

# WOMEN'S STUDIES ARTICULATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

### BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS (BCCAT)

Hosted by SFU, on zoom and at Harbour Centre

Meeting Date(s): 3 May 2024

Present:

Member Institution	Representative	Email
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Vancouver Island University	KJ Reed	kathleen.reed@viu.ca
BCCAT Representative	Fiona McQuarrie	fmcquarrie@bccat.ca

Recorder: Tiffany Muller Myrdahl, Simon Fraser University

#### 1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 AM

#### 2. Introductions/welcome

- In attendance: Janet Mayr (Selkirk), Hilary Sanford and Tara Tudor (Camosun), KJ Reed (VIU), Gillian Calder (UVIC), Robynne Healey (TWU), Chris Rahim and Nashia Ajaz (Alexander College), Manisha Singh (Langara), Karin Beeler (UNBC), Jill Fellows (Douglas), Emma Lind (Okanagan College), Tiffany Muller Myrdahl (SFU)
- Regrets: Sarah Yercich (Capilano), Ilya Parkins (UBC-Okanagan), Bill Gottschall (New Caledonia), Sandie Dielessen (FIC)

#### 3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additional Items

Motion: to adopt the Agenda with additions

Moved: VIU      Seconded: UVIC      Carried

**4. Approval of minutes of the Articulation Committee meeting of 12 May 2023**

- Amendments: 8b: first sentence should read "Tracy Pennylight (Capilano) was nominated to be approached if and when a new SLP is required." (Addition in italics)

Minutes as presented/with amendments were approved.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Item raised in the 2023 meeting: "What are institutions doing generally, and what MCs have Women's and Gender Studies programs developed/are they developing?" Request to speak to microcredentials in presentation of institutional reports, if applicable.

To the question "how will microcredentials be articulated?", it was noted that there is an inconsistent definition of microcredentials via BCCAT and these credits are not articulated.

**6. BCCAT Report**

- Spring update: BCCAT celebrating 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the oldest provincial articulation committee. New council chair from Selkirk College. Research projects underway, including admissions through a disability justice lens (undertaken by researchers from KPU). Professional regulation (accreditation) having an impact on transferability of credits. Direct (or proactive) admissions is occurring for some units. Be aware to design course outlines for transferability. CFP for 2024-25 research. 3-year strategic plan includes attention to data exchange between Ontario and BC. Annual meeting in November, will be available hybrid. All sessions will be recorded and available on youtube channel.

**7. Presentation of Institutional Reports**

Reports (attached) were presented.

**8. TOPIC: Query about increased hostility (specifically misogyny and transphobia), do units/staff receive support from administration?**

Discussion highlighted that deans support but upper administration offers limited responses, which tend toward safeguarding after the fact rather than thinking preventatively.

**9. TOPIC: Changing the name of the committee from Women's Studies to a name that better captures current programs and offerings.**

Motion: to approve committee name change, to Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies.

Moved: KJ Reed      Seconded: Tara Tudor      Carried

Action Item: SFU will circulate the motion via email for members to vote.

**10. Other Business**

Desire for shareable curriculum and/or assignments/ innovative assessments with consideration for AI.

**11. Next meeting:**

Location: TBD

Date: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 12:30