

## **BC ELN Steering Committee Business Meeting Minutes**

**Friday November 30, 2018**

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver**

### **In Attendance:**

Sheldon Armstrong, University of British Columbia (Alternate)  
Jonathan Bengston, University of Victoria  
Gwen Bird, Simon Fraser University  
Patricia Cia, Langara College, Chair  
Rosie Croft, Royal Roads University, Small Universities  
Natalie Gick, Simon Fraser University Officer  
Adrian Mitescu, University Canada West, Associate Members  
Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Regional Universities  
Trish Rosseel, Douglas College, Urban Colleges  
Dawna Turcotte, Northern Lights College, Rural Colleges

Ministry of Advanced Education:

Randall Gerlach

BC ELN Staff:

Anita Cocchia

Leah Hopton (Recorder)

Sunni Nishimura

Leigh Anne Palmer

### **Regrets:**

Kim Isaac, University of the Fraser Valley (Past Chair)

Susan Parker, University of British Columbia

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as distributed, with one additional piece of new business added.

### **2. All Partner Meeting Debrief**

A. Cocchia invited feedback from the Steering Committee on the format of the All Partner Meeting, which included information sharing on various technologies used in the sector, and the generation of inspiring suggestions for the consortium. Feedback on the day was positive. There was particular appreciation for the invitation of our system partner BCNET, as it brought a greater understanding of their work.

### **3. Vice Chair Election**

The Steering Committee discussed the Vice Chair position, which is open and begins immediately. The Vice Chair will continue to represent their constituency during their first year, then move into the Chair position in the second.

T. Mundle was elected to the Vice Chair position by acclamation.

### **4. Ministry Report**

R. Gerlach from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST) provided a report on government priorities. Of importance to the BC Government are: affordability, services that citizens can count on, a sustainable economy, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The latter issue is echoed as a priority for AEST. Other areas of import for AEST include: student mental health and well-being, international education, student housing, Open Education Resources, the K-12 curriculum transformation, accessibility, and greater access and support for former kids in care.

### **5. Communicating our Value, 2018-2019**

A. Cocchia reminded the Steering Committee of the survey conducted last year to better understand how BC ELN could clearly communicate its value to Ministry and partner libraries. This led to a streamlining of the annual Innovation & Success report. The intention this year is to submit an outline for the Innovation & Success 2018 report to Ministry for approval. A draft version of the report will go to the Steering Committee in the New Year, and a final version will be submitted to Ministry in February. R. Gerlach indicated that there were no suggested changes at this time and that an outline would be valued.

A. Cocchia asked R. Gerlach if there were any current opportunities for additional funding; R. Gerlach indicated that there are two opportune times to request funding from Ministry: in late summer/early fall and close to the end of the fiscal year (April). He advised that it was always good to plan in advance and submit accordingly.

### **6. New Business**

P. Cia brought forward a query from K. Plett at College of New Caledonia regarding the ongoing reporting and reconciliation of ILL statistics. The committee agreed this was a timely question but more information was required. The BC ELN Office was asked to bring information on ILL transactions to the July in-person meeting of the Steering Committee so that a fulsome discussion may be had.

### **7. Next Meeting**

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held via teleconference in May 2019.