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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Education

**Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED)
LLED Policy: MLED Fund (CGDY)**

Background

The BC Ministry of Advanced Education's action plan from its bilateral agreement with Canadian Heritage (*Canada–British Columbia Agreement on Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction 2013-14 to 2017-18*) allows for the disbursement of federal funds to support French minority language education and French second language instruction in the province.

This funding framework has been administered by LLED at UBC since the mid 1990's. Annual funding is determined by submitting yearly enrollment numbers to the Ministry for French instructed programs and courses in the Faculty of Arts (French Department) and the Faculty of Education (LLED and TEO).

To date, no transparent or principled means of distributing those funds has been developed. In recent months, two initiatives have been undertaken: first, funds have been committed to a symposium on The Future of French in BC (a proposal is in preparation); second, funds have been committed to support the Francophone Film Series put on by the Centre de la francophonie de UBC. As decisions regarding these types of project should not rest with any one individual or be taken haphazardly, this policy has been drafted to address concerns.

Purpose & Definition

- To provide oversight, transparency, and stewardship in LLED of the MLED account
- To establish accountable spending procedures for French language program objectives
- To define areas for growth and development, and align spending strategies accordingly

Initiatives for Spending

Ongoing Commitments

- Annual support of the administration and costs of the French Language Appraisal (FLA) testing (approx. \$8,000 for FLA test markers, \$9,000 for FLA Coordinator = \$17,000)
- Annual teaching support to the French Department, Faculty of Arts (approx. \$25,000)
- Annual support for the BEd French program delivery. This commitment supports initiatives such as guest speakers, cultural activities, and or academic materials that have a direct benefit for students in the program. (*max \$1000)
- Annual support for travel including conference participation that supports recruitment and marketing initiatives for the BEd French Program and MLED program in LLED. This commitment supports those acting in the above capacity, in either a teaching or administrative role.

**When yearly spending reaches max commitments, further support will be considered on a case by case basis. Rationales and requests for support should be submitted to the HAC for consideration.*

Surplus Distribution

- Considers support for initiatives that promote cross-Faculty collaboration between the two academic units
- Considers support for initiatives that promote the BEd and MLED programs in the Faculty

Oversight

Oversight for the spending initiatives, including changes to this policy, will reside with LLED's Head's Advisory Committee (HAC). Review of proposals for support outside the annual commitments will be reviewed on an annual basis. As this funding source is not indefinite, this policy shall be reviewed yearly to accommodate any changes in funding that may occur.