

Social Sciences Subject Area Committee Meeting
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
October 18-19, 2018 Minutes

Present: Sharon Richardson (College of the Rockies)
Chantale Hutchinson (Okanagan College)
Allison Alder (Selkirk College)
John Patterson (Vancouver Community College)

Regrets: Colin Gilker (Capilano University)
Gordon Urban (Northwest Community College)

9:00: Meeting convened

Approval of Agenda: *moved, seconded*

Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2017: *approved, seconded*

A. Reports

- a. BCCAT - Chantale walked the group through Ruth Erskine's report from BCCAT. The group was interested in the research on core competencies that is currently being conducted.
- b. Institutional Reports
 - i. VCC – see attached
 - ii. TRU Open Learning – Much larger enrollment than the university itself. Offer math, biology, English and physics. Compared costs of courses to College of the Rockies. Currently more expensive.
 - iii. College of the Rockies – largely directed studies. Enrollment good but slightly down. Would like to develop a social justice course in the near future.
 - iv. Okanagan College – face-to-face delivery, Provincial Law, Provincial Psychology and Advanced Socials offered on a rotating basis. Looking to have psychology become an accepted pre-req for nursing. Would like to develop an online Law 12 to offer at outlying campuses. Smaller campuses experiencing increased enrollment; Kelowna slightly lower registrations.

B. Old Business

- a. Articulation Grid – The group examined the current grid to ensure that recommended changes had been administered. In several areas they had not. Required changes include:
 - i. College of the Rockies
 1. Remove SOSC 70, HIST 090 and GEOG 090
 2. Change Social Psychology to PSYC 090
 - ii. VCC

1. Remove ENG 098 and 099, FNST I / FNST II
2. Rename LAW 0982/0992, PSYC 0981/0991
- iii. TRU Open Learning
 1. Remove SOST 010, FNST 030/040
- b. Institutions that have not had representation for several years and are required to submit course outlines if they wish to remain on the grid:
 - i. Camosun College *
 - ii. Nicola Valley Institute *
 - iii. North Island College
 - iv. Thompson Rivers University
 - v. Native Education College *
 - vi. Vancouver Island University
- c. The committee would like to seek the support of Steering and our SLP in reaching out to these institutions to ask for representation next year with Advanced Social Studies and Provincial History course outlines for articulation.

*have indigenous courses that should be removed from Social Science and placed in the Indigenous Courses section of the grid.

C. New Business

- a. Allison Alder and Kyle Beres from Selkirk College presented an overview of their project – *The ABE response to K – 12 curriculum changes*.
 - i. The group compared the new K-12 Law 12 and Social Studies 11 curriculum to our current articulation and found considerable commonality between the two law courses. However, the approach and content of the K-12 Social Studies is significantly different from the current ABE course. The group did not feel that alignment with the new curriculum would be the best decision moving forward and instead would like to focus on the development of a Social Justice curriculum. No decisions have been made though as the group will wait for the report's findings and directives.
 - ii. Recommendations and insights were passed on to the project coordinators.
- b. Provincial Law Text
 - i. The group again discussed the challenge VCC and OC face in replacing their Law 12 text. BC Campus resources were examined and deemed inappropriate for this level. John agreed to consider applying for project funding from BC Campus to develop the chapters that require updating in the current text.
- c. Social Justice Learning Outcomes
 - i. Sharon and Chantale examined the K-12 course and gleaned 80% content from the course overview. Using additional applicable resources, the Provincial Social Justice curriculum was developed.
 - ii. **Action Item:** The group will now send the draft to the committee for feedback in hopes to have approval in time for Steering to present the course.

Adjourned – Oct. 19, 2018 – 12:00

Next Meeting – Tentative – VCC October 17-18, 2019

