

*Open Education Conference 2022*

# Establishing an Open Education Community of Practice at a Bilingual University - Year 1 Reflections

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# Context at the University of Ottawa

**44,700** students

**70%** English

**30%** French

**1,223** regular professors

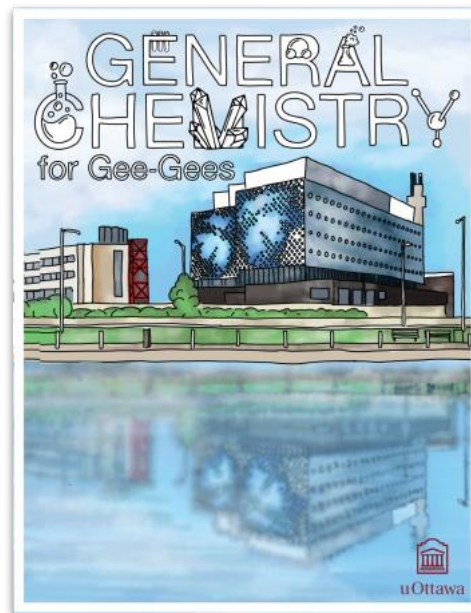
**1,376** adjunct and part-time professors

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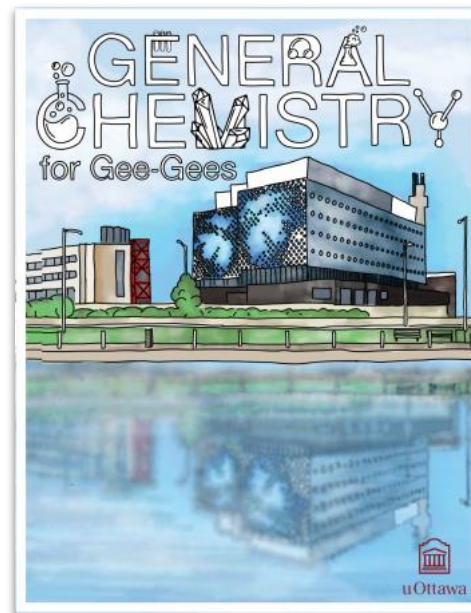
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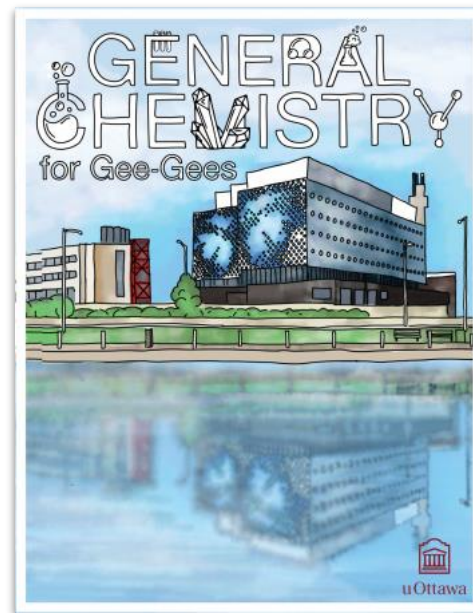
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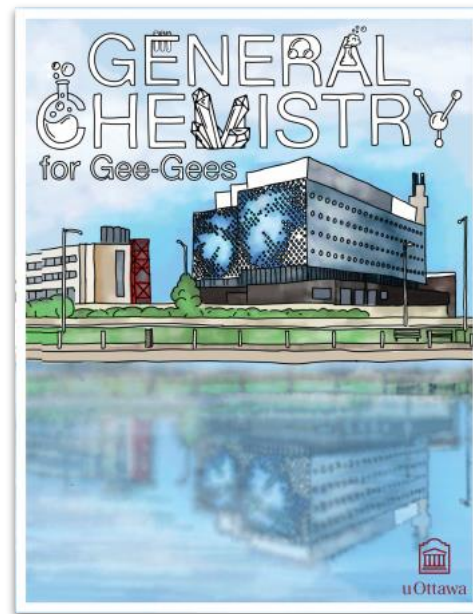
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# **Overview of Year 1**



# Membership\*

**50%**  
of membership



## By Status

<b>Professors</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Librarians</b>	<b>15</b>
Staff members	12
Administrators	8
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## By Faculty or Service (employees only)

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<b>Library</b>	<b>23</b>
Arts	6
Social Sciences	5
Teaching and Learning Support Service	5
Science	4
Management	2
Engineering	2
Education	1
Health Sciences	1
Law	1
Other services	3

# Meetings

- 9 meetings from October 2021 to June 2022
- Virtual
- Average of 14 participants
- Announcements - presentation - discussion

# Meeting Themes

Month	Theme	Guest Speaker	Language
December	Selection of course materials	Internal	Bilingual
January	OER, equity and linguistic minorities	Internal	Bilingual
February	eCampusOntario services and support	External	English
March	Openwashing and fauxpen	External	English
April	OER and peer review	External	English
May	OER co-creation (panel)	Internal	English
June	OER, copyright and licences	Internal	Bilingual

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# Thank you!

## Questions?

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