



Finlandia University Teaching & Learning Committee

End of 2017-18 Academic Year Report

May 2018

Committee Members (representation from all colleges and schools)

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| 1. Kevin Manninen, Chair | Dean, ISB, Associate Professor, Management & Marketing |
| 2. Darren Bausano | Administrative Assistant, SCAS/ISB |
| 3. Rebecca Daly | Head Librarian |
| 4. Emily Geiger | Assistant Professor, Biochemistry, SCAS |
| 5. Veronica Horning | Academic Success Coach |
| 6. Paula Roth | Assistant Professor, Nursing, CHS |
| 7. Samantha Saint-Onge | Director, Med. Assistant/Med. Billing & Coding, CHS |
| 8. Kasey Barber | Finlandia Student Representative, President ALD |

Teaching/Learning Committee (TL) – Reports to Academic Council

Area of Responsibility: Best practices in teaching and learning; faculty development

General Purpose: To excel in teaching that is relationship-driven, holistic, and transformative

Primary Functions:

- 1) Assess student-to-faculty ratios consistent with discipline and area of study
- 2) Institute LEAP's High Impact Practices in each college and school
- 3) Establish pedagogies that intentionally stimulate and develop
 - Intellectual exploration, Vocational discernment, and Professional identity and confidence
- 4) Expand study abroad and study away opportunities
- 5) Develop teaching practices that encourage students to grow toward a life philosophy

Achievements during the 2017-18 academic year

1. Establish and develop a TEACHING & LEARNING Schoology group.

Such a group was established September 22. It contains videos, documents and other information that pertain to the functions of the Teaching & Learning Committee. Examples include videos, articles and documents on how to be an excellent lecturer, best practices, LEAP's High Impact Practices, new innovations in education and related topics. Material will be continually added and updated.

2. Identify and promote methods to disseminate the information contained in the TEACHING & LEARNING Schoology group.

The "group" was built during the Fall 2017 and currently contains 44 members. Another 17 were invited but have yet to join the group. Occasional videos and other material were shared with group members over the course of the academic year.

3. A *Study Abroad* workshop was held on Thursday, November 9 at 4pm in Wargelin 303. No students attended.

Despite the zero turnout, there are a number of students participating in the Servant Leadership in Tanzania experience, the Paloheimo Fellows trip to Finland, and the Comparative Criminal Justice Systems trip to Finland.