



BC ELN STEERING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE May 21, 2014 - Minutes

In Attendance:

Tim Atkinson, Vancouver Community College, *Urban Colleges* (Vice Chair)

Melody Burton, University of British Columbia (Alternate)

Rosie Croft, Royal Roads University, *Small Universities* (Chair)

Elaine Fairey, Simon Fraser University and SFU Officer (Alternate)

Adam Farrell, University Canada West, *Associate Members* (Alternate)

Ted Goshulak, Trinity Western University, *Small Universities* (Alternate)

Mary Anne Guenther, North Island College, *Rural Colleges*

Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, AskAway Advisory Committee Chair, *Regional Universities*

Lisa Petrachenko, University of Victoria (Alternate)

Ministry of Advanced Education:

Kathy Buettner

Kate Cotie

Jody Ryall

Martin Young

BC ELN Staff:

Anita Cocchia

Gordon Coleman

Leah Hopton (Recorder)

Sunni Nishimura

Leigh Anne Palmer

Regrets:

Jonathan Bengtson, University of Victoria

Natalie Gick, *Simon Fraser University Officer*

Ingrid Parent, University of British Columbia

James Rout, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, *Small Universities*

Venessa Wallsten, Quest University Canada, *Associate Members*

Tuesday, May 21, 2014

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Minutes from the December 13, 2013 Steering Committee were approved by email.

Agenda items were reordered to allow sufficient time for discussion. There were no additional items added to the agenda.

2. Expenditure Plan 2014-15

A. Cocchia reported that the Innovation & Success 2013 report – BC ELN's de facto budget request to the Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) – was submitted in February. The report is available at: <http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1793>. The Ministry budget letter was received in April, confirming a grant to BC ELN of approximately \$485,000.

A. Cocchia presented the 2014/15 Expenditure Plan included in the agenda package. In response to an AVED request made to all provincial system agencies, this year the budget has been broken out into functional areas (i.e. Core, AskAway, WriteAway, e-HLbc). There were no comments or questions about the budget as presented.

MOTION: that the Steering Committee approve the 2014 - 2015 Expenditure Plan as presented.

Moved: T. Atkinson

Seconded: M.A. Guenther

Motion Carried

3. Institutional Repository Update

L.A. Palmer shared an update on the Institutional Repository (IR) activities undertaken by BC ELN under the advisement of the IR Concept Committee.

The vision of a provincial IR network received a strong show of support from library directors at the December 2013 BC ELN All Partner meeting. Following this, BC ELN responded to a request for proposal from the Ministry's Administrative Services Delivery Transformation (ASDT) Steering Committee. The ASDT Steering Committee – formed to investigate ways of implementing recommendations of the Deloitte Report – showed interest in the initiative. After submitting a successful funding proposal, BC ELN was invited by the ASDT Steering Committee to submit a business case that will detail the costs and benefits of an IR initiative to the post-secondary system. BC ELN is currently working on this business case with support from the IR Concept Committee. The IR Concept Committee is also seeking a letter of endorsement for the initiative from the Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD). The ASDT committee will be meeting in late June; BC ELN will share an update once further news is received.

4. Ministry Update

K. Cotie expanded on two initiatives resulting from the AVED Core Review: a) a Provincial Digital Library (PDL) that will enable access to academic research and discovery of open resources (e.g. creative commons licensed work), and b) investigation of opportunities for cross-sectoral library shared services (for more information see: <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2014/04/core-review-strengthens-private-institutions-libraries-and-international-education.html>).

AVED would like to bring together two stakeholder groups this fall that will inform the direction these initiatives take. The steering groups will involve K-12, public, and post-secondary library sectors. At the request of AVED, BC ELN will be canvassing its members for input on these two initiatives. AVED will also be seeking input from post-secondary libraries through CPSLD.

E. Fairey lauded AVED's intention of making open resources more findable and noted a connection with BCcampus' work with libraries to make open textbooks discoverable.

ACTION: The BC ELN Office will facilitate information-gathering activities and share results with AVED.

5. Streaming Media Proposal

Langara College has managed a streaming media service on behalf of 20 post-secondary institutions since the dissolution of AEMAC in 2010. Due a loss of capacity to sustain this work, Langara College has proposed that BC ELN take on management of this service, which involves licensing a streaming media technology platform (IRIS), and managing the content licenses (approximately 55 perpetual access titles and a handful of non-perpetual titles).

G. Coleman presented the Steering Committee with pros and cons of accepting the proposal. The committee clarified that licensing content on a title-by-title basis is a departure from BC ELN licensing philosophy given its time-intensive nature, and would likely not yield much in the way of savings for the consortium. Some concern was expressed around what might occur to the perpetual titles if BC ELN declined the proposal. E. Fairey inquired if perhaps BC ELN could take on the hosting contract with IRIS (with the 55 perpetual titles), but leave the renewal of non-perpetual titles to institutions. The Steering Committee discussed this option and agreed that the best course of action would be to investigate options with IRIS.

MOTION: That BC ELN communicate to Langara College that it will investigate the feasibility of taking on the management of the hosting platform and perpetual titles but will decline to take on licensing of non-perpetual titles.

Moved: T. Atkinson

Seconded: T. Goshulak

Motion Carried

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Next Meeting

The next Steering Committee will take place in-person on June 20, 2014 in Vancouver.