

# Mohawk Valley Community College Universal Teaching and Learning Workgroup

## Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Universal Teaching and Learning Workgroup is to research best practices for Universal Learning Design, with an emphasis on equity, to make comprehensive recommendations to ensure a consistent student learning experience and provide faculty resources to support learning.

### Charter Sponsor

VP Lew Kahler &  
VP Stephanie Reynolds

### Charter Contact

Guided Pathways Council

### Timeline:

Fall 2019-Spring 2020

### Membership:

1. Jim Roberts - Dean
2. Jocelyn Ireland - Instructional Design Librarian
3. Norma Chrisman - Educational Technologies Manager
4. Tamara Mariotti - Coordinator of Accessibility Resources
5. Breanne Rathbun - Tutor
6. Rich Kelly - Faculty
7. Shahida Dar - Faculty
8. Dina Radeljas - Faculty
9. Amanda Miller - Faculty
10. Todd Marshall - Faculty
11. Alex Haines-Stephon - Faculty

Does	Authority
Research best practices & models for Universal Learning Design	Research
Focus on accessibility and equity	Focus
Identify supportive structural strategies for increasing student engagement and learning	Identify
Develop recommendations regarding the formation of consistent syllabi across schools	Develop
Develop a system for long term, consistent, and centralized professional development for all faculty	Develop
Make recommendations for how incorporation of effective learning strategies into teaching might be incentivized	Recommend
Make recommendations to Guided Pathways Council	Recommend

### Does Not

Make Policy or Personnel Decisions

### **Guiding Points**

- Be creative.
- Keep an open mind, and not get stuck on “how we’ve always done it.”
- Design for the most at risk student at the least opportune time.
- Involve other staff, faculty, and students by asking for their input.
- Keep the student experience at the forefront.
- Be knowledgeable of applicable ADA and OCR regulations and laws.