

# Learning Commons Committee

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1-2pm

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## Agenda

1. Notes from Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting
2. Welcome to Susan Vail, AVP, Teaching & Learning (as of July 1st)
3. Overview of Learning Commons Committee - Mark Robertson
  - A short history
  - Mandate & key partners
  - Sub-committees
4. Learning Commons Partners:
  - Writing Department (LA&PS) – Ron Sheese
  - Learning Skills Program – Polly Macfarlane
  - Libraries – Mark Robertson & Sophie Bury
  - Center for Support of Teaching – Ros Woodhouse or Cherie Bova
  - Career Center
5. Sub-Committees
  - Workshops Sub-committee – Norda Majekodunmi & Tom Greenwald
  - Virtual Learning Commons Sub-committee – Mark Robertson
  - Faculty Sub-committee – Mark Robertson & Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt
6. Other Business?

### Key accomplishments from 2010/11:

- Co-curricular week programming – Oct. 12-15<sup>th</sup>
- Learning Commons Launch & Open House – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>
- LC Retreat – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Undercurrents Event – March 24<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/Home/undercurrents>
- AIF Virtual Learning Commons Grant – announced Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>
- CST/LC Joint Workshop – April 27<sup>th</sup>

### Possible Goals for 2011/12:

- Co-curricular Week
- Virtual Learning Commons
- Explore links to Bethune/Steacie
- Explore links to Red Zone
- Learning Commons – Phase 2 plans

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Wednesday May 26, 2011, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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**Attendees:** Cherie Bova, Tom Greenwald, Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt, Polly MacFarlane, Mark Robertson, Tom Scott, Ron Sheese, Norda Majekodunmi, Sarah Coysh, Sue Vail.

**Regrets:** Dianne Twombly, Cathy Boyd-Withers

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1. Notes from April 12 were accepted.

Business Arising from the minutes:

The joint LC/CST workshop for faculty entitled “Teaching your students what they need to succeed” was held on the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 27 participants attended in addition to 5 members of the LC (as consultants). The ½ day workshop began with a student “fishbowl” exercise in which students discussed the kinds of challenges they face in their academic work. Parts of the workshop will be incorporated into NFTY in August.

2. Welcome to Sue Vail

Sue will be stepping into the role of Associate Vice-President, Teaching & Learning as of July 1st. She is taking over from Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt in her AVP role, and will be involved in the Learning Commons.

We welcomed Sue, and provided an overview of the Learning Commons, covering :

- A short history of the LC
- Mandate
- Partners
- Subcommittees
- Projects and Initiatives

3. Other Business:

- Meeting with Catherine Salole re: Red Zone:
  - Mark Robertson met with Catherine Salole from the Student Community & Leadership Development office (May 25) to look for ways the LC and Red Zone might collaborate. Mark and Catherine came up with 8 possible ideas (document distributed). Collaboration with Red Zone would ensure that the LC promotion is integrated into the communications students are receiving, especially as they transition into their first year university.
- Summer Projects:
  - Three summer projects were identified:

1. Joint LC/CST sessions this summer:

Cherie suggested that we pull together a few people to work on LC/CST collaborations this summer, esp. NFTY in August. A call will go out on the listserv.

2. Red Zone:

Mark, Tom and Norda will be meeting to discuss follow up with Red Zone

3. Hub Design & Signage:

There are some remaining design issues that need to be discussed in the LC Hub in Scott.

- Next meetings:

- Our next meeting will be in August (TBA). We will be polling for dates.
- Work on the 3 summer projects above will proceed by working groups which Mark will call.