

**University of Windsor
Senate**

5.8: **Report of the Provost**

Item for: **Information**

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Happy New Year !

1. Turnitin – E. Kustra

The University of Windsor has selected [Turnitin](#) to replace Blackboard's SafeAssign as the University's text similarity, or plagiarism, checker. It is now available as an option integrated within Brightspace's Assignments tool. A recording of Turnitin training will be available (*link likely available tomorrow*), with an overview of settings and how to interpret the similarity report. More training and resources for Turnitin's Originality and Feedback tools will be available during the term.

Turnitin offers a range of features to help support academic integrity and feedback:

- Plagiarism detection which flags potential instances of plagiarism, making it easier to identify and address potential issues.
- Option for students to view reports to self-educate for similarity checking, and basic grammar
- Feedback tools with a range of features, including the ability to leave inline comments, grade with a rubric, and provide general feedback on student work.

2. Sustainability – J. Gagnon/N. Harduar

- As of December 23, the Zero Emission Vehicle Community Engagement Project (ZEVCEP) application has been reviewed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) but applicant selection has not taken place. We hope to hear whether our application was successful early in 2023.

- A Fair-Trade Campus event will be scheduled in partnership with campus partners.

- We will be making a presentation to PDC on January 18, 2023, to discuss the viability of incorporating sustainability language into PDC course and program forms. Having such language incorporated into the forms would assist in tracking and assessing sustainability at the institutional level, which will be critical in assessing how the University of Windsor is performing relative to best practices (e.g., UN Sustainable Development Goals, AASHE STARS self-reporting framework).

- We are working with the UWill Discover team (Time Brunet) to integrate a cross section of sustainability-related research and teaching (particularly UN SDG-related) being conducted by UWindsor faculty. The goal is to amplify not detract from the student-driven agenda. Further details to follow.

- Preliminary conversations have taken place on assessing the viability of adopting the Okanagan Charter, which calls on post-secondary institutions across Canada to embed health (human and environmental) in all aspects of campus culture.

- A transportation survey for campus community members has been prepared and will be circulated early in the Winter term after the internal review is complete.

3. Black Scholars Hiring Initiative

The applications close January 10, 2023. As of the submission of this report, there were 129 completed applications submitted.

The core selection committee meets on January 16, 2023 to grid applications.

4. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – 2023 – R. Zanutto

The National Survey of Student engagement (NSSE) is administered on a three-year cycle to first and final year students in direct entry program, the last one being done in 2020. As done in the past, we will be offering a \$5 on their UWincard to those who complete the survey. The survey results provide us with information on how undergrads spend their time and what they gain from attending university

The survey mailing starts early in March and more details on the NSSE survey can be found at <https://nsse.indiana.edu/nsse/>

5. Search Updates

a) Dean, Odette School of Business

Working to finalize a list of candidates for interviews and campus visit in late January/early February.

b) AVP, Student Experience

Committee is deliberating. Expected to meet again week of January 16th.