summit Synopsis

Bringing together provincial leaders to collaborate, innovate and solve problems.

June, 2, 2014

Room 1400, SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Time	Activity	Comments
9:00-9:10	Welcome, framing the day	Mary Burgess, BCcampus
9:10-9:40	What are the challenges?	<p>Facilitated by Mary Burgess</p> <p>Identifying issues that present challenges at institutions, particularly focusing on common challenges.</p> <p><i>Participants worked together in pairs then as groups to describe challenges faced by their centres, and ranked them by importance/urgency by posting them to our graphic metaphor, a mountain. Some of the items are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to break free of LMS thinking</i> • <i>Documenting accountabilities of the centre - reporting on impact and value</i> • <i>Advancing and enhancing a culture of teaching and learning institutionally and provincially - SOTL</i> • <i>Growth in demand without growth in resources</i> • <i>Ed tech tools not very good - not innovative, don't meet needs well</i> • <i>Being heard at the provincial level - advocacy voice</i> • <i>How to encourage and support risk taking as an instructor, how to support innovation by instructors</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IT Governance - who decides</i> • <i>Evaluating Ed tech tools</i>
9:40-10:20	What are the solutions?	<p>What can we do to resolve these issues? What have you done in similar situations at your institutions? What could we do as a collective? What could BCcampus do to help?</p> <p><i>Participants chose several challenges to work on as individuals and groups, and came up with some great solutions, including working together more often and more strategically.</i></p>
10:20-10:40	Networking break	Refreshments provided
10:40-11:10	Presentation: Challenge based innovation	<p>Presenter: Heather Smith, UNBC</p> <p><i>Heather gave a very useful presentation on a program implemented at UNBC to acknowledge faculty engaging in professional development through passports and stickers. While this program is no longer running, we were able to take lessons learned from Heather's experience to move on to alternative implementations of the same concept, such as digital badges. BCcampus and others are now exploring this option.</i></p>
11:10-Noon	Collaborating as a consortium	<p>Facilitated by Sylvia Currie, BCcampus</p> <p>What do you want from each other? From BCcampus? How do you envision the group working? Who will lead?</p> <p><i>In this visioning session, we worked together to define what our collective goals might be, and the essential elements of our future collaborative work: purpose, principles, participants, structure, and practices.</i></p>

Noon-1:00	Lunch provided by BCcampus	
1:00-2:00	Collaborative planning for a fall event.	<p>Facilitated by: Liesel Knaack (VIU), Teresa Dawson (UVic) Stephanie Chu (SFU), Peter Arthur (UBC-O) and Gary Hunt (TRU)</p> <p><i>In this session, introduced by Peter and wrapped up by Gary, we discussed possibilities for a fall event that would be planned by the consortium and BCcampus. We explored ideas such as bringing together all teaching and learning centre staff in the BC post secondary system as well as those who support the work of the centres to further cement relationships and working processes. We also talked about focussing on more specific topics such as SOTL. We're looking at Nov 14th/2014 for this event. Planning will get underway in earnest the next time we meet (online).</i></p>
2:00-2:50	Collective statement regarding decision-making with respect to institutional use of educational technologies	<p>Facilitated by Mary Burgess</p> <p>Addressing the issue of decision-making about Educational Technologies in BC institutions. Discussion of present situation within institutions and next steps.</p> <p><i>Participants brought forward their own experiences about the way decisions are being made with respect to Ed tech choices and implementation in their institutions. The overall desire of the group is to ensure that the profile of teaching and learning in the province is raised such that it is acknowledged and understood, and that those with the pedagogical expertise to do so should be making these decisions. BCcampus will work with</i></p>

2:50-3:10	Networking break	Refreshments provided
3:10-3:50	Provincial Teaching Award	<p>Facilitated by Leva Lee, BCcampus</p> <p>A working session on defining the assessment criteria and process already begun by BCcampus.</p> <p><i>In this lively session, BCcampus presented our proposal for a new provincial teaching with technology award. Participants were supportive of the initiative, and gave very useful feedback on how to ensure the focus was on the right elements and that the process was rigorous enough to be of value. Our next steps will be to work in incorporating that feedback so we can bring a revised proposal back to the group.</i></p>
3:50	Closing remarks	Mary Burgess