

Piping Articulation Meeting 2022 – Minutes

Meeting Date:	June 14, 2022
Location:	Okanagan College
Meeting Time:	8:30 am – 2:30pm
Committee Chair:	Darren Vaux
Committee Vice Chair:	Brad Oliver
Recording Secretary:	Jacque Lankester & Jessica Pak

Participants:	Brad Oliver, Bruce Slater, Raymond Koepke, Jevon Pals, Greg Wirachowsky (Okanagan College), Mick Bryant, Carston Davids (BCIT), Rodney Smith, Jeremy Abbott (UFV), Darren Vaux, Joshua Stull (Camosun College), Jordan Falk (UFV), Rob Labreniere (KPU), Mike Vallee (College of the Rockies), Paul Simpson, Pete Arkestry, Rob Newhouse (TRU), Nick Charette (North Island College), Eric Bradbury (PVC)
Regrets:	Rick Vanier (Technical Safety BC), Corry Wong (BCWWA)
Guests:	Chris Bey, Colleen Rogan (ITA), Ryan Milligan, Marissa Mihailoff (TSBC), Tim Carson (BC Campus), Jack Moes (SLP)

Administration

Welcome/Introductions	Participants introduced themselves and briefly outlined their respective programs. Stephen Speers (Dean of Trades, Okanagan College) welcomed the group on behalf of Okanagan College
Approval of 2022 Agenda	Approved
Approval of Minutes from June 2021	Approved by Paul Simpson 1 st Seconded by Rod Smith

Reports

BC Campus – Tim Carson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Attached Presentation • Once Open Content is available, cannot go back to closed content • Must be accepted by all and used • Projected date for completion of Plum L3 is Fall 2022 • Bookstores will be able to bring in binder from BC Campus, as well as available online
ITA/Skilled Trades BC – Colleen Rogan/Chris Bey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Attached Presentation • Mechanical Trades are in 2nd rollout for STC Phase 1 • Changes to Red Seal website, on Red Seal breakdown – there is a self-assessment guide to help prepare for exam • Also working on self-assessment tools for SLE exams • ITA does not deregister, up to apprentice/Employer to deregister from system

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Sheet feedback is reviewed regularly, if comments are regarding specific questions, an Action report will be created to review • Separate comments such as not taught, did not learn' are sent back to Training Provider • Concern over timeline for Plum L1, extra week would be helpful with teaching/learning • Current program can be reassessed and presented to Executive for review
<p>Technical Safety BC – Ryan Milligan, Marissa Mihailoff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Attached Presentation • Questions – Auto renew so we don't have a 2.5 yr GAP? After the reconciliation agreement signed then government will have more pressure to adopt GAP • Implementation of the new Class B Exam Bank: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 150 – 125 questions 2. Exam Bank Code Updates – see slide 3. Exam will be updated with the new codes are in place 4. Questions – ITA notified that CL3 and CL4 are still running at the same time as HL. Will CL students have access to the CL exams? They are aware of this issue and will most likely have an indicator regarding CL and HL • Program Recognition update – refer to the PowerPoint • Framework or checklist being developed to have for the testing and process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful but lots of back and forth between TSBC and College 2. Questions 3. What is the need for 2 invigilators? It is meant for back up 4. Is there a fee involved if we provide the space, computers, set up, instructors? Yes there will be some fees, we are not 100% sure how much. Fees will be based on setting up the training, auditing, etc. Most likely this will be paid when the institution is approved 5. Change in the number of questions on the exam? It has been put on the table but not confirmed yet. 6. Camosun Pilot – We tried putting that exam online but ran into many struggling. Internet issues, home stress, computers etc. • **Action item: What is it that we have to go through to stop TSBC involvement to this GAS certification? How can we go forward to change this? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write a letter to who? ITA, Ministry? Dean's forum – Jack & PAC's? 2. ITA has right to certify & TSBC has the right to work (licensing)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. TSBC recommends the gas questions on the L2 and L3 SLE's (they also are the only ones to issue the certification) 4. You must put your case together regarding the pain points and then have a recommendation ready 5. Red Seals issued in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Alberta, 3 Territories (issued by AB)
BWWA – Corry Wong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corry not able to attend, Darren given update to read • Annual CC conference was success (50th yr anniversary), water work side, very little CCC info • May 14-16, 2023 in Penticton • Need for more proctors – spread the word • September 1st – all 3 devices • 2019 – over 600 people certified • 2020 – 250 people certified • 2021 – 400 people certified • Failure rate 20%

New Business:

June 15 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about smaller committee meeting • Sprint meeting – textbook project for GAP (2-3 days) • ITA syllabus learner tasks: 130-134 L4 instrumentation?
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Discussion

Points from Previous Day Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that TSBC is having apprentices write the gas exam from Harmonized level when apprentice is Current level • Is this an issue? Are apprentices writing the correct exam? • Jason Green was asked what the deadline for accreditation was. Was told there was no deadline for accreditation from TSBC
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Shared Resources – Moodle Discussion – Rob Lafreniere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached presentation • KPU Moodle has site accessible to all, even if not KPU student or staff • Once account created, email Rob and he will add to classes for sharing/editing teacher • Query to add shells for all trades/class levels – agreement that would be good and share with all • Used links to BC Campus for books, does not add scans or copies of books • Teaching Resources folder for items to be added, meet semi-regularly to organize • Material added to folder, BC Campus prefers links to dropped items • TRU is open to sharing/communication
System Liaison Person (SLP) – Jack Moes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate means of communication to ITA, etc. • BCATTA appoints person to be SLP for each trade, Jack is SLP for Piping Trades

- Meets 3-4 times per year prior to COVID, has resumed hybrid meetings as of Fall 2021
- ITA does presentation at meetings, regarding higher level items
 1. Funding models, etc.
 2. Talking about Indigenization, Women in Trades and initiatives to create inclusive training
 3. And influencing trades to look at barriers to inclusion
 4. Don't Be A Bystander program with ITA, BCWIT
- Conversations regarding Skilled Trades Certification – why no inclusion of Plumber, enrollment pressure on institutions
- Process around mid-year reallocation for training plans to submit to ITA
- ITA – identify participants for curriculum workshops or RSOS workshops, Chris will contact Jack requiring need to instructors and then Jack will reach out to invite names of instructors to put forward
- This call goes to public institutions and not private schools as funding is from ITA and for public schools
- Feedback on if/who this works? Is this ok? Gaps in communication?
 1. Darren is copied on email and sent to group so all are aware call is gone out
 2. Paul – process is right process, email to Darren is key so instructors can approach Dean
 3. Darren – appreciate hard work and including in items as sometimes do not receive emails from Deans in timely manner
- Darren – suggestions on how/path to follow to allow ITA to administer gas exams on behalf of TSBC, frustration with TSBC
 1. Paul – move gas exams into portfolio from TSBC, Gas A 7 B is outlier in this area, why want this to students – barrier to students, fees and barriers to completion
 2. Darren – concern over fees and extra licensing that is needed
 3. Paul – timely as Gas A/B is part of roll out and timely to move to ITA and remove TSBC and concern for accreditation for schools – already accredited by ITA
 4. Jack – aware of issues, don't disagree in principle. Not sure of how to influence this change. Change needs to come from above TSBC – where case needs to be made, it timely to make the case. Do homework on where/how to make the case. 100% sure that BCATTA would be behind this
 5. Paul – has done some digging, will send to Darren and then Jack. Ministry of Affairs to TSBC. Will need to amend 2 acts to let TSBC let go of certification. Is available for meeting to provide background, thoughts on issue
 6. Darren – Paul has done lots of work
 7. Rob – students are very frustrated with situation, fees and licensing, fees to set up exams at own school. Frustrating to everyone

	<p>8. Paul – not saying TSBC should not give exams, just when attached to apprenticeship. Should be under ITA only as part of apprenticeship, crossover becomes inefficient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren – discussion during Harmonization 8 weeks for all levels, did not happen. Level 1 is big concern, amount of material in L1 added substantial content to L1 and 30 hour GAP training. ITA didn't dismiss idea of moving to 8 weeks for L1, have seen this before? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack – is difficult thing to change, what has been added to justify change, argument in process of harmonization. New items added, time allocated not reflective. Still conversation is worth continuing and is going to follow up with Colleen to see what is needed to make the case to ITA would vote on change. Time allocation was wrong and needs to be corrected. To make more effective technical training for L1 – did we get weeks right at outset – no L1 is struggle. Will commit to following up, what needs to be done 2. Darren – please keep in loop and he will keep group in loop • L1/L2 curriculum was created with different partners – L1 Open School/Queens printer. L2 TTBC /Queens printer, have lost access to make changes, materials are copyrighted • L2 were not provided with final edit and material is full of errors, schools are making own changes, students losing confidence. Present to Tim and see if ITA will allow BC Campus to take ownership of materials, is aware that there may be a cost <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack will stay for conversation with Tim 2. Darren – almost completed L3 and this is managed much better, changed are able to be made and made quickly 3. Jack – ITA agreed they were in business of making curriculum, willingness to transfer curriculum to other systems that would work better. If pressed is possible way to L1/L2 transferred and esp. in light of seeing new model works better. What sense of L4?
<p>Level 1 and 2 Modules Corrections Discussion – Committee/Tim Carson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally ask BC Campus to take ownership of L1/L2 content • How would this work? Can this be done? • L4 curriculum development has been given to BC Campus to continue, working to get authors and peer reviewers. Then will start work on L4 development • L3 is almost done, waiting on final details and ITA requirements. Ready for ITA review by mid July. L3 resources ready for Sept intakes, L4 completed in 1 yr starting in September • Had out of camera session with Colleen, may be conversations about transferring L1/L2 to BC Campus. Then would reach out regarding gaps and looking for revisions • Not sure what timeline is, done concurrently with L4 or after L4 not sure when transfer of material will be done. 2 yrs at most, all four levels will be open and revisions can be made to levels

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Articulation group sent to Tim/Colleen with request to move L1/L2 to BC Campus • Jack – letter from BCATTA? Tim would not turn that down. Jack will follow up with that.
<p>Open Discussion - Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter – how long have modules been in place? How to get another trade done? For RACM? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email request to Tim making this official 2. If RACM will be part of committee, then become part of sub committee 3. Will talk to ITA regarding status of materials, when trade is up for review • 1.5 yr from start of conversation to now for L3 materials • Peter – wants to move to better content rather than piecemeal and same interpretation of syllabus • Ray – course development comes from greater input rather than 1 person • Peter – will follow up and send email • Paul – do a reach out for materials for RACM and get more information • Peter – just want to start conversation and be aware of process • Eric – TSBC – represent public safety, use argument with Red Seal exam is best shot <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New RSOS – small changes made, will be out shortly to review 2. Gas B program outline – no gas on IP 3. When done L4 Plum will need to start Gas fitter apprentice and collect hours 4. Items in L2/L3 specific as part of Gas Fitter, 35% of L4 is dedicated to L1 gas fitting 5. Tell apprentices which topics in L2/L3/L4 are for L1 Gas Fitting so they are prepared for Gas L2 and not items on IP exam 6. Concern that Plums will not do well in L2 gas fitting • Darren – has none, did GL2 and was all gas fitter • Material for Gas L1 is in all levels and just needs to pull it out of textbooks • Paul – all material for GL1 will be done after completion of PL4 • Darren – Eric are you considering a prep class for GL2? • Eric – yes a recap and online class to help prep them and review from L1-L4. Idea at this time • Peter – are there Gas items on all the SLE and IP exams? • Paul – yes there is gas content in the SLE exams • Nick – is everyone offering GL2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UFV – will be getting both levels 2. OC offering both levels 3. COR – not offering but would like to offer GL1/2 4. TRU – offering both levels

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Nick – waiting on accreditation, going through grandfathered certification, still working CL4 • Darren – do you let people leave program early if they accelerate early, like 2/3 early? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brad – no we do not 2. Nick – let them self pace in the shop, two week practical at end, can let them go early 3. Rod – down to 25 weeks for program, if program is 28-30 weeks then could leave early as ITA minimum is 25 weeks 4. Darren – was being flexible, letting student out if they got a job. Brought to attention that they get completion of L1 5. Paul – find a way to be flexible within model is a good thing, not wanting to cut down/take pieces out of program. Funding is for 25 week program. Not wanting to hold students back, experience is key 6. Would be good to have consistent across province, word does get around. Students will go where the program is shorter 7. Liability if person gets hurt on job – goes back to school and lack of training. Or is it W/D or graduated? 8. If student W/D's they could challenge exam with the ITA, time requirements for challenging exams might not be enough with Foundation hours. • Paul – TSBC send annual report to Ministry of Housing/Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Province retains resp for approval, regulations says that. Will have to go up to Minister for approval for change • Paul – curriculum sub committee – Josh would like to join committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Articulation committee runs sub committee and provides work and has Articulation rules and regulations 3. Darren – adding to committee? 4. Paul – yes as others would like to join? 5. Queries regarding committee? How committee is run? 6. Update = working with BC Campus on L3 and to be L4 7. Darren – vote on Josh or Ken joining committee, approved to join committee 8. Paul – if interested in being author or peer reviewer then reach out to Darren or Greg. Committee is open to this and hearing from people. Don't have to come with writing knowledge, there is onboarding and style guides to follow
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Move to Adjourn	Approved by Peter, seconded by Josh
	Meeting adjourned 11:51am
Next Meeting	June 13/14, 2023 at North Island College – to be confirmed