

Brock Advisory Committee

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The Committee met on the following dates: 9/11/24, 10/9/24, 11/13/24, 12/11/24, 1/24/25, 2/21/25, 3/21/25, 4/18/25 and by email on 5/16/25.

The Committee reviewed the need for assessment data related to place-based learning. To that end, they developed a learning outcome and a rubric for assessing it using an embedded rubric model. This has not, yet, been rolled out to the entire Brock Experiences community. Instead, it will be piloted in the summer of '25 in one to two courses to test its efficacy.

The Committee also facilitated a series of workshops to support the launch of the latest Brock Experience, New Orleans. These workshops were on the following topics:

- The Field Immersion Framework facilitated by Drs. JoEllen Pederson, Heather Lettner-Rust, Alix Fink based on their forthcoming edited book on the topic
- Managing mental health and stress in the field facilitated by Dr. Maureen Walls-McKay (Counseling & Psychological Services) and Ms. Jennifer Beach (Greenwood Library)
- Student policies and procedures facilitated by the Dean of Students team

The Committee also reviewed processes, made updates to office publications, and considered new initiatives. The Committee helped to shape the launch of a new living-learning community that supports the Brock Experiences which will begin in the Fall of 2025.