**BCOEL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 13 1-2pm [via Jitsi](https://meet.jit.si/BCOEL)

Attendance: Amanda Grey (Co-Chair, minutes), Brenda Smith, Caja Blomley, Darcye Lovsin (Chair), Debra Flewelling, Ian Linkletter, Lindsay Tripp (minutes), Reba Ouimet, Roen Janyk

Regrets:

**Meeting Agenda**

1. **Welcome** 
   * Darcye called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.
2. **Agenda: Changes and additions**
   * None.
3. **Approval of the February meeting minutes**
   * The minutes were approved as circulated.
4. **BCcampus new collection – questions for marketing** 
   * BCcampus’ new open textbook collection <https://collection.bccampus.ca/>
   * Questions from BCcampus:
     + As a librarian working across OER or in a liaison area what potential (or current) role does the ‘library’ of curriculum streamed courses and textbooks do to ease the ‘work’ of open education goals at your institute? Or in the frame of the wider BC Community.
     + Do you currently rely on MARC records access for work? New updates to make those update more rapid soon I believe!
   * Feedback:
     + It is not intuitive to click on Subjects to narrow results by discipline (e.g. Business has 400+ titles)
     + Question: Will the old site eventually be sunsetted (e.g. autodirect to the new site)?
     + Some institutions rely on the textbook collection in EBSCO's holdings management
5. **Professional Program in Open Ed course information** – KPU
   * Winnie Wong is the contact at KPU. The program is comprised of a series of open education courses developed by experts in the field. This one-year program is open to everyone and designed to lighten the load for institutions that don’t have the capacity to provide deep open education training in house. Participants gain a foundation in open education, but there are opportunities to pursue specialized education related to one’s interests and role at their home institution (e.g. open education leadership). There is a field component in which participants develop and implement an open education project. Urooj Nizami assisted with its development when she was still in the Open Education Strategist role at KPU.
   * BCOEL members who plan to participate (e.g. Karen (this year) and Amanda (next year)) will provide feedback on their experiences in the program.
   * Action: Create a section under Resources on the BCOEL website for training opportunities.
6. **Roundtable** 
   * BS - TRU offered two events during Open Education Week. The open education talks organized by a group of Canadian post-secondaries is ongoing this month.
   * LT- Langara Library has a new director, Suzanne Rackover (formerly of Emily Carr). Lindsay recently met with Suzanne to discuss open education at Langara and identified some pain points (e.g. trouble administering the open education grants program due to college policies and procedural delays). They decided to pause the open education grants program in 2023/24. Instead, they will be directing their energy to planning a half-day open education symposium for Deans, Division Chairs, and Department Chairs in September. Open education appears in the College’s academic plan and the intent is to ensure that members of the Langara community, including administrators, have a foundational understanding of the open education movement and where Langara fits in the open education ecosystem. Suzanne and Lindsay hope that this will help re-distribute open education work more equitably across the College (e.g. administrators planning section release to allow faculty to implement open education projects on behalf of their department).
   * KPU hosted six Open Education Week events. Three events were recorded and will be posted on KPU’s open ed website:
     + Three instructors talked about partnering with students to co-create OERs.
     + UN SDG mapping project. Three former UN SDG open pedagogy fellows spoke about their experience in the fellowship.
     + Talk by Karen Cangialosi.
   * CB - SFU didn’t do much for Open Education Week due to staffing considerations. They prepared a [blog post](https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/publish/scholarly-publishing/radical-access/open-education-week-2023) and Senate made a statement in support of open ed. SFU will soon be providing in-house support for Pressbooks. BCcampus will be visiting campus to offer Pressbooks 101 training. Preparations are also underway for a presentation to Senate.
   * IL - Captioning Open Ed Week events is very labour intensive. He has been experimenting with Open AI’s Whisper protocol and is looking into privacy considerations. <https://writeout.ai/> is an open-source project that creates a VTT file that Kaltura can handle, and supports translation into other languages. It generates captions quicker than the video run time and the captions are quite accurate.
7. **Adjournment** 
   * Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:37pm.