

Educational Systems and Technology Committee

Draft Agenda
September 24, 2026
MS Teams

Members Katie Tuck, Akhtar Malik, Carl Janzen, William Maher, Alwin Lai, Kristi Wood, Berinder Brar, Kevin Burk, Beverly Jones, Janelle Baerg, Awneet Sivia, Kamyar Razavi, Tanvir Hundal, Gurarmaan Dhillon, Marina Tourlakis, Soowook Kim

1.0 Welcome and Territory Acknowledgment (New Members)

2.0 Business:

- a) ESTC Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities - Awneet
- b) ITS Updates – Kristi/Alwin
- c) Classroom Signage Project – Shannon
- d) Zoom to Teams Project – Katie/Awneet/Soowook

2.1 Information items:

Stólō totilt (learning principles) September 29 10am – noon followed by noon-1:30pm Reconcili-Action Luncheon (Evered Hall)

<https://events.ufv.ca/tlc/events/stolototilt/>

2.2 Adjournment and Next Meeting: November 19, 2026



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Meeting Summary (May 28, 2026)

1 – 2 pm, Teams

Opening & Land Acknowledgment

1. Summer Reading Recommendation

Awneet shared a book called **Design for Care** from the BCCampus online book club. She recommended the chapter **Humanizing Online Learning** which focuses on:

- Centering connection in online design.
- Helping students feel seen, heard, valued.
- Bridging success with *care*, not *grit*.
- Prioritizing relationships to support content learning.

2. ITS Updates

Classroom Upgrades (Kristi Wood)

Two Abbotsford classrooms upgraded: **B301** and **D123** with strong audio quality for hybrid meetings. The new features include:

- Ceiling microphones.
- Front & rear cameras.
- Front projectors.
- Confidence displays.
- Accessible podium.

Teams Integration (Berinder Brar)

- Testing Teams integration within Brightspace.
- Issue identified: room booking workflow.
- Microsoft case opened to resolve LTI integration issue.

3. TLC Updates

Launch Sprint Micro-Credential (Michelle)

- New flexible micro-credential for new or experienced faculty.
- Facilitated by Victoria.
- Modified version of the existing Launch program.
- Encouraged faculty to register.

Course Feedback Survey (Soowook)

- Winter 2026 pilot completed and 6 instructors in 10 courses participated.
- The focus was on course content/delivery (NOT instructor evaluation).
- Results go only to instructors.
- Summer participation open—contact askTLC.

4. Zoom → Teams Transition Project (Katie & Awneet)

Rationale

- Zoom cost: ~\$50–60k/year; renewal quote exceeded \$100k USD.
- Many BC institutions already switched to Teams.
- Opportunity to unify: Telephony, Chat, Video conferencing, and collaboration tools.

Timeline

- Contract ends: **Sept 2027**.
- Summer 2026: backend exploration, integration testing.
- August 2026: formal institutional announcement.
- Winter 2027: early adopters begin using Teams.
- End of 2027 academic year: full transition.

Project Focus

- Identify faculty champions.
- Assess specialized Zoom use cases.
- Ensure teaching-specific functionality is supported in Teams.
- Integrate Teams with Brightspace (LTI) and Kaltura.

Discussion Points

- Need strategies for faculty, staff, student adoption.
- Avoid confusion during transition (e.g., dual Zoom/Teams links).
- Beverly volunteered as a pilot instructor.
- Some integrations still under development (e.g., Kaltura auto-upload).

5. Committee Membership for Next Year

- Members were asked to confirm if they wish to continue and to also help recruit colleagues to join.
- Michelle Johnson is retiring after 15 years – she was acknowledged and thanked.

6. Closing

- Reminder of Convocation: **June 9–11**.



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- Next ESTC meeting: **September** 2026.(date to be confirmed)
- Meeting adjourned with thanks and well-wishes for summer.