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**Blended and Online Learning Task Force: Developing a Strategy for the
University of Manitoba**

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Background:

Blended and Online learning are growing practices in Higher Education across the country offering greater flexibility and more engaging, student-centred experiences. While the University of Manitoba can point to several examples of solid initiatives to integrate and develop blended and online learning, they are most often at the level of individual faculty members and departments/programs or units. We now need to move towards an institutional level strategic plan in order to develop a more sustained approach to blended and online learning with a consideration of the pedagogical and technological support and resources that will be required.

Terms of reference:

Consider the state of blended and online learning at other Universities across Canada.

Assess where we currently are at the University of Manitoba through a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) regarding blended and online learning for teaching and learning across the campus.

Develop a university-wide strategy for blended and online learning: where we want to go (identify new opportunities, areas to build on) and the potential benefits to students, faculty and the institution.

Determine what we need to do to achieve the strategy (include recommendations for next steps).

Timeline: Interim report March 15, 2013; Final report June 15, 2013

Provide written reports to:

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