



## BC ELN Steering Committee Business Meeting

3rd Floor – Point Grey  
Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel  
Friday, December 6, 2019  
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm Meeting

### In Attendance:

- David Burke, Yukon College, *Rural Colleges*
- Patricia Cia, Langara College (Past-Chair)
- Rosie Croft, Royal Roads University, *Small Universities*
- Patty Gallilee, Simon Fraser University (Alternate)
- Natalie Gick, *Simon Fraser University Officer*
- Adrian Mitescu, University Canada West, *Associate Members*
- Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Chair)
- Susan Parker, University of British Columbia
- Trish Rosseel, Douglas College, *Urban Colleges*
- Debbie Schachter, Capilano University, *Regional Universities*

### Regrets:

- Jonathan Bengtson, University of Victoria
- Andrei Bondoreff, Ministry Representative
- Deanna Reder, Simon Fraser University

### Ministry Representatives:

- Brandon Dwyer (via teleconference)
- Randall Gerlach (via teleconference) (Alternate)

### BC ELN Staff:

- Sophie Armond (recorder)
- Anita Cocchia
- Leah Hopton
- Sunni Nishimura
- Brandon Weigel

## 1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

## 2. Ministry Update

R. Gerlach from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, provided an update on government activity and priorities. Work is ongoing in the fields of Indigenous post-secondary education, increasing student housing/beds, and Open Education Resources. In addition:

- 21 of 25 public post-secondary institutions are now using EducationPlanner. UVic and UBC will be invited with a target launch of Fall 2020.
- Ministry staff are engaging with representatives regarding international education in BC on an approach that puts students first and ensures all communities benefit from international students. Initiatives will be rolled out in the New Year, with more direction to follow in mandate letters.
- Following \$9 million investment in co-op education in June 2019, two of three expressions of interest rounds have taken place (July and November, 2019) and funding will be available in February 2020. The remaining round will be in early 2020.

## 3. Terms of Reference Debrief

The committee were satisfied that changes 1, 3 and 4, as discussed at the All Partner Meeting could be considered as one motion.

**MOTION: To endorse the modifications to the suggested changes 1, 3 and 4:**

- **Simplifying the Format and Language**
- **Modify the Host Site Officer Role**
- **Formalize the Past-Chair Role**

Moved by: D. Schachter

Seconded by: A. Mitescu

**Motion carried.**

T. Mundle acknowledged there was lengthy discussion regarding proposed change number two - regarding governance and structure - and invited opinions on how to proceed.

After some discussion it was agreed that the table discussion sheets would be transcribed to capture all the issues and ideas raised. An analysis of the transcript and potential next steps would be shared with the Steering Committee. If necessary, a special meeting could be called and/or discussion could take place at the May virtual Steering Committee meeting.

#### 4. ILL Transaction Fee Recommendation

T. Mundle summarized that a general consensus to eliminate fees was reached, but with suggested considerations. It was agreed that a summary of the considerations, with an associated action plan, would be brought forward to the Steering Committee for review. Certain things need to be in place to ensure success and avoid unnecessary burden on individual institutions.

A. Cocchia proposed that the coming year could be spent working on education and producing documentation regarding best practices, plus improving the load leveling algorithms. S. Parker expanded that there is the need to change the perspective of those who do interlibrary loan, so that everyone understands how they can contribute and has the opportunity to do so.

It was confirmed that the ILL reconciliation process operates on the calendar year, and that the recommendation was to remove the fees for 2020 and to simultaneously continue to work on the considerations outlined. The agreement is to be evaluated after one year, and beyond that if necessary.

**MOTION: To eliminate ILL transaction fees between BC ELN partner libraries as of January 1, 2020, with the understanding that the considerations surfaced will be addressed.**

Moved by: T. Rosseel  
Seconded by: R. Croft  
**Motion carried.**

T. Rosseel commented that the communication of this decision should be accompanied by celebratory fanfare, acknowledging the change and work involved.

#### 5. Vice-Chair Election

The Vice-Chair serves for one year, and continues to represent their constituency during that time. They move to the Chair role on October 1. At that time, the Vice-Chair constituency group elects a new representative.

S. Parker was elected to the Vice-Chair position by acclamation.

## **6. New Business**

The committee wanted the Ministry representatives to be aware that following an exciting and fulsome discussion about “back pocket pitches” at the APM, BC ELN is well prepared for any funding proposal opportunities. R. Gerlach reported that the Ministry is still waiting to see what the end of the fiscal year will look like, but confirmed it is a good idea to be ready to go. He added that from a provincial perspective, the interlibrary loan discussion is about making government funded material available to as many BC citizens as possible.

## **7. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next Steering Committee meeting will be a teleconference to take place in May 2020.