

Festival of Learning – Final Event Brief

This is a brief summary of selected highlights from the Festival of Learning, held June 6-9, 2016. Its purpose is to provide an update to stakeholders and share proposed next steps.

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Highlight Reel: FoL16 by the numbers

- 7 months, from BCTLC idea to event
- 4 days: June 6-9, 2016 at Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre
- 413 registered (Faculty: 145; Staff: 113; Admin: 50; Student: 23; Librarian: 18; Other: 53)
- 23 (out of 25) BC publicly funded post-secondary institutions represented
- 120 sessions & workshops offered by 200+ presenters
- 2086 tweets over 4 days, 20,469 total page views on festival bccampus.ca
- 11 sponsors, all said they would sponsor in future

Festival Team(s)

Festival Program Team (Inter-institutional, multiple provincial groups):

- BC Teaching & Learning Council (BCTLC) co-Chairs: Liesel Knaack (VIU), Stephanie Chu (SFU)
- Overall Conference Program Lead: Liesel Knaack (VIU)
- Scholarly Inquiry Lead Gary Hunt (TRU)
- Open Education Lead Amanda Coolidge (BCcampus)
- Educational Technology User Group (ETUG) Lead Leva Lee (BCcampus)
- BC Teaching & Learning Network (BC-TLN) Chair Isabeau Iqbal (UBC)

Festival Logistics (BCcampus)

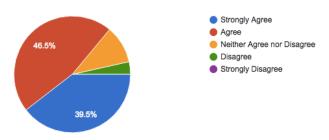
- Logistics lead, sponsors, volunteers, budget Tracy Kelly (BCcampus)
- Venue lead, social, sponsors, budget Christy Foote (BCcampus)
- Marketing & Communications Barb Murphy, Erin Beattie, Robyn Humphreys (BCcampus)
- Registration Desk Leva Lee (BCcampus)
- Registration support/Help Desk Elaine Baird (BCcampus)
- Financials Mirjam van Hasselt (BCcampus)
- Social Committee Lauri Aesoph (BCcampus)
- On-site support Stephanie Didsbury (VIU), Denise Buck (SFU), BCcampus Co-op Students, and many other volunteers and folks wearing multiple hats!



Feedback from Attendees (20% of participants responded)

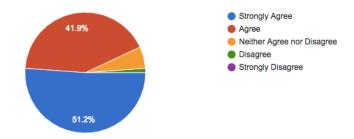
Satisfaction (86%)

Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at the Festival of Learning (86 responses)



Networking (93.1%)

This was a valuable networking opportunity. (86 responses)



Most Enjoyed Overall

- Networking, chance to meet others, re/connecting, seeing what others are doing
- Variety and diversity of sessions, lots to choose from

Least Enjoyed Overall

- Length 4 days is too long
- · Sessions didn't start/end at the same time so difficult to move from session-to-session
- 2 sessions in one large ballroom (separated by a curtain) did not work well due to noise interference



Attendance by BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions

Post Secondary Institutions	# Registrants
British Columbia Institute of Technology	24
Camosun College	11
Capilano University	18
College of New Caledonia	2
College of the Rockies	1
Douglas College	12
College Emily Carr University of Art + Design	3
Justice Institute of British Columbia	8
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	37
Langara College	9
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	0
North Island College	5
Northern Lights College	0
Northwest Community College	3
Okanagan College	1
Royal Roads University	21
Selkirk College	1
Simon Fraser University	57
Thompson Rivers University	14
University of British Columbia	37
University of British Columbia Okanagan	6
University of Fraser Valley	14
University of Northern British Columbia	2
University of Victoria	13
Vancouver Community College	7
Vancouver Island University	18



What's Next?

Based on feedback from participants, presenters, sponsors and festival partners, here's what's next for the Festival of Learning...

- every 2 years (vs. annual) this aims for a "best of both worlds" solution for established special-interest provincial groups and events who can meet in their smaller groups annually, and then integrate together through Festival on alternating years. Also, this will allow for a longer planning cycle for this big event.
- Next Festival: Spring 2018
- a bit shorter: 3 days instead of 4
- **Program tweaks**: standardize session times (30 or 60 min); evaluate best practices for sign up for all-day workshops; improve workshop proposal and submission process; include social night in ticket price
- Building on feedback and experience, we will begin planning in Fall 2016, starting with assembling teams and people assigned to key roles