

Committee on Teaching, Learning & Student Success

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Item of Action (1): Motion to be brought forward from the floor to the LA&PS Faculty Council

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MOTION:

Aligning with its mandate, the Committee on Teaching Learning & Student Success expressed support for the collegially written Guiding Considerations for Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning plan. We now seek Faculty Council endorsement of the same plan with the goal that it become a guiding document for conceptualizing and realizing future possibilities for tech-enhanced teaching and learning practices in LA&PS. The plan has been shared with the broader Faculty in the Faculty Council agenda package.

RATIONALE:

In 2014, the Office of the Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, introduced a Common Language for eLearning at York University. In this model, in-person and online teaching exist as two separate and seemingly unrelated teaching modalities. The first three pillars (in-person, classroom aids, computer/laptop instruction) relate specifically to an in-person teaching context and the last three pillars (web enhanced, blended learning, fully online) are associated with eLearning. Given LA&PS instructors' experiences with online teaching and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, this 2014 document, no longer reflects the pedagogical practices being deployed in classrooms today.

As such, this guiding document is intended to offer a 'north star' approach to conceptualizing and realizing what is possible for teaching and learning practices in LA&PS. Like a compass, it orients us towards future possibilities (e.g., innovative pedagogical practices, opportunities for collaboration among members of new or existing communities of practice, etc.), while grounding us in our current values and strengths as a Faculty. Notably, this document builds upon core LA&PS values identified in the LA&PS Academic Plan, 2021-2026 (Rising Together: Building a Better Future Through Excellence and Inclusion), as well the York University Academic Plan, 2020-2025