

# Cook Articulation Committee

## MINUTES

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

Vancouver Community College

May 2, 2025

Present:

Member Institution	Representative
Camosun College	David Lang – Culinary Instructor
College of New Caledonia	Mandy Newcomb – Culinary Instructor
College of the Rockies	Tim Curnow – Culinary Instructor
Coast Mountain College	Brad Vennard – Culinary Instructor
Northern Lights College	Regan King – Culinary Instructor
North Island College	Xavier Bauby – Culinary Instructor
Okanagan College	Kelsey Oudendag – Culinary Instructor
Selkirk College	Thomas Render (Zoom) – Culinary Instructor
Selkirk College	Simon Parr – Culinary Arts Instructor
Thompson Rivers University	Jeff Jordan – Culinary Instructor
Thompson Rivers University	Adam Florence – Culinary Instructor
Thompson Rivers University	Jeremy Keighley – Instructor Culinary Arts
University of the Fraser Valley	John Garret - Culinary Instructor
Acsenda	Brian Rohl – Hospitality Instructor
Vancouver Community College	Collin Gill – Instructor
Vancouver Island University	Buddy Wolf – Program Chair Culinary Arts
VCC	Dennis Innes – Dean of Food Studies, Hospitality and Business SLP – BCATTA
VCC	Mark Massicotte assistant Department Head Culinary Arts
South Arm Training	Dennis Green (Zoom)
VCC	Ken Hookham Culinary Instructor (Zoom)
STBC	Ben Faber - Program Development Office
STBC	JJ Senorin – Apprentice Advisor
BCRFA	Ian Tostenson – CEO
BCATTA	Mike Wisemann

Welcome from Collin Gill – Chair

1. Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 am

2. Guests STBC update – Ben Faber, JJ Senorin

- Working on updating active apprentice registration numbers:
  - Colleges need to deregister apprentices after 6 months or waiver for PC 2.
  - Registration numbers should be reduced for next year's report.
- Exam results – there has been a decline in pass rates PC 1, 2 and 3 for the past three years.
- Additional work and topics:
  - Alignment with RSOS, work in progress. Stakeholder engagement – undertaking internal and external reviews.
  - Progressive credentialing model – no changes to date, undertaking surveys and discussions with deans, changes have been discussed for the past 6 years, there will be decisions made in the future around progressive credentialing.
  - Harmonization national standards – name is now Cook not PC 1, hours are also harmonized, total program hours are going from 5540 to 5400.
  - C of Q level exam development happening in June. STBC will work with Instructors and Industry professionals to update 30 - 50% of the test bank questions.
  - There is a draft of the new program outline. Implementation date (Spring 2026)
  - There was a review of Occupational standards and development of a new OAC. Next there will be a competency migration and gap analysis.
- Reference materials will need to be developed. Is there a textbook of choice?
- Reviewed with the committee changes in the draft new program outline.
- Discussed practical assessments. Protein substitutes and vocabulary used to communicate tasks in the assessment. Practical assessments are part of future discussion and decision-making including whether to keep them or to what degree.
- EADC (Education and Social Development of Canada) are surveying jurisdictions regarding practical assessments.
- Discussed teaching to the importance of teaching to the appropriate level and transferring between provinces and institutions.
- Discussed using Wiley – Gisslen Professional Cook as the main textbook as reference for future test development.
- Discussed hiring criteria, instructor qualifications and equivalences in education.
  1. This topic is under review for consistency between trades.

3. Guest Ian Tostenson (BC Restaurant Foodservice Association)

- Discussed international student crises
  - Lobbying for hospitality to the provincial government is essential for the strength of labour market and educational systems.
  - Eighteen billion dollars a year in industry. One hundred ninety-thousand-person labour force. Project fifteen to twenty thousand short in Culinary. Previously, the province relied on foreign workers to fill skilled labour gaps.

- The government has implemented reduced immigration and education in the hospitality field, creating a “real mess” for the economies of BC and Canada.
- The Canadian government has introduced a 10% cap on the proportion of temporary foreign workers (TFWs) that can be hired in low-wage positions at a specific work location.
- Culinary educators, BCRFA, and Restaurants Canada need to be aligned and articulate in their messaging to the government regarding the needs of the industry.
- More data is required to identify gaps and create a comprehensive plan to deal with labour shortages in hospitality and boost the economy.
- Discussed ideas around making the Red Seal or similar credential mandatory for working in the field of Culinary.
- Discussed getting mandatory trade status and the threat of culinary education being privatized.
- Discussed how the hospitality field lacks advocacy with the government, unlike other trades and their unions. Organizations like BCRFA are essential in conveying the needs of the industry directly to the government.
- Discussed pathways for domestic students to bridge into academics.
- Discussed how base funding per domestic student for college culinary programs falls short in and is unsustainable. Without the revenue from international students, opportunities for domestic students in culinary/food service education and training would be hindered by fewer resources and higher costs. Government organizations listen to industry; very often, the industry does not comprehend the integrity of what is taught in colleges.
- BC Colleges is the group that currently talks to the ministry.
- BCRFA.com has an “industry development fund” that encourages the industry to apply for support to instill change.

#### 4. Guest Mike Wiesmann - BCATTA Report

- BCATTA is funded by the ministry to coordinate the BC transfer system which consists of all the public and private college and universities. BCATTA is funded by the government but not the government.
- Changes of immigration Canada are at the forefront of what is being looked at regarding enrolment and financial challenges institutions are facing.
- General funding: travel to articulation meetings is part of the general operating funds in institutions. In some cases, articulation funds are being conflated with PD funds.
- Face to face articulation meetings are proving to be more robust and meaningful than past online meetings.
- BCATTA produces several reports on student mobility. Completed (*Google -Students Transitions Projects*) can be viewed online. BC is the only province that conducts these tracking and performance reports.
- Ontario and BC will soon be using the same technologies with their articulation systems. This will simplify processing with a long-term goal of a future national technological system.
- BCATTA is looking at ways to utilize AI into the articulation systems and it looks promising.

- The Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) transfer articulation conference will take place Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (online) and 7<sup>th</sup> (in person) at the Paradox hotel. Always well received and a great way to meet with articulation counterparts as well as listen to keynote speakers. BCATTA will also post presentations on YouTube.

## 5. Roundtable Discussion

- Discussion of international student restrictions:
  - New international student restrictions are affecting each institution differently. Some are highly affected, and others are not at all.
  - Institutions are marketing heavily, which requires "a ton" of work, including outreach, events, and recruiting initiatives for domestic students.
- Round table institutional updates; see institutional reports for more information.
- I'm looking for help with leadership in the Cook committee. Tim is helping to manage Moodle, and Ysabel offered to increase her role as co-chair moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm