# **AGENDA**

SUNDAY, May 4	
6:00 pm	Cocktails and Reception
MONDAY, May 5	
8:00 to 9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Outcome: Approval of Agenda
9:00 to 10:30 am	<ul> <li>Clarifying a vision for the role of higher education in Canada.</li> <li>Constituting the 3M Fellowship as an educational lobby (national, regional, local) able to play a positive role in advancing teaching and learning and their importance in higher education.</li> <li>Using our credibility and collective resources.</li> <li>Political action to make teaching count. Public advocacy and publicizing of excellence in teaching.</li> <li>Validating teaching in the face of institutional research agendas.</li> <li>Do universities really reward teaching?</li> <li>What's a 3M Teaching Fellowship worth to the university?</li> <li>Advancing the scholarship of teaching, and establishing its place in the university merit system.</li> <li>Responsibilities of 3M Fellows.</li> <li>Recognizing teaching beyond awards.</li> </ul> Outcome—General agreement on a mission and articulation of some broad goals.
11:00 to 12:30 pm	Governance and Continuity
	<ol> <li>Governance of a 3M Teaching Fellow group for collective decision-making.</li> <li>Formalizing the 3M Caucus as a semi-independent organization and voice.</li> <li>Clarifying the relationship of 3M and STLHE, and the company's relationship to projects such as facultydevelopment.ca.</li> <li>Funding.</li> <li>Maintaining a momentum.</li> </ol> Outcome—An outline of an organizational structure.

# 2:00 to 4:00 pm

### **Establishing a Program of Action**

- 1. Establishing national 3M initiatives to illustrate the importance/ significance of quality higher education.
- 2. Forums where 3M Fellows can debate teaching issues.
- 3. How can we promote academic integrity?
- 4. Changing academic culture by identifying and focusing on non-threatening, strategic actions that highlight the scholarship of teaching.
- 5. Disseminating research and commentary on critical issues.
- 6. Relationships between teaching and research.
- 7. Linking teaching practice to research on issues such as deep learning.
- 8. Developing teaching strategies to help students master issues such as abstract concepts.
- 9. How can universities use 3M Fellows in the active promotion of academic goals?
- 10. Preparing the next generation of teaching professors.
- 11. facultydevelopment.ca, the Institute for Advancement of Teaching in Higher Education, and similar initiatives, existing or proposed.
- 12. Making teaching count in hiring and promotion.
- 13. Preparing, evaluating and using teaching dossiers.
- 14. Identify useful means for measuring effective pedagogical practice.
- 15. A review of "best practices" in teaching and learning across Canada.
- 16. 3M Teaching Chairs.
- 17. Other initiatives.

Outcome—Grouping action items according to strategic importance. Prioritizing initiatives and sorting which are short, medium and long term.

### 4:30 to 5:30 pm

## Other Issues and Looking Ahead

- 1. A report card on the high school preparation of students for university.
- 2. Working with unworkable curricula; the "radical reconstruction of curricula."
- 3. Use and overuse of teaching technologies.
- 4. Thinking creatively about assessment.
- 5. The role of the laboratory in undergraduate instruction.

TUESDAY, May 6	
8:00 to 10:00 am	Revisiting Day 1 Issues  1. Summarize accomplishments and what needs to be done.  2. Breakout to continue discussion on specific items.  3. Report back progress of working groups.  Outcome—Making concrete progress on the four areas from Day 1 and some summaries of work done.
10:30 to 12:00 pm	Revisiting Day 1 Issues  Taking stock of what has been accomplished with respect to the four categories: Vision, Governance, Action, Other.  What remains to be done.  Breakout to continue discussion on specific items.  Report back progress of working groups.  Outcome—Synthesizing a plan of action.
1:30 to 3:00 pm	Moving Forward on Action Items  • Fine tuning vision, goals, organizational structure and integrating action items along a time frame.  Outcome—Broad agreement on a strategic plan for the Fellowship.
3:30 to 4:30 pm	<ul> <li>Pulling Together Discussion Items, Next Steps and Closure</li> <li>Identifying who will lead prioritized initiatives.</li> <li>Specifying deadline for deliverables.</li> <li>Setting the agenda at the UBC meeting in June.</li> </ul>