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New Advisory Council for Learning Support Centres, Mohawk College

The Learning Support Centre is a space that houses four core programs that support student academic learning. Each program is facilitated with a peer-to-peer, student leadership model. The purpose of the space is to promote student success through differentiated spaces (individual, small and large group) for both student study and the delivery of peer-to-peer support services.

The four programs are:

- 1) *Math Learning Centre* – drop-in math help; online appointments available; individualized, self-study Continuing Education courses available; faculty and peer tutoring
- 2) *Writing Centre* – personal writing consultations; APA citing and grammar resources; ESL resources and Conversation Club; reading, listening and speaking help
- 3) *Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)* – supporting first semester students in historically difficult classes; PASS Leaders facilitate regularly scheduled study sessions that occur outside of class.
- 4) *Peer Tutoring* – One-to-one assistance in academic subjects, from senior students; students can access up to 3 hours of tutoring per week.

Annual Events & Outreach

- Road to College Success
 - Transition program geared to Mature, WSIB and First in Your Family students
- LSC Start-Up Promotion
 - Tutor outreach at all 3 campuses at the beginning of the term to meet students and share about the services available at the LSC.
- Bounce Back
 - Geared primarily to students on probation, with delivery formats in-person and online – opportunity to sharpen academic skills with support from peers
- Rebound
 - Open to all students looking to get re-energized and refocused academically mid-term, with peers supporting
- Student Leadership Development Series
 - Supporting development of one-day offerings each term, open to all current and aspiring student leaders
- Carpe Noctem
 - Night of free tutoring, academic resources, study snacks & prizes
 - Takes place in both Fall and Winter Terms

The Learning Support Centre reports to, and is operated by Student Services. However, given the academic support function of the programs and services, the Advisory Council is made up of key members of the academic management team, who can provide guidance to ensure the

support provided by the Centre is effectively linked to the academic mission of Mohawk College.

The **purpose** of the Advisory Council of the Learning Support Centre at Mohawk College is to:

- Formalize opportunity for academic input and support from Faculty partners
- Facilitate links within the academic community
- Improve the quality of academic support for students in the Learning Support Centre
- Foster greater communication, networking and relationships amongst academic and student service areas of the College

The Learning Support Centre (LSC) Advisory Council will be coordinated by the Manager, Learning Support Centres.

Proposed Membership will include:

- Gary Jennings, Associate Dean, Communication & Preparatory Studies
- Anna Johnston, Director, Libraries and Centre for Teaching & Learning
- Rebecca Isowa, Program Manager, Technology & Skills, Continuing Education
- Pearl Mendonca, Manager, Learning Support Centre
- Tim Fricker, Director, Student Success Initiatives

Meetings will take place three times a year, once per term.