**BCOEL Meeting via WebEx**

January 13, 2020 1pm-2pm

**Attendance:** Darcye Lovsin, Debra Flewelling, Donna Langille, Hope Power, Lin Brander (Chair), Lindsay Tripp (Minutes), Reba Ouimet, Ali de Haan, Caroline Daniels, Karen Meijer-Klein, Martin Warkentin, Michel Castagné, Rosario Passos

**Regrets**: Brenda Smith, Erin Fields, Mia Clarkson

1. **Welcome**
	* Lin called the meeting to order at 1:02pm
2. **Agenda: Changes and Additions**
	* Caroline added BCcampus’s Mediawiki to the agenda (see Item 5).
3. **November Minutes Approval**
	* The November meeting minutes were approved.

**Action:** Darcye will upload the minutes to the BCOEL Steering Committee site.

1. **Open Education Week Events Planning**
	* **KPU event on March 4th (Caroline).** Kwantlen has hired an Open Education Fellow and they are overseeing this event. As such, she does not have further details.

**Action:** Caroline will follow-up with Rajiv to gather more information.

* **Joint event (Hope).**
	+ The planning team for the joint Open Education Week event has proposed a half-day event that will highlight open education in practice. It will include lighting talks and a ‘stations’ exercise (each table will focus on a different open education tool (HP5, OJS) or practice and will have a host to facilitate learning/discussion; participants will be invited to visit various tables).
	+ Date/time are TBD, but March 3rd is likely due to other institutional events taking place on March 4th and 5th. Debra suggested Douglas as a venue. Other suggested locations include CapU’s new Shipyards campus at Lonsdale Quay and SFU Vancouver.
	+ Reba posted a link to the planning document in the WebEx chat.

**Action:** Anyone who is interested in joining the planning team or providing feedback is invited to contact Hope.

* **Additional events (All).**
	+ Langara (Lindsay, on behalf of Mia Clarkson). Mia is planning a panel discussion comprised of Langara instructors who have developed, modified, or adopted an open textbook as their required course text. The session is intended to facilitate information sharing with other instructors who might be considering open textbooks. Mia is also organizing a contest that will encourage students to upload their scholarly outputs to Langara’s institutional repository, LaIR.
	+ UBC-O (Donna). UBC-O is organizing some events in lead-up to Open Education Week. This includes a panel discussion with instructors engaged in open education, librarians, and staff from the Centre for Teaching and Learning.
1. **Mediawiki (Caroline)**
	* BCcampus recently informed BCOEL that the Mediawiki platform will be retired on March 1, 2020. Anyone pulling on content from the guide should make other arrangements. Caroline confirmed that BCOEL has removed important content that was previously stored there.

**Action:** Caroline will follow-up with BCcampus to see if they plan to make a public post about the change.

1. **Working Group Leads and Reports (Standing Item)**
* **Engagement (All)**
	+ Darcye reported that BCcampus recently upgraded Wordpress. Content and logins have not changed, but the Editor interfaces look different. If you discover something is not working, please report it to Darcye.
* **PD (All)**
	+ The Steering Committee proposed a conference session related to October’s popular *Decolonizing Open* event. Although everyone on the Committee agreed this was an important topic deserving of further discussion, no one felt qualified to present on the topic. Instead, Lindsay approached Ashley Edwards, LibTech at SFU, MLIS candidate at the U of A, and author of an excellent article entitled [*Unsettling the Future by Uncovering the Past: Decolonizing Academic Libraries and Librarianship*](https://journal.lib.uoguelph.ca/index.php/perj/article/view/5161). In her keynote, Jessie Loyer pointed to the dearth of Indigenous information professionals. It seems like decolonizing library school curricula is an important first step towards addressing this gap. Lindsay and Ashley pitched the idea to BCLA and it was accepted as a curated session. Lindsay and Ashley are currently working on a session description (due at the end of the month) and liaising with potential and confirmed panelists.
* **Publishing (Karen)**
	+ The Publishing group tried to organize a meeting in December, but it did not come to fruition. They will try again soon.
1. **[CARL Open Education Working G](http://www.carl-abrc.ca/advancing-research/scholarly-communication/open-education/)roup Update (Erin, Caroline, Hope)**
	* The last pre-work webinar in lead up to CARL’s Open Education Leadership Essentials seminar at the end of the month will be held this Wednesday. The other webinars were recorded and are available on the CARL website. The webinars and planning for the January event have absorbed most of the Working Group’s time and energy as of late.
2. **February Meeting (Lin)**
	* Lin asked whether the Steering Committee wanted to move forward with plans for an in-person meeting on February 7th. Since Lin’s first inquiry, many people’s availability has changed. Lin suggested that we proceed with an online meeting on February 10that 1:30pm, since much of what we hoped to cover can be discussed online. We will invite Selina McGinnis, lead for BCcampus’ Open Textbook Findability Project, to join us.

**Action**: Lin will send out an invite for the February 10th meeting. We will revisit plans for an in-person meeting in spring.

1. **Round Table**
	* Rosario shared a link to Dr. Michael Paskevicius’ (UVIC) article via the WebEx chat.
	* Caroline reported that the Algebra textbook she has been working on is nearly ready to be uploaded to the BCcampus catalogue, and she will soon start work on a Physics textbook. She discovered that the Pressbooks’ LaTeX plugin is not accessible. Specifically, it turns formulas into images, which must then be explained in an alt tab. She has relayed this information to BCcampus and they are starting to explore alternatives (though some programming languages such as MathML are quite high-level).
	* Debra relayed that BCcampus is seeking feedback regarding the application due date for the second round of Open Education Sustainability Grants. Last year, the due date was August 22. Lin pointed out that this is half-way through the fiscal year, which makes for a tight turnaround on project deliverables.
2. **Lin adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.**