Task Force on the Future of Pedagogy
Task Force mandate

The Task Force is mandated to re-examine the UAP Priority on 21st Century Learning broadly, and to consider in particular:

- incorporating attention to the UN Sustainable Development Goals or sustainability education more broadly
- advancing decolonization, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the design of future pedagogy
- the future shape and role of in-person learning as a core element of what York University offers
- how to continue growing experiential learning opportunities, including work-integrated learning, to meet our UAP goal of offering this to every student regardless of program
- how to support the growth of high-quality technology enhanced learning to create additional flexibility for students, while protecting instructor time and energy for the most pedagogically valuable activities
- preserving academic integrity in an era of technological disruption and the implications for assessment of learning
Task Force deliverables

• to foster pan-University collegial discussion of the future of pedagogy including in Senate and its Committees

• to recommend actions that the University should prioritize in order to scale up successful pedagogical adaptations that enhance the quality of learning experiences for York’s diverse students as technology becomes ubiquitous in higher education.
Changing student expectations

The university of the future will bear little resemblance to today’s educational institutions

The pandemic has fundamentally changed my expectations of my higher education experience

Task Force Working Groups

• Working Group 1: in-person teaching and learning
• Working Group 2: technology-enhanced teaching and learning
• Working Group 3: experiential education and work-integrated learning
• Working Group 4: scaling and sustaining pedagogical innovations
• Working Group 5: rethinking assessments

Task Force Initiated: March 2023
Working Groups Formed: April/May 2023
Working Group Activities: May-August 2023
Working Group Reports: August 2023
Task Force Cumulative Report: Sept 2023
Community Consultation: October-November 2023
Final Report: Target date: December 2023
Preliminary recommendations

- best practices in teaching and learning (scholarship on teaching and learning)
- sector-wide trends in higher education
- available student survey data, or insights from recent student consultations and student focus groups
- lived experiences of Task Force members as instructors
- examples of pandemic or post-pandemic pedagogical innovations at York
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Source: National Survey on Student Engagement (York) 2020
Preliminary recommendation

Expand and enhance blended learning at the University.

Blended Learning — The Best of Both Worlds

As classroom-based learning and online learning have evolved, the optimal solution that has emerged to give students the best of both worlds is a combination of both.
Preliminary recommendation

Acknowledge that York’s instructors engage in lifelong learning of pedagogy, which requires ongoing professional development and dedicated supports.
Establish formal linkages between assessments of students and learning outcomes at the course and program levels.
Preliminary recommendation

Accelerate the expansion of community-based experiential education (EE) and work-integrated learning (WIL) opportunities.
Preliminary recommendation

Support AI literacy among instructors, students and staff.
Thank you!

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