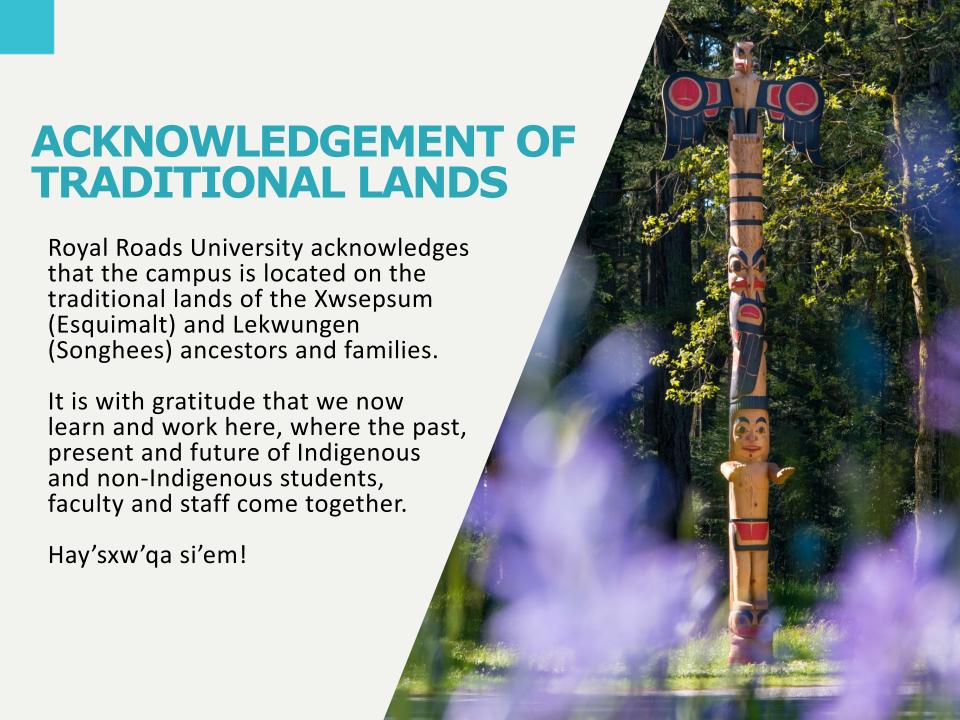
Setting the Stage for Virtual Exchange

A Royal Roads University Case Study

Kanagawa University International Staff Exchange Week 2021

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WHERE IN THE WORLD?





ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

We are a **public university** that offers a personal approach to learning, teaching and research. We help our students:

 gain applicable skills to succeed in their careers

 foster a sustainable future for our planet

 apply a changemaking approach as leaders and innovators



LEARNING AT ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY







On-Campus Learning

Online Learning

Blended Learning

- Business
- Communication & Culture
- Education & Technology
- Environment & Sustainability
- Humanitarian Studies

- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Tourism and Hospitality



VIRTUAL EXCHANGE VS. COIL



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EMERGENCE OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGE AT ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

- 1. Joint course development set the foundation for COIL
- 2. Grassroots collaboration
- Multi-collaboration momentum: COIL as an opportunity to supplement and/or enhance other partnership activities





JOINT COURSE DEVELOPMENT & COIL

- Funded by Government of Canada Outbound Student Mobility Pilot Program
- Project: In a team, find a company, destination, or sector that has pivoted and reinvented its product, service or delivery
- What's next?
 - Annual delivery
 - Mexico field school for year 4
 - Introduction of COIL in other courses within the School





- Global Classrooms with the University of California Santa Cruz (USA)
- Courses:
 - UC Santa Cruz: Water Sanitation and Justice
 - RRU: Governance Innovations for Sustainability



GRASSROOTS COLLABORATION

- Faculty and international office received training together to ensure shared understanding and goals
- Despite different levels of study, common Sustainable Development Goal themes emerged from both courses:
 - Global governance and climate change
 - Collaborative governance and local water management
 - Water contamination and environmental justice





 Evolution of a partnership with Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (Belgium)

Courses:

 AUAS: Global Challenges

 RRU: Business Applied Project



MULTI-COLLABORATION MOMENTUM

ARTEVELDE AND RRU COLLABORATIONS





OBSERVATIONS

- No precise formula to develop COIL projects
- Nurture partnerships with aligned institutional visions, missions and values
- Funding for COIL course development is important, but not crucial
- Timing matters: time zone, calendar, length of program
- Students genuinely want to connect beyond the project
- Does not replace physical mobility



OBSERVATIONS

- Improve collaboration by recognizing imbalances, including technology, experience, language and resources
- New collaborations often emerge from COIL
- Both student and faculty report increased intercultural awareness and feeling more energized and engaged
- International office provides administrative support and advocacy
- Buy-in takes time. Commit to sharing resources, providing workshops and fostering supportive relationships



Thank you!

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