

BCCAT Adventure Articulation Meeting 2017
June 6th, 2017, 11:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Capilano University, North Vancouver Campus

Minutes

Attending Members and Guests:

Dave Pinel – North Island College
Mike Neville - North Island College
Terry Palechuck – Thompson Rivers University
Jamie Boulding – Canadian Outdoor Leadership Training program
Brian Bell – College of the Rockies
Chris Dyck – Columbia Bible College
Don Webster – Capilano University
Caroline Depatie – Capilano University
Black Rowsell – Capilano University
Catherine Boniface – Capilano University

Regrets:

Dave Wan College of the Rockies
Matt Kellow – Vancouver Island University
Craig Lenske – NOLS

1. Welcome to Members & Guests

2. Review of Agenda

Call for additions
Communication devices currently being used on field trips (Brian)

3. Review of 2016 Minutes

Move to approve the minutes (Don)
Seconded (Blake)
All in favour – 2016 minutes approved.

4. Program/Institution Reports

Columbia Bible College (Chris)

BA and Diploma in Outdoor Leadership running well. New program in Emergency Rescue in partnership with the Justice Institute. Program includes rope rescue, SAR, avalanche rescue, and emergency responder training alongside traditional Outdoor Leadership curriculum Target market people hoping to work in police, fire, ambulance service and ski / bike patrol at resorts.

North Island College (Dave and Mike)

Adventure guiding certificate going well. Increasing focus on marine mammal and grizzly bear interpretation to prepare students for employment opportunities in these

areas. Aboriginal program in partnership with Vancouver Island University successful first year. Modules run in different locations along the coast.

Capilano University (Blake)

Outdoor Recreation Diploma Program based out of north Vancouver Campus. Focus is on middle management not guiding. Post baccalaureate in Adventure Management has been developed for fall of 2018. Program development of a Bachelor of Recreation and Adventure Leadership is underway. New president is supportive of program development.

COLT Program (Jamie)

Have been undergoing accreditation process. 40th Anniversary celebration in September. Full with 20 students. New building on site.

Quest University (Don)

Have been looking at developing an outdoor program. Vision is not fitting well with the University's focus on academics. Looks like this program will not be going ahead.

Thompson Rivers University (Terry)

Strong numbers for fall, full with waitlist. Offer certificate, diploma and degree. Certificate will now be the prerequisite for continuing to second year in diploma. Declare in November if continuing to diploma, and then there is an application and selection process. Management stream is being dropped from diploma, now to focus only on guiding in the diploma program. Partner program in Iceland has been successful and is going into its second year.

College of the Rockies (Ferne) (Brian)

Full last year with a waitlist (18 students). New canoe course from BCRCA – Expedition Guide course.

Camosun (Dave)

New Adventure Education post degree program, run through the Centre for Sports and Exercise Education.

Vancouver Island University (Dave)

Adventure Certificate in Recreation running out of Powell River Campus.

West Coast Adventure College (Dave)

Program is full and doing well.

Valemount College

First Nations and Destination tourism courses.

ACTION: To ensure that all of these programs are invited to have someone at the articulation meeting for next year (Blake / Brian).

5. Discussion Items

a. **Adventure Core** (Blake)

To what extent are programs still using the Adventure Core that was last updated in 2007.

College of the Rockies, Thompson Rivers, North Island College, Capilano all using the core curriculum Useful tool to add legitimacy to programming. Tailored to students within the different programs.

Computer skills are generally not being taught as a separate course. May be modules with in other courses e.g. on Excel.

Discussion around incorporating aboriginal awareness within cross cultural courses, or woven throughout programs.

ACTION: Add to agenda for next year. How to incorporate aboriginal tourism into the adventure programs. Review what Tourism articulation group is doing. (Blake)

Time to review the core and update the list of skills and certifications.

ACTION: Contact BCCAT regarding proposal to update core curriculum and a second proposal regarding integrating aboriginal tourism into the adventure programs. (Don)

b. **Program Consultation** - New Capilano Program for review and consultation, Bachelor of Recreation and Adventure Leadership (Discussion led by Caroline)

Capilano University is looking at developing a number of new degree programs over the next five years and phasing out diploma programs as a credential. Aim to fill a niche and not directly compete with other programs in the province, also to allow for articulation and transfer. The proposal will be posted to PSIP for comments once developed. Potentially ready for fall 2019. Years one and two similar to diploma, with third and fourth year concentrations. One concentration in guiding to capture Wilderness Leadership program content. Possible second concentration in parks, adventure tourism or interdisciplinary studies. Degree will contain CapCore –credits from across the university, required for all Capilano degrees.

- TRU, Iain Stewart Patterson is researching where graduates are and their pathways, may be willing to share the findings of this research.
- North Island College and College of the Rockies Golden may be open to discussion for articulation and transfer of diploma programs to degree. Keep in touch.
- Discussion about the maturity of the industry and the place for degree graduates in full time, long term employment. Industry does need premium people if able to attract them into the degree.
- Discuss fit with Camosun post degree program and see whether RAD degree students can continue to that program. Also discuss with UBC Outdoor Adventure Education Program.
- Students with degrees from a variety of disciplines may also be interested in going to skills focused certificates.
- Check VIU and aboriginal tourism program. Communicate with articulation.
- Incorporate aboriginal tourism and land use content. This is very important moving forward.

ACTION Caroline to send out more information to the group for comment once developed.

6. Industry Organization Reports

- Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia - Don**
Board has a new Chair. Don has recently stepped down as Chair. No major changes. New website. Guide exchange in different locations. Board is discussing dropping the age requirement of 19 years for guiding to 16. This may result in limitations such as first aid certification eligibility and ability to work in National Parks. Otherwise seen as a good idea.
- Wilderness Tourism Association (Dave)**
Board is working hard lobbying on behalf of the industry with many important issues such as tanker traffic on the coast, trophy hunting, forest land tenures. Needs to communicate this to its members. Institutional membership either as individual institutions or a consortium of colleges and universities is available, and would be welcomed and would be a way to support the important work of this group on behalf of all of our

graduates hoping to work in the industry. Dave circulated information on membership fees.

c. ACMG, CAA, Avalanche Canada (Terry)

Association of Canadian Mountain Guides A new course on guiding via ferratas.

Canadian Avalanche Association

Curriculum review for all programs – a multi-year task to update courses and align with terrain guidelines.

Avalanche Canada

Working with CAA to look at the flow of recreational programs to professional programs.

Decision making in avalanche terrain will be an update for next year.

Over 10,000 participants through AST courses this winter.

d. Others

Wilderness First aid continues to have a number of successful operators but no industry association.

An innovative OFA / WFA bridge course is being offered out of Alberta.

7. Other Business

Use of communication devices in the field.

Range of technologies are being used. Satellite phones, VHF radio, inReach devices, cell phone. Groups will usually have more than one option.

8. Co-Chair Election

Blake and Brian to continue as Co-chairs for next year.

Date of next meeting: June 2018, Capilano University.