

Larry Bouthillier is the new Executive Director at UBC Extended Learning

Thursday, May 14, 2020 (Vancouver) - Larry Bouthillier was appointed Executive Director of UBC Extended Learning (ExL) effective March 1, 2020. He assumes the role from Dr. Simon Bates, Associate Provost, Teaching and Learning, who served as Interim Executive Director from July 2018 to February 2020.

“Larry brings a wealth of experience and leadership expertise to further enhance UBC ExL’s capacity and programming to support career and personal education opportunities,” says Simon. “We are delighted to welcome him to UBC and excited about the future he will help shape with ExL.”

As Executive Director, Larry provides leadership for ExL’s strategy, planning and budgeting, ensuring operations, processes, policies and technologies support learners’ evolving lifelong educational needs.

In his role, Larry builds collaborative and positive relationships with UBC faculties and units to advance outstanding non-degree career and personal education opportunities. With his success in building online and blended programs, Larry’s focus will be to continue developing ExL’s portfolio of programs that meet the career and personal needs of learners of all ages, with a mandate to strengthen UBC’s contribution to society, industry and government.

Before joining ExL, Larry spent 23 years in software development, educational technology and online learning leadership roles at Harvard. He returned to Harvard in 2013 to develop a new online course model for the Extension School, where he continues as an adjunct professor teaching computer science.

Most recently, he was Senior Director of Digital Learning Initiatives at Brown University, where he led a team that supported a variety of online and blended programs. Larry is also a founder of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at New England Institute of Technology. Under his leadership, NEIT’s online bachelor program went from being unranked to eighth place nationally within three years.

His own early career experiences, including a stint as a sound engineer for rock bands, and a Harvard Extension School certificate program, sparked a lifelong interest in the transformational effects of continuing education for adult learners.

Larry holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Rhode Island and completed a software engineering program at Harvard. He is completing a Master of Science in Information Technology at the New England Institute of Technology.

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