

ABE Science Articulation Committee

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS (BCCAT)

Online

Oct 20/21, 2022

Present – Day 1

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Recorder: Michelle Gunness – Capilano University
Welcome from Greg St. Hilaire

1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Introductions/welcome
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additional Items
Motion: to adopt the Agenda with additions
M/S/C
4. Approval of minutes of the Articulation Committee meeting of <DATE>
M/S/C
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
None
6. BCCAT Report – Annabella Chun
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8. Other Guest Reports/Presentations-
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9. ITEM/TOPIC

Sub-committee Reports

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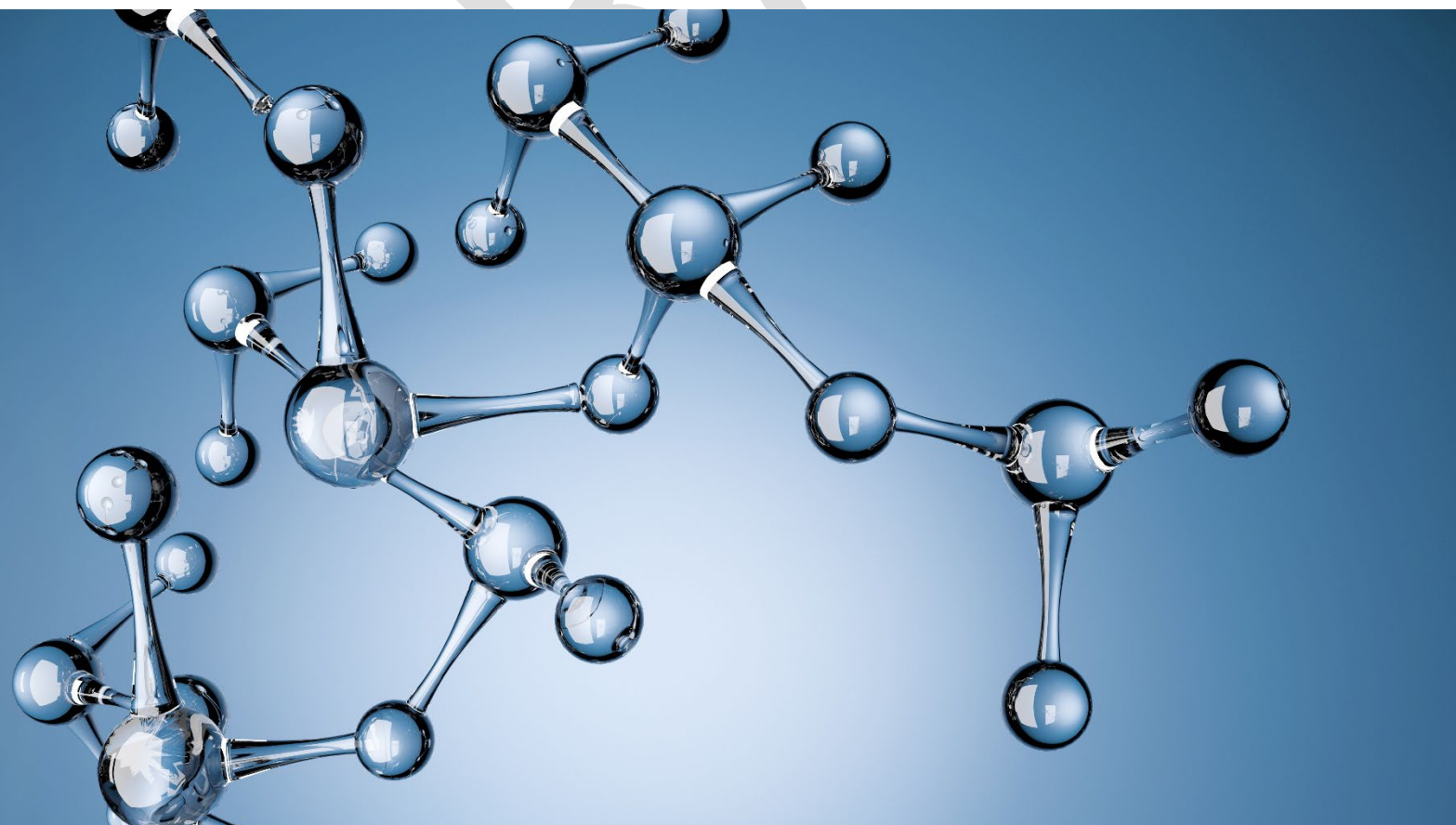
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ITEM/TOPIC (*Summarize discussion*)

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Oct 20, 2022 General meeting
9 am – 10:30 am, 1:00-1:30 pm
Attendance

Name	Institution	Email	Subcommittee
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Barnabe Assogba	KPU	dossou.assogba@kpu.ca	Biology
Christine Miller	TRU	cmiller@tru.ca	Biology, General Science Chair, General Science Subcommittee
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Derek Knox	TRU-OL	dknox@tru.ca	All subcommittees
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Stephanie Boychuk	VIU	Stephanie.Boychuk@viu.ca	Biology
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Acceptance of Agenda and past minutes

- None opposed.

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Other discussion items

Institutional Updates

BCIT- no report

Camosen – no report

CapU – most classes are full; flex classes are being offered (mixed in person/online); demand remains high for remote learning

COTR – no report

Kwantlen – 50% full; labs in person, classes online

NIU – all labs on campus, but lecture online (determined by admin); enrollments are lower; only one classroom that allows flex so limited ability to use that teaching model; for chemistry all delivery formats are available; students like the hi-flex especially on distributed campuses but this mode is difficult for instructors (effectively teaching two courses at the same time with in-person and remote students)

NLC – minimum grade 12 requirements are all available online; fundamental are available in person; others available by video conference (brings 4 campuses together)

OC – enrollments are low; primarily face-to-face (labs and most classes); considering more alternative formats

Selkirk – domestic numbers across campus are almost at pre-pandemic, international still low; when given choice last year most students opted for online, but were not successful; this year all classes are in-person but with accommodations from main campus; smaller regional campuses with low enrollment (e.g. one student in Provincial Chemistry on a campus)

TRU – new provost is interested in improving regional programming, which is good for ABE; retirements not being replaced so lots of work delivered by non-tenured faculty; investigating concierge model for enrollment (modelled by Selkirk) helping to convert inquiries into enrollments and support students; no hybrid programming because of standing agreements between TRU and TRUOL;

TRUOL – seems to have better completion rates this year; lack of peer collaboration

UFV – faculty name has changed, combined with Professional Studies (incl Social work, Business), now called Faculty of Education, Community and Human Development; good enrollments in advanced and provincial; various modes of delivery (some fully online to fully face-to-face)

VCC - Classroom based: enrollments more or less back to pre-Covid levels; ABE is face-to-face; some instructors record lessons for students who are sick, but expectation is primarily in person.

-Self-paced: most students still prefer online; many want to do testing in evening rather than daytime, so harder for instructor scheduling; enrollments are good.

NEC – no report

VIU – collapsed International Education faculty, now part of Development; administrative changes ongoing; some large departments talking about developing prep courses to prepare students for fall rather than have them in ABE, some enrollments low; Pathways (72 enrollments!) integrated into standard classes, physics 12 enrollments are low (small classes), may reduce offering to once per year, physics students have had improved success being in person; has a committee that is looking at developing standards for online offering of courses (e.g. a standard shell for delivery of courses)

Coast Mountain College – several campuses with small population, therefore online has offered increased opportunities for regional online offerings (kitchen labs package - sent from library); involved with “Contact North” remotely staffed learning centres that can help support students doing online learning

through CMC; retirements not replaced so decrease in instructors, which is limiting courses that can be offered due to staffing. Terrace campus has new student housing.

Yukon – no report

Discussion: terminology for First Peoples

- Is there a preferred terminology for Indigenous vs First Peoples to use in articulation discussions?
Action: Stephanie Boychuk will consult with First Peoples working group.

Articulation tracking and referencing

- Steering committee Moodle site will have an archive of articulation approvals to keep track of when each course was last articulated
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11. BCCAT Transfer Grid Excel Spreadsheet Update

12. Election/Re-Election of Chair and/or SLP (if required)

Motion: to approve Christine Miller for Co-chair of ABE Science Committee

M/S/C

13. Next meeting:

Location: Capilano University

Date: Oct 19 and 20, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 1230 pm