

Gordon Rudolph

Candidate Statement

OLFM (Open Learning Teaching Staff) Representative for Senate

I have taught Math, Biology, and Physics at the Upgrading and University level as an Open Learning Faculty Member (OLFM) with TRU since its inception in 2004, as well as during earlier incarnations of Open Learning with BCOU and OLA. Have served as a member of Senate for the past 3 terms. Committees I currently, or have served on include APPC, Teaching and Learning, Steering, Appeals, Awards and Honours, EPC and CCPAG (Capital planning). Other committees served in past include Provost nomination and Presidential renomination committees. Have served on the TRUOLFA Executive as Membership Secretary for four years and recently have been elected to serve as a Director with the 2025-2026 TRUOLFA Executive. I have written a text on Trigonometry which is in use in several BC institutions, including TRU. Have co-authored an ABE Intermediate level Physics text in use at BCIT, and have been involved in numerous revisions, both minor and major for the Math 0401 and 0523 and Biol 051 and 0601 courses. My pre-service training includes achieving B.Sc. and M.Ed. degrees at UBC.

We OLFMs can bring valuable experience, perspective, and intelligence in the project of working with learners in our many courses. TRU is a unique institution, with a unique history, and a central focus at meeting the Open Learning needs of our students. Open Learning concerns can sometimes be overlooked in governance as currently the OLFM perspective is a more tenuous connection to University Faculties. The Senate itself is a great forum to have those perspectives brought to bear in the continued enhanced success of TRU. Thanks for considering the opportunity of supporting my continued work on Senate.