

## 2010 Geography Articulation

Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday May 8, 2010 at Selkirk College in Castlegar, B.C. Canada.

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### Minutes

1. Call to Order at 9:15 by Gary Clohan, Chair (College of the Rockies)  
Allison Lutz (co-chair) volunteered to take minutes.
2. Introduction by attendees  
Regrets: Wim Kok did not receive funding from Northern Lights College to attend articulation
3. (M/S/C) (Goehring/Jackson) Approval of Agenda as amended
  - a. Item H. Institutional Reports will be given after item I looking for a new SLP
  - b. Additions to agenda:
    - I. New Systems Liason Person (SLP)
    - J. 1.5 x 2 hr blocks;

- K. Saturday meeting times;
  - L. Discussion of flexible pre:major
  - M. Check on maintenance of Listserv.
4. M/S/C (Weary/ Ofosuhene) to approve the Minutes of May 2, 2009 Geography articulation meeting held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, BC Canada.
5. Old Business/Business Arising
- A. Committee Representation from new/additional institutions – It was discussed that we would like to extend an invitation to Yukon College, Arctic College, Athabasca, Columbia College, Coquitlam College, Quest and others. Parthi Krishnan offer to contact John to see where this is at. Rossalind suggests we just go ahead and invite these other institutions. Chris Jackson suggests we contact BCCat for an updated contact list.
    - i. **ACTION: Allison Lutz will create a contact list to be added to the listerve for next year’s meeting.**
  - B. Committee Representation from High Schools
    - i. **ACTION: Chris Jackson will check into a high school representative on the committee. Chris will look into the possibility of having a local representative attend as well.**
  - C. Missing Representation from UVic - Committee acknowledges and appreciates Phil Wakefield’s (UVic) presence. Gordon Weary is concerned about UBC’s absence from this year’s articulation meetings. Rosalind Scarnelli suggest we send a letter to UBC indicating that no representation was here this year and that we sincerely hope they will be able to send a rep next year.
    - i. **ACTION: Allison and Gary will send message to UBC noting their absence.**
6. New Business
- A. Articulation Committee Companion. This new document is produced by BCCat and is available online at [www.bccat.ca](http://www.bccat.ca) for anyone hosting or chairing articulation meetings.
  - B. Institutional Contact Persons (ICPs) at Articulation Committee – Raili from BCCat requested that any change in representatives be forwarded to BCCat by each institution.
  - C. 2009 JAM (Joint Annual Meeting of Chairs, SLPs and ICPs) Attended by Gary Clohan, Allison Lutz One of the main themes of the conference was that the movement of students no longer follows a linear pathway from colleges to Universities. Students are moving in all directions and are influenced by a number of factors.
  - D. Pending & Expired Requests in the Transfer Credit Evaluation – The one year time limit on all articulation requests has been successful in reducing the cue. A list of pending requests provided by BCCAT was circulated around the room.

- E. Best Practice for Course Outlines – BCCAT now has a template for course outlines to improve the articulation/transfer process.
- F. New Transfer System Member Institution – Athabasca is a new member of BCCAT
- G. Denial of Funding to Attend Articulation (i.e. NLC)  
(M/S/C) (Lutz/Raphael) We write a letter to Northern Lights College and BCCat expressing our concern over the cut to NLC's articulation funding, that we stress the importance of face to face meetings, and state that articulation meetings are part of base budget funding.
  - i. **Action: Allison and Gary will send letter to NLC and BCCAT and CC the letter to the committee.**  
Rosalind stressed that we resist the idea of video conferencing.
- H. Suggestions for a new Systems Liason Person (SLP) – Robert Rogerson from UCanwest was our Systems Liason person. He retired last year and we are without an SLP.
  - i. **Action: Chris Ayles suggested Sally Hermansen from UBC and agreed to contact her.**
  - ii. **Action: Chris Jackson suggested Gail Fondel from UNBC and agreed to contact her.**
- I. Reports: Representative presented their institutional reports on their respective geography departments. A brief summary is provided.
  - i. **Enrolments:** generally enrollments are up in most geography programs/courses this past year.
  - ii. **Program reviews:** UVic has overhauled their programs and pulled 300 level physical geography courses down to the 200 level. UVic has a new course 101C. Colleges would like to get specific credit for this course rather than 100P credit. Phil Wakefield will bring the request to the department.
- J. 1.5 x 2 hr blocks;
  - i. **Course Hours:** Parti Krishnan asked for feedback on the proposal at Kwantlen to move from a 2 hr block to a 1.5 hr block, starting in social sciences. The committee agreed that there would be significant risk of those courses with reduced hours, not articulating.

M/S/C (Tripp/Clapp) Any reduction in course instructional hours will trigger a reexamination of pedagogical content for articulation purposes, and may jeopardize existing articulation agreements.

K. Saturday meeting times;

Allison spoke with BCCAT to see if they would be sending anyone to the meeting this year. Raili McIvor said that Saturday meeting times made it more difficult for BCCAT to attend. We discussed this and decided that Saturday meeting times are still the best option for the majority of committee members.

L. Discussion of flexible pre:major

Committee members will looking into the value of flexible pre:majors to discuss at next year's meeting.

M. Check on maintenance of Listserv

Ken Brealey will check with Claire Beaney [Claire.Beaney@ufv.ca](mailto:Claire.Beaney@ufv.ca) to see if she is still willing to manage the geography articulation listserv.

7. Selection of New Chair and 2011 Co-Chair/Host

The 2011 Geography Articulation meeting will be hosted Chris Ayles (Camosun College, Victoria) . Tentative meeting date is May 7, 2011.

8. Appreciation was expressed to Allison Lutz for organizing this year's field trips and to Gary Clohan for organizing and chairing the meeting.

9. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 15:00

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