Dear Colleagues,

Below are some updates on the most recent work of the Online Task Force.

New Task Force Recommendation regarding Academic Integrity

The Task Force recently passed a recommendation designed to provide students more information about academic integrity. Under this recommendation, the Student Success Center, in consultation with the Teaching and Learning Centre, will create a Moodle exercise about academic integrity. The Moodle resource will appear on all student Moodle home pages, alongside the student's other courses. More detailed information about the content of the exercise, and how students and instructors can use it, will be sent when the program is ready to launch. The full recommendation is available here.

Professional Development Opportunities

StFX Sessions
Staff from the StFX Library will present *Copyright & Intellectual Property at StFX: What do I need to know?* on August 18, 2020 from 11:00- 12:00pm (AST). In addition to discussing copyright and intellectual property, the session will cover topics such as safeguarding course content on Moodle and using open access resources. Details are available here. The session will be recorded with a link posted to our website.

Maple League Sessions
Recordings of the professional development sessions hosted by the Maple League can be accessed from this YouTube channel link. (Links are posted about two weeks after the session.) Some of the videos have been edited and only show part of the original session. Instructors may find the following sessions particularly relevant:

- Thursday, July 16: Ask Us Anything about Anti-Black Racism in Education: Creating a Safe Place to Have Questions Answered hosted by Wendy Mackey, Ornella Nzindukiyimana, and Ronald Charles (St. FX)
- Tuesday, July 21: Supporting First-Generation Students hosted by Tiffany MacLennan (St. FX), Tanisha Campbell (Bishop's), and Clancy McDaniel (Students NS)
- Thursday, July 23: Best Practices for Accessibility and Accommodation in the time of COVID hosted by Theresa Gagnon (Bishop's), Amanda Manning (Bishop's), Anne Comfort (Mount Allison), and Marissa McIsaac (Acadia):

The Maple League's August schedule of events is also available.

StFX Student Laptop Technology Bursary

Recognizing that not all students have access to adequate technology for taking online courses, the Online Task Force earlier passed a recommendation that the university provide needs-based grants to help students access laptops. This initiative has become particularly important as StFX has moved to a 'Bring Your Own Device' model for 2019-20. The StFX Laptop Technology Bursary

was launched on August 7 and is receiving applications until August 16. The program invites students whose financial situation prevents them from obtaining their own device to apply to be considered for a $500 bursary. The program is being administered through the Financial Aid Office. For more information, click here.

Syllabus Language Suggestions

As we mentioned in our last update, some instructors have requested sample language that could be included in course syllabi to address some of the unique considerations for teaching and learning online: etiquette for the online class, copyright, academic integrity, etc. A resource has been created with input from a number Faculty members and staff, and is now posted to the 'Online Teaching Resources' tab on our website. A reminder that this resource is intended to act as a starting point for instructors by suggesting ideas and options; instructors are encouraged to pick and choose the content they feel is relevant and to modify as needed.

We hope that everyone is able to enjoy the last few weeks of summer as we all continue to prepare for the start of classes on September 14.

Janice Landry and Joanne Tompkins
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