

Social Sciences Subject Area Committee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2017, 9:00-3:30
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BCCAT Boardroom, Vancouver, B.C.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Present: Sharon Richardson (College of the Rockies)
Chantale Hutchinson (Okanagan College)
John Patterson (VCC, TRU Open Learning)

Remotely: Brad Bell (College of New Caledonia), Gordon Urban (Northwest Community College)

Approval of Agenda: approved by Sharon, seconded by John

Approval of October 2015 minutes: approved by Chantale, seconded by John

9:00 Meeting began:

1.1. **Introductions / Institutional Updates** – see reports attached.

2. Old Business

2.1. **Provincial Psychology and Articulation Handbook revisions** – many of our changes, although approved at Steering, did not make it into this year's handbook. The changes will again be passed on to Jim Beaton (Kwantlen) in good time to be entered in this year's edition. Follow-up will occur at our October meeting.

Motion: This committee moves that College of the Rockies SOSC 70, HIST 90, and GEOG 90 be removed from the grid, and that Social Psychology 090 be re-named PSYC 090. As well, that Vancouver Community College PSYC 081 and 091 be re-named PSYC 0981 and PSYC 0991 and Law 082 and 092 be changed to Law 0982 and 0992 on the transfer grid.

Approved John Seconded Sharon

2.2. **Re-articulation of SOST 62-63 from Selkirk College** – the course has not yet been re-submitted with revisions for approval from the committee.

3. New Business

- 3.1. **BCCAT Update (Ruth Erskine)** – Ruth walked us through the changes to the BCCAT website noting the Spring Update Newsletter and the new Articulation section. The group was pleased with the layout and information available. A discussion ensued regarding the challenges groups have had with adopting Kwantlen's Moodle Site. Ruth said that BCCAT is looking at alternatives and may be adopting their own Moodle site to host pertinent documents for each of the committees.
- 3.2. **Ministry Update (Tegan Tang)** – See attached document.
- 3.3. **Evaluation of the new K-12 Curriculum** – the group looked over the new graduation requirements and speculated as to how these changes will affect ABE i.e. what alterations to ABE curriculum will be required, if any?
- 3.4. **Provincial Geography Outcomes** – the group has not had a subject specialist in geography for many years so Chantale passed on the curriculum to a geography professor at Okanagan College for some feedback. His comments were shared and we then began to revise some of the generalized language in the learning outcomes. Aside from adding measurable verbs, the outcomes appeared sound and of appropriate scope for a course at this level.

Motion: The ABE Social Science Working Group moves that the language changes applied to the Provincial Geography learning outcomes be adopted in the upcoming ABE Articulation Guide.

Sharon approved John seconded

Lunch 1:00-2:00

- 3.5. **Steering Committee Update and Report from the Chair (Colin Gilker)** – The group expressed our continued concern about the relevance of the grid when our committee has had such low attendance over the years. Colin walked us through the process of taking courses off of the grid and encouraged us to take our concerns to Steering to express our desire to maintain the integrity of articulation, thereby requiring institutional support and representation.

Colin discussed the challenges institutions across the province are facing with ABE in the face of tuition, especially since many no longer have transitional funding available. Challenges for ABE students when claiming tax refunds, due to AUG being taxable income, were also mentioned.

- 3.6. **Articulation of HIST 050 (Brad Bell – College of New Caledonia)** – We posed some questions to Brad regarding the course outline, particularly surrounding the nature of assignments (whether or not there was a research paper) as well as if the curriculum of Provincial History is the correct fit for the type of course he wishes to offer.

This discussion also prompted Sharon and Chantale to explore the possibility of creating a more contemporary provincial level course on social justice as this may be a better fit for what most institutions, and their students, are looking for.

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- 3.6 **Con't** Brad is now pursuing Advanced Social Studies as his course and will pass it through Ed Co prior to our October meeting to then be articulated.
- 3.7 **Resource Sharing** – John mentioned that *All About Law* is not likely to be updated due to declining purchases. The group is going to investigate options for updating this resource or finding an appropriate replacement.

Brad is also looking for an appropriate text for the HIST 050 course that we were articulating this meeting as his listed resource is from 2003 and may not adopt the approaches he wishes to integrate into the course.

The group also shared lesson ideas, resources, and popular activities.

Action Items:

Changes to the Articulation Guide for Psychology, Geography, and the grid.

Template for course outline for Brad

Encourage greater attendance when at Steering and find out specifically which humanities courses have been offered in the past two years.

Social Studies course outlines are due to be examined in October according to our rotating schedule (all levels from Intermediate to Advanced)

John will contact publishers of law texts to see if we can update parts and use it.

Meeting adjourned: 10:50 Friday, March 24, 2017

Next Meeting: October 19-20, 2017 Capilano University

