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BCCAT Activities and Highlights since April 2011

2011 JAM

Will be held at the River Rock Casino Resort, Friday November 4, 2011. See:

<http://www.bccat.ca/articulation/jam/>

Articulation Committee Meetings

63 meetings have been held for 2011 with 4 yet to be held

39 meetings were attended by BCCAT staff

BCCAT is now tracking attendance at meetings and will make attendance lists available to interested institutions

Senior Liaison Persons (SLPs) for Articulation Committees

There are 23 vacant SLP positions with a further three becoming vacant due to retirement or change in position

(ABE English and Fundamental, Adventure Tourism, American Sign Language, Chemistry, Dental Assisting, Drafting Technologies, Earth Sciences, Electronics Engineering Technology, Engineering, Environmental Programs, Human Service, Mathematics and Statistics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Physics and Astronomy, Professional Cook Training, Sheet Metal, Sociology/Anthropology, Theatre, Women's Studies).

Enabling Mobility: Senders and Receivers

The Research Universities (SFU, UBC, UBCO, UNBC and UVIC) are now acting as senders amongst themselves and to the system for lower level courses and this information is listed on the BC Transfer Guide.

BCCAT circulated an issue paper and electronic survey on the topic of removing the sending and receiving designations to its contacts during the summer and is in the process of compiling the results. Further consultation will take place during the fall.

Block Transfer, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate Transfer Guides

The Transfer Credit Evaluation System (TCES) now allows for the creation and maintenance of Block Transfer agreements and AP and IB equivalencies. Institutions update their listings electronically through the TCES and visitors to the BC Transfer Guide can review Block, AP, and IB guides by institution and program.

Transfer Innovation Projects

Dr. Fiona McQuarrie has been seconded half-time from UFV to replace Jennifer Orum as Special Projects Coordinator for one year, starting September 7.

Flexible Pre-Majors

- current status: Psychology--in signing; Sociology/Anthropology—in signing; Economics—starting implementation; Computer Science—in implementation phase; History - in analysis phase
- *FPM Working Group Final Report* approved by Council, and available on BCCAT website at: bccat.ca/pubs/FPMFinalReport.pdf

Other Transfer Innovation Projects

1. ABT/OA (Medical Office Assistant Transfer Grid)
A Descriptive Pathways transfer grid for the Medical Office Assistant program, both on-line and on-site, at BC public institutions is in progress.
2. Early Childhood Education (Transfer Matrix Incorporating Privates)

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Expansion of the ECE course transfer matrices to include private institutions that are accredited, registered and approved by the Ministry of Children and Family Development - BC Early Childhood Educator Registry is in progress.

Transfer and Articulation Projects for 2011/2012

Block Transfer Students: Understanding Why

There is a small amount of funding available for an articulation committee to arrange for two focus groups of students, 1) students completing a diploma in a sending institution and planning to complete their degree at another institution, and 2) students at a receiving institution who have completed a diploma at another institution in the same discipline. Suggested areas are Tourism or Hospitality Management and Business.

How to Articulate Handbook: Second Edition

This year BCCAT will begin an update of this handbook based on revision of BCCAT policy related to removal of sending and receiving designations, and additions of sections such as degree partnerships, flexible pre-majors, articulation with private institutions, and credit for online courses.

Preliminary Review of Associate Degrees

The last comprehensive review of Associate Degrees was conducted between 1999 and 2001. Given the general decline in the use of these credentials across the system, it may be time to review their purpose, current usage, and requirements in light of change in institutional designations and the growth of degree options. Phase one will consist of a statistical report on numbers of associate degree completions and a report on current usage of the credential. This is anticipated to be a multi-year project, with phase one to be a scoping out exercise and preparation of background materials.

Examination of Trades and Vocational Transfer Credit to Academic Programs

The growth in interest in applied degrees and the need for people with trades qualifications to move into administrative or managerial positions, or to change careers in mid-life, has led to the need to examine whether trades and vocational courses, programs and credentials can be granted academic credit towards baccalaureate degrees. This project will examine current BC, national, and international practice and suggest possible action in this area.

Case-by-Case Articulation Research

BCCAT will conduct research to determine the processes used for case-by-case articulations by institutions, including the way these transfer credit assessments are conducted, how they are collected and stored and who has access to the records.

Student Services for Transfer Students

BCCAT will examine services that could be provided to transfer students including such activities as transfer days, student service units, and counselling. The project will examine practices in BC, Canada, and the US. The product could be a newsletter, workshop, or JAM seminar.

Research and Admissions Projects for 2011/2012

- Reporting Block Transfer Data
- Identifying Out-of-Province Students
- Degree Partnership Database
- Central Repository for Institutional and Program English Proficiency Requirements
- Applicant Research (Nursing)
- Survey of all Movers in the Public Post-Secondary System



BC COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER UPDATE:

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- Pan Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer (PCCAT): National Survey of University Transfer.

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