
ABE ARTICULATION STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Annual Meeting April 29, 2021

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Thursday, April 25

<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Colin Gilker-Capilano/Co-chair ABEASC Lisa Lewis-VIU/Co-chair ABEASC</p> <p>Camosun – Faith Shields CNC – Dio Gigliotti Douglas – Mardi Joyce KPU – Sean Conway Mike Winsemann-BCCAT Barbara Binczyk, <i>AEST:EX</i></p>	<p>Sue Brigden-SLP/UFV UFV – Greg St Hilaire NIC – Wilma Gus TRU-OL - John Patterson VCC – Costa Kavaras Yukon U – Robert Ferro Chantale Hutchinson, OC Mary Shier, COTR, Alex Hodge, VIU</p>
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9:00 The meeting convened with Colin Gilker acknowledging the unceded lands of the First Peoples of where we were meeting around the province.

Wilma Gus volunteered to be note taker.

Motion to adopt the agenda M/S/C

Action: the group will review the minutes, send any changes or corrections to Colin and will revisit them

Round Table Introductions were made.

INSTITUTION REPORTS:

1. **SCIENCE WORKING GROUP**

Motion to receive Science report M/S/C

Motion to accept Science working group recommendations M/S/C

2. **MATH WORKING GROUP**

Motion to receive Math report M/S/C

The math group want to develop a Foundations 12 course and enquired about the availability of BCCAT funds to do so. They will continue the discussion amongst 4-5 institutions.

Motion to accept Math working group recommendations M/S/C

3. ENGLISH WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive English report M/S/C

The English working group will be collaborating with the First Peoples Working Group to redevelop their goal statement in terms of decolonizing. Colin Gilker recommends that other groups consider reviewing their goal statements as well, or perhaps Steering may develop an overarching statement in the future.

Action Sean Conway will bring this back to the committee next year.

Motion to accept English working group recommendations M/S/C

Mike Winsemann – BCCAT

Mike demonstrated the ABE grid conversion to the transfer system database. When this goes live in June all equivalencies will be correct, it will be easier to access and use for students and transfer agents at the institutes and it will be easier to update. Updates and changes throughout the year can be rectified. Mike asked for clarification about the official name of ABE as other terms like upgrading are often used. Sue confirmed that ABE is the official name. Another question was if we still need or want the PDF document. We'll be able to print on demand grids and we can download them in excel format. There was discussion about the role of the ministry in maintaining the Articulation guide and some thoughts on making the handbook as static as possible and editing it as much as possible by leaving out anything that needs ongoing revisions. Mike said that by May there will be the past three years of grids in a searchable database.

Barb Binczyk – AEST

Barb has a number of work groups and because of the extensive goals that they're working on they are also working across units. She spoke to the mental health initiative, "We're Here to Talk". She said that one of the initiatives they've been working on this past year included increasing the number of ECE spaces available as well as the spaces in Health Career Access. They've been working on the launch of a second medical school. They've added 2 000 technology relevancy spaces. Proposals for community literacy programs have been received and they will be reviewing for the next two year cycle. They have more than 100 proposals from 80 – 90 organizations. She reported approval of AUG for the lift of the grant for technology. For disability projects this is the eighth year of one time funding. She spoke to the ABE tuition reimbursement plan of 2017 where institutes invoiced the ministry of lost tuition twice a year and that this is not base funding. Institutes are expected to use base funding to support ABE. They've pivoted invoicing to an upfront model. Tuition reimbursement will be at the beginning of the year based on forecast. She noted that enrolment is down by 20% as students are not signing for on-line delivery. 14/18 institutes reported declines. They are hoping to meet with some institutions to discuss tuition reimbursements. There's a lot to sort out. Tuition reimbursements are onerous for the institutions and for the ministry. She shared that she will be leaving in January. She noted points raised that the decline was also related to other things being

discontinued that couldn't be delivered remotely, that the majority of students wanting courses on line was because it was the students who are taking courses on line that were being asked and that there are students concerned about having to pivot again.

INSTITUTION REPORTS:

4. SOCIAL SCIENCES WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive Social Sciences report M/S/C

Two key talking points at the working group were of 80% alignment with the ministry and institutional representation to the group. There's concern about losing courses because of lack of representation. They had a conversation that courses need to be indigenized and that some content needs to be better informed. They'd like a lens of connection or feedback to help better inform their work.

Motion to accept Social Sciences working group recommendations M/S/C

Sue Brigden, SLP, Deans and Directors of Developmental Education

Sue reported that this her last year. She said that the concerns that Barb spoke to were also concerns of the deans and directors. They will invite a chair to attend their meeting of May 20th and asked for them to send notes in advance. When she leaves next year it will be time for a new SLP and recommended Jeannie and said that it's up to the committee to let BCCAT know who we want as systems liaison person. She said that the committee would have 15 minutes on the agenda. She said it's important to attend because the composition of the Dean's table is ever changing and it's important to make it a point to educate new people and that its composition is now including many from outside B.C. She said that it's good for us to introduce ourselves to the deans and to help provide some perspective. She stressed that in our consideration of who we chose as SLP that we keep in mind that some deans have huge responsibilities and aren't attending ABE, or don't attend the whole meeting and that's important that they are available to attend the whole ABE portion.

Action: Lisa will attend the May 20th meeting on behalf of the Steering Committee.

INSTITUTION REPORTS:

5. FIRST PEOPLES WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive First Peoples report M/S/C

Motion to accept First Peoples working group recommendations M/S/C

6. ALF WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive ALF report M/S/C

The group discussed the themes/issues/stresses on faculty with the sudden shift and the issues of digital literacy skills and that impact on access to technology, concerns for the future with shifts of literacy from colleges to community organizations, shifts from

articulated courses to prep level courses, the need for smaller class sizes at this level and the pressures to keep up enrolment and students' struggles to access resources. The committee noted how we evaluate our program and how institutes evaluate are different with the example of that if courses don't go to a degree program that they don't count.

Motion to accept ALF working group recommendations M/S/C

7. EDCP WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive EDCP report M/S/C

The group discussed the challenges of renewal and the difficulties they've had to maintain their schedule for having courses renewed. They've developed an open text student success textbook which is available as an open resource.

Motion to accept EDCP working group recommendations M/S/C

8. COMPUTER WORKING GROUP

Motion to receive Computer report M/S/C

The committee provided minor changes which will be made.

Motion to accept Computer working group recommendations M/S/C

SURVEY RESULTS

Lisa Lewis shared the survey results about the impact of COVID experience on articulation process and future meetings. She will share the google slides to the committee. Sean Conway recommended that one person be designated to deal with Zoom issues and hopes that we may develop more opportunities for collaboration with things like break out rooms.

SYSTEMS LIASION PERSON

Motion To strike an ad-hoc committee to determine our recommendation as the committee's Systems Liasion Person. MS/C

CO-CHAIR ELECTION

Motion: To conduct an electronic election for the vacant co-chair position. M/S/C

Meeting adjourned at 2:05

Next Meeting: Tentatively April 27/28, 2022