

2023 Adventure Articulation Group Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2023, 9 AM – 12 PM

Location: Online

Chair(s): John Telford

Minutes: James Rodger

Attending:

David Pinel - North Island College

Chris Ladner – Capilano University

Yue-Ching Cheng – Langara College

John Telford - Camosun College

Bridget McClarty – Capilano College

Emma Courtney – Langara College

Sarah Osberg – College of the Rockies (MAST)

James Rodger - Thompson Rivers University

Jamie Boulding – SPL

Julia Tashiro - SPL COLT Director

Don Webster – College of the Rockies (ATBO)

Sean Thompson – West Coast Adventure College

Matt Kellow – VIU

Regrets:

Darcy Mullen – NOLS Pacific Northwest (regrets)

Guests:

1. Welcome/Call to order

- a. Brief introductions of participants – name, affiliation, territorial acknowledgements
- b. Regrets
- c. Confirmation of minute taker – James Rodger
- d. Clarification of procedures/decision making – informal/conversational, motion and vote to carry as required

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: to approve agenda of June 1st 2023

- David and Don proposed and accepted

3. **Approval of minutes**

Motion: to approve meeting minutes of May 27th, 2022

- Sarah and Sean proposed and accepted.

4. **Correspondence & BCCAT updates**

- BCCAT Updates – No discussion

5. **Reports**

One person from each institution/org to provide a program report for this recent year, including enrolment, successes, issues, changes, updates, trends, risk management, etc.

College of the Rockies (Golden Campus) – Don Webster

- Soft year on enrollment, due to support services and 75%
- Accommodation an issue.
- 20 first year and 18 second year
- Success – adult and international students.
- Int'l Students entry tool for PR card
- 5% international
- Program review, changes in academics and elective courses, core courses
- Trends emotional distress and mental health challenges
- Risk Management – more injuries on own time, nothing major to report.
- Safety Management plan upgraded.

College of the Rockies (MAST program) – Sarah Osberg

- 27th year graduation
- 18 students' capacity
- 12 students
- Next year looking soft –
- Schedule and block format is working.
- Accommodation a challenge with lack of housing and affordable housing
- Review of adventure risk management, Avalanche safety plan
- Tenure and permit review.
- No MAJOR

Thompson Rivers University Adventure Guide Program -James Rodger

- Certificate full 42. Diploma 25 for 2022/23
- 2023/24 Certificate 35 and Diploma 35
- Trends – Mental health challenges and services required to meet student needs.
- Risk Management incidence, punctured lung , Wells Gray.

Capilano University Outdoor Recreation Program – Chris Ladner

- Pap OREC 50TH ANNIVERSARY
- 26 OF 25 FOR THE FALL
- New Format for Delivery, Field trips September and Condensed Academic unit
- No final exams first year
- 2-year program and coop program
- Mental Health Challenges and instructors bearing weight.
- Changes – housing costs driving students to work while attending school.
- International students – forcing.
- Risk Management – Using TEAM, Member of the public rescued, TEAM coordinated with SAR. Students and Faculty can us it.
- Question Student Behavior Policy - What is everyone using? Or doing for student challenges
- Hiking Certification?

Camosun College Post Degree Diploma - John Telford

- 12 Students, 1 cohort – 8 students for 2023
- Students ghosting seems more common through application.
- Gender ratio 2/3 female
- Challenges – How and where to find the students. Most students are teachers.
- Program cost, Tangible benefits hard to measure.
- Successes – students' evaluations, alternative demonstrations of learning. Creative approaches
- Continuing partnership with West Coast Expeditions
- Program review starting for 2023,
- Not seeing Mental health challenges in adult learning groups

North Island College Adventure Guiding Programs - Dave Pinel

- NIC – Small 25th anniversary – David sharing lead
- 7-8 sessional instructors and 16 contractual partners,
- Instructors all graduates of programs.
- Successes – Hybrid model, cost recovery and traditional funding
- Enrollment 14 students – 4 students into diploma -
- Target 18 -20

- Diploma program interdisciplinary approach, student not wanting tourism management model.
- Custom programs – Remote wilderness lodge and Marine Guiding in Port Hardy.
- 2023 – 20 to 24 Students
- Program review starting.
- Cost and accommodation challenges. Students are working more and more and conflicting with program schedule.

Canadian Outdoor Leadership Training / Strathcona Park Lodge - Julia Tashiro / Jamie Boulding

- 2 x 100-day cohorts
- 18 students for the year, capacity 20 (8 female /2, male)
- Practicum model, successful. All students working in Outdoor Ed or adventure.
- Fall Cohort (6 female/2 Male) indigenous participants increasing.
- Risk Management – nothing to report.
- Challenges – Student funding and financial pressure increasing, ghosting becoming more common.
- Fall 2023 cohort soft enrollment.
- Application and review process for screening more indepth for Mental Health
- Extreme Weather challenges – Programming affected.
- Challenges

Langara College - Yue-Ching Cheng

- Community recreation 24 students
- Fall cohort but can join anytime.
- Cohort diversity increasing – 50/50 international students increasing.
- Challenges with student conduct and
- 2 Grants – virtual exchanges (Ireland and Penn State) 8 students to Ireland – Global Skills Grant. CEWIL Work integrated learning Grant (mini practicums)
- Mental Health Challenges, time management with working challenges.
- Outdoor component – 5 day trip in conjunction with OB. 7 students identified as ineligible.

West Coast Adventure College - Sean Thompson

- Enrollment Soft, 2023 looking soft,
- Challenges – Mental Health student Challenges
- No major Risk Management issues
- Trends – Staffing Challenges

VIU – Matt Kellow

- Rec-program / Sessional Kinesiology Program
- Kinesiology Program – demand high and enrollment full

- Challenges – Staffing.
- Admin Challenges and budget pressures. Programming Costs rising and more focus.
- Workload changing – admin pressures adding up
- No risk management issues to report.
- Land use challenges

6. **Items arising from reports**

Add items to agenda as required or agree follow-up strategy between relevant parties

7. **“Moving forward” updates**

One person from each institution/org to report/update how things are taking shape for 2022/23 programming and onwards – from an institutional/org and program perspective

College of the Rockies (Golden Campus) – Don Webster

- Program review – academic changes and Indigenization efforts
- Dave and Don – Auxiliary position for ACMG Guide 8-9 week position

College of the Rockies (MAST program) – Sarah Osberg

- Greater consistency in staffing model/sessional
- Land-Use agreements
- Program review and implementation for academic courses

Thompson Rivers University Adventure Guide Program -James Rodger

- Indigenization and building relationships. TTES, Simpcw. Coyote brings food project.
- Succession Planning, retirements, and recruitment of new faculty.
- New provost and acknowledging uniqueness and attraction of adventure.
- New faculty contract and sessional wages

Capilano University Outdoor Recreation Program – Chris Ladner / Bridget McClarty

- Program Review – 2029 – increase indigenization course content
- Succession planning and process.
- System struggles and process challenges.
- Increase in International students
- Reduced final exams.
- Capilano Faculty association currently negotiating
- KORE Summit – Kimberly BC, Umbrella organization – Selkirk.

Camosun College Post Degree Diploma - John Telford

- Changes in the upper admin for more decision-making powers.
- Program Review – Evaluation to move away from grading to competent or not-competent.
- Partnership with SPL

North Island College Adventure Guiding Programs - Dave Pinel

- Accountability efforts – from Institution and Ministry of advanced education
- Program Review
- Place-based Learning and Indigenous training – capacity issues with local partners
- Tourism and Hospitality now resides within Business and Economics

Canadian Outdoor Leadership Training / Strathcona Park Lodge - Julia

- Increasing our costs to meet industry wages and food costs.
- Instructor recruitment success
- Schedule changes to meet weather related challenges.
- Indigenization efforts focusing on local communities. Working in the Yukon
- Relationship orientation and emotional support more of a focus. Capacity issues from staff and faculty to help better support community members.

Langara College – Yue-Ching Cheng

- Student challenges with group work and efforts to increase success on a professional level.
- Emergence of AI is a challenge and faculty working on strategies to identify and use AI strategically and ethically.
- Working with Musqueam more closely.
- Makers Space

West Coast Adventure College - Sean Thompson

- Working on schedule and program flow and logistics

VIU – Matt Kellow

- Activity Courses open to more students within larger university.
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8. Items arising from moving forward updates

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9. Other new business

- a. Adventure core curriculum document
- BCCAT Funding options, What supports are available. Jon to Follow up

- James to follow up with Tourism and how they update CORE
- Is it time to move outside of tourism? Move to Adventure alone.
- Macro guidance around Adventure Programming and guiding. Indigenization and Diversity.
- Prepare for laddering effects and larger process of review with stakeholder involvement.
- Please check-in with local contacts on articulation.

Student Behavior Policy

- Student Conduct policy included in the handbook. Zero Drug/Alcohol Policy.
- Values exercise to set team, what behaviors are consistent with the set values.

Certifications

- What are the standards? What certs? Is this part of the CORE curriculum? Hiring criteria?
- Advanced WFR/OFA 3, Industry Standards,

Tuition

- 2 percent increase across the board.

Weather Related

- Informalex, Where do we set standards for air quality? Changing course locations in response to smoke hazards. Firesmoke.ca, purpleair.com

Mental Health

- Mental Health Wilderness First Aid. More Institutions are including it for faculty and students

Tenure/Permitting

- TRU process frustrating and expensive. Contracted outside firm to complete renewal process. 11 years in process and 40k plus.

Base funding

- Every institution has different models.

Risk Management Branch to Post Secondary

- Students not required to sign Waivers According to Risk Management Branch.
- Release of Claims.

10. Date of next meeting

Late May / early June 2023

Adjourn meeting:

- **Motion to Adjourn -**