**BCOEL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2021 1pm-2pm via Zoom

**In attendance:**

Lin Brander, Mia Clarkson, Caroline Daniels, Debra Flewelling, Amanda Grey, Roen Janyk, Donna Langille (notetaker), Darcye Lovsin, Reba Ouimet, Urooj Nizami, Karen Meijer-Klein, Lindsay Tripp (chair), Hope Power, Martin Warkentin, Brenda Smith

**Regrets:** Michel Castagné, Ksenia Cheinman, Ali de Haan, Erin Fields, Elena Kuzmina, Rosario Passos, Melissa Smith, Chris Reimer

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome** 
   * Welcome to Amanda Grey (BCIT) Amanda just finished her library degree from UBC Vancouver. She is currently working on open education initiatives at BCIT and part-time at UBCV.
2. **Agenda: Changes and additions**
   * No changes or additions.
3. **Approval of the November 23, 2020 meeting minutes**
   * Approved with no revisions.
4. **BCOEL 2020/21 Priorities** 
   * Open Education Week event – discussion
     + The OE Week planning team has not met yet; Mia has volunteered to lead the team.
     + Lindsay and Urooj put forward an idea regarding “wicked problems” in online learning; this is a concept from social planning that refers to problems which are difficult to solve. Online learning has surfaced some unique challenges for students. The idea is a panel discussion with students about problems surfaced by online learning, and instructors who are using open educational resources and practices to address these issues.
     + Currently not a lot of professional development opportunities that center student voices.
     + Are there any speakers that were previously unattainable – since the event is online, we could leverage this opportunity to ask someone that normally wouldn’t be available? Suggestions include Robin DeRosa and Maha Bali.
     + UBC Vancouver will be hosting a speaker event during Open Ed Month. Donna will update once a speaker has been confirmed.
     + UBC is planning a month long Honouring Indigenous Writers event: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/HonouringIndigenousWriters/UBC_2021/Schedule>
     + Committee agreed to move forward with a student-centered event.
     + **Action:** Mia will contact folks who are interested in participating on the OE Week planning team and schedule a meeting.
   * Mentorship program (quick update from Brenda & Debra)
     + More mentors from the BCOEL have signed up, no new mentees yet
5. **OER project tracking (Urooj)**
   * How do people track their OER Grant projects?
   * Lin (BCIT): Emails and spreadsheets.
   * Debra (DC): Google spreadsheets.
   * Roen (OC): Instructors submit course syllabi, library looks at course reading list to supplement paid materials for open and library resources.
   * How are people tracking open textbook adoptions vs. ZTC courses?
     + Brenda finished her inventory and realized there is little overlap.
   * Hope (SFU): SFU OER grants program originally tracked projects via a master Excel spreadsheet -- but when the Institute for the Study of Teaching & Learning in the Disciplines (ISTLD) took on administration of these grants (in addition to a number of other SFU teaching & learning grants) last year, they benefited greatly from having these OER projects added to their existing database.
   * **Action:** Hope will reach out to inquire about the database for tracking grant projects.
6. **Copyright advocacy (Lindsay, Lin)**
   * There was a CFLA/CARL [letter](https://www.carl-abrc.ca/news/canadians-need-unfettered-access-to-government-publications-in-face-of-covid-19/), that was circulated on the BCLA listserv, that advocates for our federal government to modernize and improve access to government information.
   * Lin reached out to Lindsay about BCOEL doing advocacy / copyright reform work.
   * Should BCOEL prepare a letter to government officials?
   * What is the right avenue to pursue? Suggestions: BCcampus, BCOEL, BC Copyright Group
   * Roen: Buildings code advocacy project was successful. They went through the CPSLD.
   * Possible approach is to emphasize the challenge for students in accessing these documents. Contact BCELN / CPSLD to attend one of their meetings to bring up the issue.
   * **Action:** Lindsay to reach out to CPSLD.
7. **Round table discussion** 
   * Debra (Douglas): Successful recipients of the BCcampus ZTC Business Program grant!
   * Roen (Okanagan College): Successful recipients of a BCcampus time investment grant! Roen to get time release to work on open strategy.
   * Lindsay (Langara): Currently collating open textbook stats.
8. **Adjournment** 
   * Meeting adjourned at 1:55.
   * Next meeting: February 22, 2021 1pm-2pm.