**BCOEL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2024 – 13:00-14:00 online via Teams**

**Attendance:** Ali de Haan, Debra Flewelling, Elizabeth Johnson (chair), Ian Linkletter, Janelle Sztuhar, Lindsay Tripp (minutes), Lindsay Willson, McKenzie Young

**Regrets:** Amanda Grey

# Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Confirm Meeting Agenda**
   * No changes or additions.
3. **Approval of October 15, 2024 Minutes (on hold)**
   * The minutes from past meetings have not yet been added to the BCOEL website. Steering committee members will have an opportunity to review and approve previous meeting minutes once they have been posted.
4. **Open Access Week recap**
   * McKenzie hosted a successful event at VCC that was attended by a number of VCC instructors who are new to OER.
   * Ian provided an update on the [Canadian Privacy Library](https://www.privacylibrary.ca/) project:
     1. The library is fast approaching 500 privacy impact assessments (PIAs) from 18 out of 25 publicly funded post-secondary institutions (PSIs).
     2. BCIT’s Information Access and Privacy Office (IAPO) signed off on the Wordpress blog.
     3. Some PSIs have set high fees. He hopes that the Privacy Commissioner will assent to having these fees waived.
     4. There is a statutory requirement for publicly funded institutions to respond to FOI requests, but private PSIs are welcome to opt in and upload PIAs via the project website.
     5. After threatening to take legal action, Langara College has provided 21 PIAs in response to a May 2024 FOI request.
     6. Ian attended an event with the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and learned that creating an open repository of PIAs is one prong of a new strategy. Fortunately, The Canadian Privacy Library has already laid a foundation for this work. See the roundtable discussion section for more information about the event.
5. **Open Education Week event planning** 
   * Open Education Week takes place March 7-11, 2025. Liz is seeking institutions to partner on an Open Education Week event. Anyone who is interested in helping with planning can reach out to Liz. UCW’s finance department facilitated payment for last year’s event, which was cost shared by BCcampus, Kwantlen, Langara, and UCW. They may be able to do the same in 2025 if it will aid in event planning.
6. **Open Education in a time of enrolment decline**
   * Lindsay reported that Langara has one of the highest percentages of international students among publicly funded PSIs in the province. As such, it has been particularly hard hit by the federal government’s new restrictions on international students. In these uncertain times, recruitment and retention are more important than ever before. She wondered if anyone would be interested in working together to create a presentation about OER and how it dovetails with student success. The presentation could be openly licensed, which would allow others to adapt the content to meet their needs.
     1. Liz suggested that this could even be the theme for an Open Education Week event.
   * **Action:** Lindsay will follow up with McKenzie, who expressed interest in this project.
7. **Roundtable**
   * **Targets for open education**. Debra asked if any institutions have a target set for open education.
     1. Liz reported that UCW set a goal of integrating OER into all Associate of Arts courses. They did not meet this goal by the deadline, but they have made good progress with first and second-year courses (less so with third and fourth year courses).
     2. Lindsay mentioned that Langara’s President signed the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Accord. There are targets built into each SDG (one of which is Quality Education). She wondered whether institutions could also leverage these targets for goal setting.
   * **New copyright librarian at UFV**. Janelle reported that she has accepted the full-time continuing copyright specialist role at UFV. Congratulations, Janelle!
   * **Open Ed Week event ideas**.
     1. Lindsay suggested open ed/OER and disinformation as a topic for OEW. BCIT instructor Jennifer Kong developed [an OER to combat health misinformation](https://www.burnabynow.com/local-news/bcit-instructor-builds-free-resource-to-fight-health-disinformation-6442298) during the pandemic and was featured in various news stories. BCOEL could invite her as a keynote speaker, or structure the event as a panel discussion.
     2. Janelle suggested an OEW social event to help build community connections as an alternative to a more traditional event (e.g. keynote).
   * **Document Solutions for printing open textbooks**. McKenzie asked whether anyone is using Document Solutions at SFU to print OER. She has a number of questions about the service (e.g. how do institutions collect printed works from the Burnaby Mountain campus). No one on the Steering Committee was able to provide insights as most institutions do not offer OER printing services (UCW) or print in-house (Douglas and Langara).
   * **Digital Literacy Forum**. Ian attended an event hosted by the BC Deputy Minister of Advanced Ed and BCcampus regarding the new [digital learning strategy](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/post-secondary-education/institution-resources-administration/digital-learning-strategy/digital_learning_strategy.pdf). Many librarians and educational technologists attended and there was enthusiastic discussion about how to implement the strategy. The B.C. [post-secondary digital literacy framework](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/post-secondary-education/institution-resources-administration/digital-learning-strategy/bc_post-secondary_digital_literacy_framework.pdf) plays a foundational role in the strategy.
   * **Case Studies**. Liz reported that UCW is interested in funding the development of case studies. They have hit some barriers regarding eligibility, evaluation, funding, etc., and she wondered if anyone has spearheaded a project like this in past.
     1. Ascenda has awarded $1,000 for development of open case studies connected to learning outcomes for specific courses. Its process incorporates student feedback (e.g. to get a sense of whether the OER improved student learning).
     2. UBC Open Case Studies has a contact page, which could be a valuable avenue for information gathering.
   * **GenAI and OER**. Clint Lalonde from BCcampus advised against assigning a Creative Commons license when using GenAI to create OER. Perhaps best practice is to assign a CC0 license (public domain). David Wiley has written that the future of OER is GenAI. This is open to debate, but it is interesting to consider the implications for Creative Commons licensing.
8. **Topics of Interest:**
   * GenAI and OA/OER - suggested resources:
     1. The Algorithm by MIT (Liz)
     2. [Gen AI and Open Educational Resources in Teaching and Learning](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fai.ctlt.ubc.ca%2Fgen-ai-and-open-educational-resources-in-teaching-and-learning-replay%2F%3Flogin&data=05%7C02%7Cltripp%40langara.ca%7C1c6c0f239bf14145534308dd0825dc6d%7C707c861d63744af3b74e404192474f68%7C0%7C0%7C638675680908189890%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GKbsBKKLgUQe3WJqER%2BaZ5qhb9StG9LX15qttx7niec%3D&reserved=0) (Debra)
     3. [Why Open Education Will Become Generative AI Education](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fctl.uregina.ca%2Fwebinars-workshops&data=05%7C02%7Cltripp%40langara.ca%7C1c6c0f239bf14145534308dd0825dc6d%7C707c861d63744af3b74e404192474f68%7C0%7C0%7C638675680908245148%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BDjBbCKh2IGlS1Xb5hVG7jq6ZnJDEgkmNWrT%2Fq4myiM%3D&reserved=0) (Debra)
9. **Adjourn**
   * Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:52pm.