**BCOEL Steering Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2025 – 13:00-14:00 / online via Teams**

**Attendance:** Liz Johnston, Amanda Grey, Ali de Haan, Brenda Smith, Brianna Henshaw, Janelle Sztuhar, Karen Meijer, Lindsay Tripp, McKenzie Young, Reba Ouimet, Hope Power

**Regrets:**

# Agenda

1. Welcome, 1:03pm
2. Confirm Meeting Agenda
   1. Confirmed as presented
3. Approval of April 14 2025 [Minutes](https://bcoel.ca/the-bcoel-steering-committee/steering-committee-minutes/)
   1. Confirmed as presented
4. Appointment of 2025/2026 Incoming Chair
   1. Amanda will be chair, still looking for incoming chair
   2. Janelle is tentatively willing
5. Open Textbook Adoption tracking – BCcampus meeting update
   1. Amanda confirmed that we will collect/show the same information as is on [Open Textbook Stats](https://open.bccampus.ca/advocate-for-open-education/open-textbook-stats/)
      1. Lindsay shared Langara’s dashboard: [Open Education at Langara](https://langara.libguides.com/open-education/open-education-at-langara)
      2. KPU will send out a spreadsheet for everybody to put their data in
   2. KPU has secured the student assistant to create a simple data dashboard.
   3. Discussion: How do we track adoption data?
      1. Student goes through bookstore website to find which ones have been marked as not having textbook costs
      2. Currently collaborating with the Bookstore to link reporting OER adoptions through their system/s
      3. Using Libwizard form for optional self-reporting and then it’s put into a spreadsheet
      4. Lots of manual self-reporting, working with Registrar
6. Topics of Interest:
   1. Tariffs and Textbooks (in relation to Canada’s [Book Importation Regulations](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/book-importation-regulations.html))
      1. Lindsay wrote a blog post a few months ago: [Textbooks, tariffs, and Tr\*mp: Open textbooks as an everyday act of resistance](https://iweb.langara.ca/librarycentral/blog/2025/02/11/textbooks-and-tariffs/)
      2. Discussion
         1. OER is not the end-all-be-all solution for readings or disciplines, libraries still need funding for collections.
         2. Books are currently exempt from tariffs ([An Overview of the 2025 Tariffs | the American Booksellers Association](https://www.bookweb.org/news/overview-2025-tariffs-1631822#:~:text=Books%20Are%20Exempt,than%20those%20which%20already%20existed)), but even if there are no tariffs there are cost increases to material costs etc. that will effect the final price
         3. Does it only apply to physical materials, or does it include digital materials?
   2. Open Education in a time of enrolment decline
   3. Gen AI and OA/OER
      1. UBC has an interesting session about OER and AI last week at virtual publishing forum
7. End of season party planning!
   1. Possibly end of June-end of July
8. Roundtable
   1. KPU – new ZTC Advancement Grant was created and applications are currently being adjudicated.
   2. UFV – UFV received an institutional BCcampus grant - launched a page with info here so lots of prep this summer to launch some things in fall <https://libguides.ufv.ca/oeia>
   3. SFU – also received an institutional BCcampus grant to support creating better infrastructure. Will be looking into
      1. tracking adoptions and working with the bookstore for a more central tracking system
      2. conducting a student survey about experiences, needs, perceptions about OER and OEP
      3. establishing an award to celebrate excellence in teaching
      4. launching a new SFU Open Education public website
   4. Saskatoon has launched a new central OER collection: [Saskatchewan Open Education Resources](https://www.saskoer.ca/)
9. Adjourn, 1:55pm