

Minutes

2008 Computer Studies Articulation Meeting

Location: Malaspina University College; Nanaimo Campus
900 Fifth Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5

Date: March 27th – 28th, 2008

Meeting Participants:

- Bryan Richards – Thompson Rivers University (Committee Co-Chair)
- Martin Buck – Camosun College (Committee Co-Chair)
- Dan Chetner – Okanagan College
- Don Bentley – Capilano University
- Catherine Mooney – Northern Lights College
- Archana Acharya – Malaspina University College
- Peter Pike – Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- Velma McKay – College of the Rockies
- Debbie Taylor – Northwest Community College
- Beverly Jones Redekop – University of the Fraser Valley

Regrets:

- Brad McVittee – Selkirk College
- Meizhong Wang – College of New Caledonia

No Representative Sent:

- College of New Caledonia
- Institute of Indigenous Government – All Nations Institute
- North Island College
- Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
- Yukon College

1. The **Membership List** was updated as required
2. The **Meeting Agenda** was adopted as proposed.
3. The Minutes from the 2007 meeting were approved.
4. Members updated us on the status of computer studies at their institute. Enrolments are generally good but some have had to introduce innovative ideas to maintain numbers. At Capilano College ABE is a package deal with courses in English, computers, math, and EDCP. Malapina has 500 ABE students with each course accepting 24 students; they are always full and have waitlists. NVIT is 80 to 85% Aboriginal. NWCC uses shared materials and assignments to reduce textbook costs. The College of the Rockies has a seniors' centre on site so computer studies is a

popular course as it is tuition free; the College started with one section and now has four. Some members reported low enrolments but new partnering ventures with First Nations, business, or seniors groups will lead to improved student numbers.

5. Bryan gave a slide show about computing and teaching in a foreign culture. From TRU, Bryan taught in India last year in collaboration with an Indian institution. Successful students may then transfer to TRU to continue their studies in Canada.
6. Martin Buck gave an overview of the Ministry of Advanced Education's (AVED) workplace essential skills initiative. Several ABE programs are offering Essential Skills in response to this project.
7. The use of our committee website (<http://lwebs.ca/comp/>) was discussed and it was decided that Facebook is a better place to discuss computer issues.
8. A workshop was held in the computer lab and the new uses of USB Memory Stick were introduced as were Ubuntu (Linux) and GPS. A Facebook site was created for our committee and all in attendance signed on and used this great tool. Access was restricted to current members only. Sharing of resources and assignment ideas were encouraged but all are expected to contribute.
9. Learning outcomes for Computer Studies in the Articulation Handbook were revised, specifically in light of recent technological changes.

10. Meeting Motions

The following motions were passed with the approval of all:

- **Modifications to ABE Articulation Handbook Learning Outcomes**

Moved by Archana Acharya, Seconded by Velma McKay

Learning Minor revisions were made to a few learning outcomes. Most revisions related to technological changes (e.g. references to USB memory sticks rather than Floppy Disks). An L.O. having to do with Online Commerce was added to the Advanced Level.

- **New courses** approved for the Computing Studies transfer guide are listed in the table shown below:

Institute	Course Name and Number	ABE Course Level
UCFV	Computers 081	Advanced
Selkirk	CPST 52 and CPST 53	Advanced
Selkirk	CPST 62 and CPST 63	Provincial

- **Election of Chair**

Moved by Catherine Mooney, seconded by Debbie Taylor that Bryan Richards will continue in the capacity of Committee Chair.

11. Meeting Close

- Next year's meeting will be held in Las Vegas March 26th & 27th 2009 at Okanagan College, Penticton Campus.
- Martin Buck is no longer interested in Co-Chairing the committee as he will diverting his energies to teaching Math next year. Bryan Richards will carry on as Committee Chair.