

## BIOGRAPHY for LINGNAN COUNCIL – NOV 2021

Prof. Peter Duffy

Professor Peter Duffy has a demonstrated record of exemplary leadership, management and outcomes in education, curriculum and pedagogy, digital learning and academic / institutional transformation and has been involved in the education field for the last 30 years as a teacher, researcher and leader. It is my privilege to be able to contribute to the Lingnan University Council.



In my current role as Director of the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) I am responsible to lead and manage many aspects of teaching and learning change across the institution. In this regard I crafted and had approved a new 5-year strategic plan for teaching and learning and have crafted a new vision for the TLC with the following values - Innovative (革新) Impactful (影響力) Inclusive (包容).

In this role I am also a member of 9 University committees, providing advice on teaching and learning matters and support related to the quality assurance and quality enhancement of teaching and learning across the University. These committees include; (a) Senate, (b) Academic Quality Assurance Committee (AQAC) for Undergraduate and Sub-degree Programmes, (c) Postgraduate Studies Committee (PSC), (d) Sub-Committee Teaching and Learning (SCTL), (e) Core Curriculum and General Education Committee (CCGEC), (f) Management Committee on the Integrated Learning Programme (ILP) and Civic Engagement Programme (CEP), (g) Service-Learning Programme Committee (SLPC), (h) Learning and Information Services Management Board (LISMB), and (i) Academic Board (AB) of Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE). I have also been involved in various Task Forces relating to; (a) Teaching and Learning Task Force (LIFE), (b) Triennium Planning Exercise, (c) UAA Report and (d) Data Risk and Governance.

I am the Lingnan Institutional Representative for the Quality Assurance Council 3rd Round audit as well as a local auditor. I also represent Lingnan to the UGC Teaching Development and Language Enhancement (TDLE) Group and am a Member of the Teaching Development (TD) Sub-group. I am also the institutional contact for the Quality Education eLearning Fund and Virtual Teaching and Learning Strategic Grants for Virtual Teaching and Learning.

Prior to the role of Director of the Teaching and Learning Centre at Lingnan I was the Head of the Innovation Hub at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. In this role I was responsible for all aspects of establishing this new learning and teaching unit as part of achieving the goals of the Academy's Strategic Plan related to offering a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education. During the first 3 years of the iHUB's operation I was able to successfully present a case, based on our work and impact on learning and teaching, to convince the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Government (our funding body) to allocate ~14 Million HKD as recurrent funding to establish the iHUB as a permanent department of the Academy. In this

role my team was also successful in being recognized with 9 international awards related to teaching and learning.

Previous to this appointment, I was Associate Director (Curriculum Development) at Victoria University in Australia. This involved forming a new unit and leading a team of 14 staff with high-level responsibility for coordinating and implementing significant whole of institution curriculum reform and ensuring all Courses were compliant with the Australian Qualifications Framework. I established and led the team of staff supporting the University in revising all post-graduate course offerings to be AQF compliant and aligned with TEQSA requirements and the Higher Education Standards. I crafted strategic interventions across Victoria University and implemented significant curriculum reform and alignment incorporating a holistic and collaborative Course redesign approach. Prior to this, I was working at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University as “Special Assistant E-Learning”, a strategic secondment to work directly for the Vice President (Academic Development). This involved working across all areas of the institution to achieve strategic change.

I have significant experience in the development and implementation of strategic teaching and learning initiatives. I am a passionate Educator and have taught in Postgraduate, Undergraduate, Vocational and Secondary contexts. I have extensive experience in working collaboratively with Senior Management, Deans, course teams and individual teaching staff. I also have a practical knowledge of, and substantial experience in, developing and transforming policy, people and processes such as my current work at Lingnan University and the 5-year Strategic Plan I crafted to achieve significant learning and teaching change. I also has a proven track record of success in various large / small-scale teaching and learning / technology grants and initiatives. Having led or been involved in ~30 projects, totalling ~ 75M HKD in funding over ~20 years within various institutions.

I am an internationally recognised expert in my research field having been an invited presenter at many local and international events including an invited session chair at the GUIDE (Global Universities in Distance Education) International Forum in Rome, and an invited speaker and facilitator at the Australian Education Minister’s Awards for excellence in both Art and IT respectively.

I am a strong believer in the benefits of a Liberal Arts Education and eternally a pragmatist at heart. I believe in the affordances of technology in education as fit-for-purpose and my educational approach is, “Learning Led and Technology Enabled”. One of my favourite quotes is from Japan; “Vision without action is a daydream and action without vision is a nightmare”. I am originally from Australia but this is my 16<sup>th</sup> year in Hong Kong. I feel privileged to be able to serve the Lingnan Community as a Council Member.