

Informal Learning Spaces Subcommittee

I. Terms of Reference

Reporting to the UBC Okanagan Strategic Space Committee, the Informal Learning Spaces Subcommittee's mandate is to provide advice and direction on the maintenance and development of informal teaching and learning spaces at the university. The subcommittee provides advice and recommendations to the Okanagan Strategic Space Committee to enable UBC to deliver on its promise of providing an exceptional learning environment to its community of learners and instructors. This subcommittee's work is conducted in parallel to that of the proposed Classroom Planning Subcommittee which is addressing the needs of formal teaching and learning spaces.

Included in the mandate of the Informal Learning Spaces Subcommittee:

- Determine guiding principles and procedures to direct planning and decision-making with respect to informal learning spaces on campus.
- Coordinate the collection of data related to effectiveness, utilization, and future needs of informal learning spaces (including capacity and equipment).
- Solicit input from stakeholders to guide direction for existing and future informal learning spaces.
- Conduct appropriate consultations as necessary to inform any informal learning space decisions.
- Share information with Faculties, schools, and relevant campus partners about informal learning space priorities.
- Identify and prioritize spaces for renewal, and generate plans, recommendations, and budgets as appropriate.
- Review and provide recommendations on any proposed renovations that affect informal learning spaces, in particular renovations that may have an impact on other academic programs or units.
- Submit annual budget proposal to the Budget Committee for funding.

It is anticipated that the subcommittee will meet every other month, with additional meetings and communications, as needed.

Proposed Sub group

- Michelle Lowton (Co-chair AVP Students)
- Michael Persinger (Co-Chair Facilities Planning)
- Cade Desjarlais (SUO)
- Carol Kelley (Facilities Planning)
- Derek Mahoney (Facilities Management)
- Lois Marshall (Library + Support)

Proposed Consultation group

- Earllene Roberts (DRC- AVPS)
- Casey Hamilton (Health Education – AVPS)
- Paul Levinsen (IT-AV)
- Todd Zimmerman (IT)
- Steve Broderick (SHHS)
- Heather Berringer (Provosts Office)