

**University of Windsor
Senate**

5.8: **Report of the Provost**

Item for: **Information**

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1. International Framework

The “think-tank” has been rescheduled to March 23, 2022 due to a conflict with a previously scheduled university event.

2. Microcredential Update

A microcredential update will be provided at the April 8, 2022 meeting of Senate. A new format will be used to generate content for this strategic discussion and presentation.

On April 1, 2022 an open Senate Information Session will be held to begin the conversation on microcredentials, and will be informed by questions submitted by Senators in advance of the meeting.

3. eCampus Ontario Virtual Learning Strategy (VLS) Update

eCampus Ontario Virtual Learning Strategy (VLS) funded projects wrapped up on Monday February 28th after nearly a year of hard work by faculty, students and the OOL team (brief descriptions and project leads here: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/openlearning/567/VlsProjectsUwindsor>) with several already planning the next development.

- There were 19 projects led by UWindsor worth \$1.4m, and Windsor faculty and staff were collaborators on several other projects led by other institutions.
- All content developed in these projects is openly licenced and shared through eCampus Ontario’s new repository that will be searchable; all content will be able to be used by other Ontario educators (and globally, depending on the licence applied).
- Many of UWindsor’s projects built content in Pressbooks open publishing tool (an example here: <https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/universaldesign/>) and all will be showcased in upcoming events.
- VLS 2.0 grant applications that were submitted in January (including 19 UWindsor applications) have been peer reviewed, and eCampus Ontario is in the process of determining which will receive funding; total ask across the province was approximately 6 x the funding available with approx. 450 applications received for this round.

4. LMS Review and Procurement

The LMS Review and Procurement project is moving along well, with vendor presentations to the campus community on March 2 and 3 from Blackboard (Learn Original and Ultra), D2L (Brightspace), and Instructure (Canvas).

- Attendees will be invited to provide feedback on the proposals through a short survey.
- Next stage starts 14th March and involves the campus community having access to sandbox versions of the three proposed solutions with the ability to test it out and experience the systems as a student or instructor. More information on this will be forthcoming.
- Further feedback and focus groups will provide an opportunity for more campus input to the selection process following the sandbox experience.