

Hello, my name is Caedyn Lennox, and I am running to be the student representative on Thompson Rivers University's Planning Council for Open Learning (PCOL). I believe I am well-qualified for this role given my experience serving on educational committees and councils at the post-secondary level, as well as my professional and academic focus on online education.

As a graduate student at Simon Fraser University, I was elected Director of Internal Relations for the Simon Fraser Graduate Student Society, where I oversaw the society's internal governance structures. In this role, I advised on and updated the society's governing documents in collaboration with the Graduate Council and other Directors. Through this experience, I developed a strong working knowledge of policy and governance analysis, along with expertise in drafting and implementing governance policies.

At Douglas College, I was elected as a staff representative on the Education Council (EdCo), where I evaluated and advised on institution-wide educational policies, curriculum, and program development. As a member of EdCo, I also served as a voting member on both the Admissions Advisory Committee and the Curriculum Advisory Committee, further deepening my engagement in academic governance.

Currently, as an M.Ed. student at Thompson Rivers University, I am focused on online education, with plans to write my thesis on perceived autonomy in online arts education at the post-secondary level. To further support this research, I intend to pursue TRU's Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning alongside my M.Ed. This topic is important to me for I was a student and a teaching assistant during the COVID pandemic and saw first hand the negative impacts transitioning to online education was for both teach and student. As such, I want to specialize in this are with the hopes to design a more inclusive and cooperative curriculum for online arts students.

With my background in academic governance, policy analysis, and online learning, I am eager to contribute meaningfully to PCOL. I would be honored to represent students and advocate for policies that enhance open learning opportunities at TRU.

Thank you for your time and consideration.