

# BC HUMAN SERVICES ARTICULATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

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

Institution/Location: Camosun College, Interurban Campus

Meeting Date(s): May 26-27, 2025

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Recorder: Jenny Holder – Camosun College

#### DAY ONE

1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:10am
2. Gathering and Territorial Acknowledgment
3. Welcome from Carly Hall, Dean, HSHS, Camosun

4. **Introduction of Theme - Meaghan Feduck, Committee Co-chair:** Decolonizing at threat our holistic approaches at risk as we face cutbacks connected to the overall political challenges. This means threats to DEI initiatives in our institutions.
5. **Approval of Agenda and Any Additional Items**  
Motion: to adopt the Agenda with additions  
Moved: Kristen Hargreaves      Seconded: Jennifer Erickson      Carried
6. **Approval of minutes of the Articulation Committee meeting of May 24 & 25, 2024**
  - Amendments: Issues noted in subsector groups and date incorrect for Camosun hosting 2024/2025Motion: to accept the Minutes as presented/with amendments as noted:  
Moved: Glenn Beach      Seconded: Yvonne Gomez      Carried
7. **Introductions – Robin Fast** – members introduced themselves, shared a tourism “pitch” from their home communities, and shared how many articulation meetings they have attended.
8. **Subsector Groups – SSW, EACS, CYC**
9. **Reports from External Representatives**

**Jennifer Kook, Associate Director, Member Services and Engagement**

- JAM – Nov 6-7, 2025. Hybrid event. Conference will be held at the Paradox Hotel in Vancouver.
- View previous JAM sessions online on our [YouTube channel](#).

[Research Reports](#)

- Exploring Use of Letters of Permission in the BC TS: This proposed project examines how both sending and receiving institutions manage LOPs, and the transferred credit associated with them. LOPs have resource and revenue implications for all participating institutions. Paper to be published shortly.
- Decisions on Awarding Equivalence for Courses at Institutions Outside BC: Project conducts an environmental scan on the processes and criteria used by BC Transfer System members to determine whether to grant transfer credit to courses or programs from external institutions.
- Canadian Language Benchmarks: This project will align the Canadian Language Benchmarks with the BC provincial English for Academic Purposes Course Outcomes. The results will be published in the BC Transfer Guide and will improve consistency across admissions processes and transferability between institutions. Maintaining a strong alignment between course outcomes and the Canadian Language Benchmarks is key to transferability between institutions for EAL students. <https://www.bccat.ca/publication/eapclbsummary2024/>
- BC Transfer Students Profile and Performance Report that highlights data from 2018 through 2023. <https://www.bccat.ca/publication/bctransferstudents2024/>

**Technology**

- ONCAT will be adopting the BC Transfer Credit System (“TCS”) for use in Ontario. Pilot will begin in June 2025.
- BCCAT working with TRU on the BC Credit Bank project to expand the TCS to house micro-credential pathways to degree programs.

- TCS Modernization – stakeholder consultation underway to review BCCAT’s technology platform, with a goal of leveraging new and existing technologies to support transfer.
- Pilot of TCS Pathways application to occur over Summer 2025. The tool will use TCS workflow and course data to create, articulate, maintain, and publish program-to-program agreements.

### Carly Hall, Deans and Directors Group

EA competency framework consultation process and BC Campus Open Education resources and how program reviews happen across the sector. Frequency of reviews be looked at in the context of faculty resources available. What adjustments are needed for each institution are decided by each institution only the external expectation is set by the BCCAT. Each institution decides how they use the funding given based in their priorities. Dean’s role in advocacy would not be a college wide resource role but rather an advocacy role for their school. There is not a System Liaison Person SLP right now and Carly has reached out to BCCAT to ask for a new representative and she will reach back to inquire if there is someone in process for the role.

Presentation to the Deans by the Ministry of Education regarding the EA competency to update them and not a consultation.

## DAY TWO

### 10. Subsector Groups – SSW, EACS, CYC

#### 11. Discussion of theme:

Human Service programs across British Columbia are navigating significant shifts in both student demographics and sector demands. Institutionally, colonial perspectives/frameworks, budget shortfalls (exacerbated by declining international student enrolment) have led to gaps in education, limited supports, and uncertainty for all, which impacts our capacity for relationality, reciprocity, creativity and excellence. At the program level, an increasingly complex student body is prompting educators to re-evaluate how they support learners facing new social, economic, and neurological realities, with cultural, linguistic and worldview differences. These shifts are not only influencing classroom dynamics, but also raising critical questions about curriculum design, delivery, and evolving workforce expectations.

The committee began crafting a resolution to take action on these issues - see addendum.

### 12. Report and Motions from Social Service Worker Committee

Chair: Glenn Beach

**Motion:** Whereas inequities exist in transfer pathways to BSW programs in the SSW subsector, be it resolved that the Deans and Directors advocate for a streamlined, equitable, seamless and student-centred system that will allow graduates of our diploma programs to transfer fully and directly into BSW programs, and an updated BCCAT Social Service Worker Grid document (previous version dated 2012). We request a response to this motion to the subsector chair by the end of 2025.

Moved: Glen Beach

Seconded: Robin Fast

Carried

### 13. Report and Motion from Child and Youth Care Committee

New chair elected by subcommittee: Tiffany Sosnowski

Discussion focused on student readiness and how that relates to practice in the field and curiosity about a roadmap for competency for first and second year students. The CYC Consortium continues to develop and convene around shared interests and concerns.

#### 14. Report and Motion from Education Assistant and Community Support Committee

Chair: Lisa Gates

Discussion centred around the Ministry's EA Standards of Practice; Competency Framework will be published in the fall of 2025 and the groups want it to be mandatory.

**Motion:** Motion to reconvene with the Deans and Director's Group to continue advocacy on EA Standards of Practice and Competency framework, prior to publication of the BC EA competency framework to be released in the fall of 2025.

Moved: Lisa Gates

Seconded: Kari Gustafson

Carried

#### 15. Election/Re-Election of Chairs

**Motion:** to approve Glen Groulx and Shannon Perlstrom as BC Human Service Committee co-chairs for the 2026 Articulation meetings.

Moved: Yvonne Gomez

Seconded: Lisa Gates

Carried

#### 16. Next meeting:

Topics discussed include TRC and Decolonizing Practices, Student Readiness and Complexity and Current Climate, Pathway/transfers, Invite Speakers from BC Fed and another community representative group with a rural lens for community group.

**Motion:** To accept Coast Mountain College as the host for 2026 Articulation meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> in Prince Rupert.

Moved: Robin Fast

Seconded: Shannon Perlstrom

Carried

#### 17. Any Other Business – see addendum

#### 18. Meeting adjourned 2:33pm.

#### ADDENDUM

***This resolution was developed during day two (see item #11) and completed and voted by email on June 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**Title:** Resolution to Commit to our Shared Values

**WHEREAS** the significant budget reductions in post-secondary institutions have resulted in significant losses, erosions and injuries to the content, relationships, transparency, collaborative decision-making and conditions of our work, as well as to student resources and experiences and;

**WHEREAS** the BC Human Services Articulation Committee recognizes the role of Deans and Directors to maintain and enhance the diversity, equity, and inclusion values, efforts, and corresponding resources, including those focused on implementing the recommendations of [the TRC](#), [The Calls for Justice](#) and [UNDRIP](#), that we see as central to a progressive, effective academy for diverse learners;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the BC Human Services Articulation Committee request commitment, action, and accountability from the Deans and Directors group in advocating for **the items above** on our behalf.

**Be if further resolved that** the BC Human Services Articulation Committee requests the immediate appointment of a Services Liaison Person to implement regular and consistent reporting on these matters from the Deans and Directors group.

Moved : Tanya Wroblewski

**Seconded:** Erin Yorke

**Carried**