

Minutes of the BCCEC Meeting Fall 2020 Articulation Meeting

Online via Zoom on October 23, 2020

Chair: Mohd A., TRU

Minutes: Ed Knorr, UBC-V

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Agenda

1. Welcome everyone to Fall 2020 Virtual BCCEC articulation meeting. (Details on Pg. 2)
2. Announcements
3. Minute Taker
4. Amendments to the agenda if any
5. Move to accept and adopt the agenda
6. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting @ Douglas College on October 25, 2019.
7. Move to accept the minutes
8. Business Arising/Carried Forward
9. New Business:
 - 9.1 Welcome Dr. Fiona McQuarrie from BCCAT
 - 9.2 Institutional Reports – As meeting time is limited to 90 minutes we ask that members upload their reports to the Moodle site before the meeting date. Here is the link:

<https://onlinelearning.kpu.ca/>

10. Spring 2020 Meetings

10.1 WCCCE (May 7th & 8th) @ UBC-V

10.2 BCCEC Meeting May 6th @ UBC-V

11. Future Meetings

11.1 WCCEC 2021?

11.2 BCCEC Fall 2021 Meeting (Tentative: Friday, Oct 22, 2021)?

Agenda Items and Minutes

(Times are approximate)

14:00 Networking, mingling, and other discussion

14:33 Started the meeting

14:39 Agenda: Catherine moved; Diana seconded

14:40 Minutes from Fall 2019 (there was no Spring 2020 meeting due to COVID-19): Donald moved; Frank seconded

Here are the minutes from Fall 2019:

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qZIN66lF66F5xTz9E-gi4OZEaDm6B9FbAPqZ5i4vZzw/edit>

14:41 Fiona (BCCAT)

- BCCAT is encouraging committees to have at least one meeting per year. Some are meeting monthly (or more) to share ideas, meet informally, etc. A BCCAT staff person is happy to join us.
- BCCAT annual meeting on Wed., Nov. 4 and Thurs., Nov. 5. Because they're online, it's open to anyone in the BC post-secondary community -- no space restrictions.
 - Transfer system updates
 - Workshops, including JAM session:
 - Please register -- can stay for some of the time, or all of the time

14:50 Resolving Moodle/BCCEC repository/enrolment issues

- Catherine is looking into it, and will contact the tech staff to investigate the anomalies
- Some have a Moodle account at KPU, but are not in the "course" (BCCEC course)
- Some BCCEC people miss the list server activity and frequent reminders.
- New people have been added to the KPU repository/course, Catherine is enrolling them
- We have 16 institutional reports uploaded.

15:05 Introduction of BCCEC Attendees (27 Attendees)

- Ahmed Malki, Alexander College
- Anne Lavergne, SFU
- Art Boehm, Okanagan College
- Catherine Maydan, KPU
- Deborah Warren, Okanagan College
- Diana Cukierman, SFU
- Donald Acton, UBC-Vancouver
- Ed Knorr, UBC-Vancouver
- Erfan Zahrai, Coast Mountain
- Fiona McQuarrie, BCCAT
- Frank Lu, North Island College
- Frank Zhang, University of the Fraser Valley
- Hao Ma, KPU
- Jason Madar, Langara
- Jim Nastos, Okanagan College
- Jonathan Doyle, Selkirk College
- Ken Chan, Columbia College
- Larry Maki, College of the Rockies
- Megan O'Connor, Coquitlam College
- Mike Zastre, UVic
- Mohammad Aboofazeli, Douglas College (Computing Science)
- Mohd A., TRU
- Salil Ghosh, Northern Lights College
- Sarah Carruthers, Vancouver Island University
- Sourav Mukherjee, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Stephen Chiong, Douglas College (Computing Studies)
- Yves Lucet, UBC-Okanagan
- Youry Khmelevsky, Okanagan College

15:35 Institutional Reports

- See the BCCEC repository of Institutional Reports at KPU Moodle.
- Members are briefly commenting on their reports, with ad hoc questions being asked.
- Open textbooks are being used by some (e.g., Jonathan Doyle):
 - <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/how-to-think-like-a-computer-scientist-c-version-1999>
- General comments from many participants
 - Everyone is online
 - Workload is high among faculty members and students
 - Enrolment is strong in the Fall; some schools were worried about a drop in enrolment, but for the most part, this has not happened.
 - Cheating issues and mental health issues
- Some faculty members were asking about what we are doing for invigilation
 - Some schools use Zoom to invigilate exams

- Some use breakout rooms (but the breakout rooms do not forbid “chat” including “private chat”)
 - Chat can be prevented if you avoid the breakout rooms
 - We cannot stop cheating, but we can do things to show students that we’re trying to prevent it.
 - Cheating seems to be a problem at many institutions (and is also getting some media attention across North America).
- There are still no easy answers for what the “ideal” online invigilation scenario would look like.
- It was recommended that we be aware of stress and mental health issues among ourselves. A lot of the focus tends to be on students, but we need to take care of ourselves, too.
- UBC-Okanagan: Computer Science is now part of the Faculty of Science
- Columbia College: Wacom tablets (USB-based tablets) were made available to faculty members to help with teaching
- Northern Lights College: game design course, just starting to get international students
- Please upload your report if you have not done so.

16:35 Other Business

- Vacant SLP position (David retired)
- Next BCCEC meeting (tentative, but probably will not happen in-person): May 6, 2021 at UBC-Vancouver
- Next WCCCE conference (tentative, but probably will not happen in-person): May 7-8, 2021 at UBC-Vancouver
- BCCEC Fall 2021 Meeting (Tentative: Friday, Oct. 22, 2021)
- It was mentioned by several people how much they enjoy getting together (BCCEC, WCCCE, TDAP (Teaching during a Pandemic (Summer 2020) organized by WCCES)). Let’s continue to do this online, where practical. A lot of value came out of the networking sessions outside the actual papers and presentations.
 - How about an un-conference? More informal.
 - Some people are asking about the timing: August might be better than May.
 - Mike and Diana will bring this to the WCCCE Steering Committee.
 - They might present this idea in a survey, or via e-mail.
- The future of online teaching? Even after getting back to “normal”, it looks like a lot of online teaching components may stay.
 - This may be a worthwhile thing to brainstorm.
 - One big concern: exams (online vs. in-person). Cheating is a big concern.
 - Yves: Do we have any data on how students are doing (with respect to learning) online? How many courses should a typical student take online? It is not the same as in-person; but how is the average student doing? It may be a lot more work for the students. They might be less successful.
- Fall 2021 BCCEC Meeting?
 - Frank will check about the possibility of UFV hosting it.

5:19 PM

- Meeting adjourned