MINUTES

BCCAT's English Articulation Committee Meeting, May 5, 2023

The BCCAT English Articulation Committee met **online synchronously** via Zoom on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 8:30/9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Attendees are listed on the attachment.

PRESENT: *See Appendix: Attendees*

ABSENT: *Athabasca University, Emily Carr, JIBC, NVIT, RRU, Yorkville University*

1. **Call to Order.** Tat 9:00 am, the EAC Chair, Linda Harwood (Selkirk College), welcomed everyone to the committee's *online synchronous* meeting via Zoom.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Any Additional Items.** Approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes of the online, asynchronous annual meeting of May 2022.** Approved unanimously.

4. **Introductions and institutional report summaries (Round Robin).** Members posted, summarized, and discussed their written institutional reports. Here are the main themes:

   a. **Enrollment recovery.** After enrolment decreases resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, institutions are mostly experiencing modest enrollment recoveries.

   b. **Delivery modes.** Despite returning to primarily on-campus delivery of courses, many institutions, such as Douglas, Camosun, and UVic, expressed their significantly high student demand for continued online courses, both asynchronous and synchronous. Many institutional administrations were noted as preferring on-campus and hybrid models over online delivery modes, however.

   c. **Student preparedness.** For a variety of potential reasons, some representatives noted a decline in student readiness to study at the post-secondary level. UVic noted "grade inflation" as well. Several members noted a common student expectation for flexible deadlines and student absenteeism.

   d. **Student Mental Health.** The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on this generation of post-secondary students seems to have contributed to an increase in the number of student mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety, and the higher number of student accommodations being made, as noted by DC, SC, KPU, UVic, and FIC.

   e. **Paradigm shift in the teaching of reading and writing to think and to learn.** Almost all representatives noted the impact of artificial intelligence tools as potential plagiarism machines. Several institutions are already processing cases of students using platforms such as ChatGPT unethically. The committee expressed the need to explore ethical and pedagogical uses of these tools and to include clear guidelines in institutional academic integrity policies.

5. **BCCAT Report (Elle Ting, Research & Projects Officer).** Past and current research projects were overviewed. Her presentation slideshow will be uploaded to our Moodle page.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING from previous minutes:**

   a. **Workshop to revise the "First-Year Aims" document**. In break-out groups with designated sections of the document to revise, committee members updated the 2012 version of the Aims document to reflect the NCTE and CCCC principles and to align with the latest BC K-12 curriculum.

   b. **Workshop to add the new second-year aims portion to the "First-Year Aims" document**. In the same break-out groups, a second-year section was added to align with the related first-year aims.

ACTION: Linda Harwood will "clean up" the Google doc used to revise the Aims document and post it on the Moodle page and send it to BCCAT for publication on the BCCAT website.

   c. **Meeting mode for May 3, 2024:** The committee elected to meet in-person with the option of attending online synchronously as well (hybrid) at FDU, a place where the necessary technical infrastructure is readily available already.

7. **Re-Election of Chair and SLP .** By acclamation, the committee elected for Steve Roe to stay on as the committee's SLP (Systems Liaison Person), and Linda Harwood agreed to continue as the committee's Chair.

8. **Adjournment.** 3:17 pm

Next meeting: *Friday, May 3, 2024, at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Vancouver (HYBRID).*

Our tradition, since 2009, has been to meet on the first Friday of each May.

ENGLISH Articulation Committee Meeting Attendees
May 5, 2023 (via Zoom)

Member Institution	Representative	Email	Attendees
Alexander College	Graeme Abernethy	g.abernethy@alexandercollege.ca	Present
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BCIT	Marian Gracias	Marian_Gracias@bcit.ca	Present
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Coast Mountain College	Simon Thompson	simon.thompsonnwcc@icloud.com	Present
College of New Caledonia	Wendel Schwab	schwabw@cnc.bc.ca	Present
College of the Rockies	Caley Ehnes	cehnes@cotr.bc.ca	Present
Columbia College	Zeef Cabrita	zcabrita@columbiacollege.ca	Present
Coquitlam College	Bruce Lord	blord@coquitlamcollege.com	Present
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Douglas College	David Wright	wrightd@douglascollege.ca	Present
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Justice Institute of BC		liberalstudies@jibc.ca	*ABSENT*
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North Island College	Mac Newton	Mac.Newton@nic.bc.ca	Present
Okanagan College	Sean Johnston	SJohnston@okanagan.bc.ca	*Regrets*
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	Erin Ellerbeck	ele@uvic.ca	Present
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Vancouver Island University	Paul Watkins	Paul.Watkins@viu.ca	Present
Yorkville University	Lok Pokhrel	lpokhrel@yorkvilleu.ca	*ABSENT*
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BCCAT	Elle Ting	eting@bccat.ca	Present
Systems Liaison Person (SLP)	Steve Roe	steve.roe@alexandercollege.ca	Present