

Regrets: SAIT.

A. On agenda

U of Lethbridge still haven't appointed member

Standing agenda items: Institutional updates.

Northern Lakes, courses being made. Limited to service English. Limited to social work and nursing programs. Won't have anything for transfer. Mobility already be in programs.

Children's lit will stay, however.

MacEwan:

Rita: 2 new courses. Creative writing courses. English 100 intro. to creative writing. Eng. 200 intermediate creative writing.

Manijeh (Athabasca). Focus rejuvenation. Haven't changed anything. Admissions and transferability. Revising to correspond with final external review. Working on learning objectives. Convening to look at learning objectives.

Brandon (Augustana). Two items from Augustana. Expand suite first year. 101 and 102. 101 writing studies, international students. 102 alternate to chronological. Genre based.

Last stages 2+2 with Grande Prairie.

Kazem (Grande Prairie). Not huge difference. Regardless of low enrollment in senior, saved from budget cuts.

Ryan. Two new courses. Engl 126, reading popular culture. Engl. 293, Science fiction course. Exploring/transition. Shore up second year enrolment. Degree completion options. Put on hold because of the budget. Learner pathways. 1 year certificate in art and design. Fully transferable to ACAD. BA in environmental sciences. Put on hold. With Mount Royal.

Philip. Program review. Plan on changing intro. expanding genres and increasing writing. Interdisciplinary. Introduce more theory.

Charlene. Lakeland. Nothing new. 6 credit English course. Talked of 3 credit.

Cathy. Nothing changed. Promote. English stream in diploma. Working increasing enrolment. Talks bringing literature course. Lots of service course. Status quo for Lethbridge College

Avril. Medicine Hat College. Partnering in education completion with Mount Royal. For English, necessarily expand English offerings. Education is oversubscribed. Expanding second year offerings. Textuality and sexuality. Modern and post-modern poetry and poetics. Rejuvenating effect. New faculty. Could develop new courses and partnering arrangement continues.

David. Not a lot to report. Going through program review next year. Course review in core writing for academic success. English does not have monopoly on teaching writing. Trying to move to new arrangement. Losing ground. General education. Medicine Hat benefit, but Mount Royal in competition with other disciplines.

Lorraine. NAIT. If students take in one of degree: third year get critical reading and writing. Admission, NAIT encourage enrolment and growth in enrolment. Directives from admin. create equivalency testing. Students may write an equivalency test. Only for application to NAIT. MATH and ENGL piloting. Maybe 100 for 30-1 and 2. Thinking, never going to study English.

Leigh. Norquest. Changes. Looking at phasing out literature for social work diploma program. Communication skills not strong. Adding a composition course in next year. Possibility inter-disciplinary communications course. Norquest service courses. Still maintain university transfer credentials. Developing English for Academic purposes. Equal Engl 30-1. Advanced grammar and spelling, focus essay writing, claims/evidence, and so on. Essay writing skills that are deficient. Aimed at international. Dual credit with Morinville High School.

Cathy. RDC. Teach communications. Service. English suspended. Current students in major will be able to finish. Only 2 collaborative programs. Still have minor. Communications in early/mid. Communications diploma. Possibly on radar.

Bev. No change in courses. Mainly first year transfer. Service type training, certificate and diploma and transfer. Spares Engl 103. Two years. Not dual credit. Find ready for post-secondary. Dual credit on steroids. Plan to continue.

Jenny. U of C closure of RDC collaborative program. Commitment to accommodate those already in. Two year closure of program. Relation to enrolment. In Calgary major curriculum overhaul. In place by 2016. Moving all full year to half year. Dropped foreign language requirement for Majors. Declining numbers.

Kazem, Jenny and Cathy: why cancelled. Enrolment, financial. 20 or so students in program. Involved transportation fees. Sending up professors. Costs for 5 to 10 students.

Confirmation of articulation committee list.

Brandon.

Charlene unclear.

U of L in the wind.

Jody from Portage or both on? Jody likely not. Portage +1.

Dr. Brent Cottle new for Lethbridge College. She will send e-mail.

Berman U. haven't heard from them. Everything else is as is.

Alberta Ed. Said in limbo, not coming. Nothing to report.

Before change of government, any consulting? King's tried to consult. No interest.

ACAT council secretariat updates. Mostly project related. One completed and led to a couple of others. March of this year. Transfer mobile app. Provides students to transfer data base. Functionality of the app. Much better than website. Allows data to be filtered. Always leading to a positive result. As you go through. Upgrading chart information, searchable on the app. Momentum. 1. Redesign of online search tools. Functionality of app and imbed on search website. Mirror one another. Online written in same code and mobile app. Allow change in either will be both automatically. Entering testing phase with students. Intuitiveness of search flow. Steering committee had student and student advisor. Same with search tool redesign. Address students and advisors. Both search engines analytics to gather data. We don't have information what happening in transfer system. Mobility reports. Moving from institutions. Don't really know transfer: the big piece of data. Capture that on provincial scale. Who is using device and possibly programs. Website redesign. Architecture is not friendly. Going to take step back. Final project replace Transfer system tool. Database agreed upon transfer agreement are stored. Causes frustration. Administration and time consuming. Find hard to get agreements in place. Don't want it to be an impediment. Not just intended to recreate a transfer database.

How better job sharing with Wescat. Students don't just move between institutions but other jurisdictions. Share that with students as well. Next week at council meeting.

Council looking at need for research. Research plan. Financial commitment to undertake research.

Avril. Medicine Hat. Full contingent?

No. Expanded interdisciplinary science and early learning and child care. 17. BC has 67 committees.

Well short of what we could potentially have. Sharepoint. Secretariat. 5 people. Difficult to expand more Interdisciplinary committee. Program level committee in x?

Measured approach.

Cathy RDC. App fully functional?

Fully functional. Google play or app store. Transfer alberta, you will have the app.

Chair report from chairs meeting. Eric covered all the items: new app.

Other thing, update roundtable, other departments are looking at prior learning. NAIT: equivalency exam. Other countries, this test see if they do have necessary skills. Develop test. They wanted multiple choice. Cost thing. Math would do it that way. Pearson built in mylab a test. WE resisted as long and hard as could: have to have written component.

Compromise: 5 short answer questions: do you get it? Should focus on key ideas.

Essay like diploma level exam. Marked enough, feels like it is accurate. Tracking students to see how they do.

Prior learning

BCAT. Tell us how much they are doing and how much we have to catch up. More flexible pre-major agreement. Same learning outcomes.

Another talk interdisciplinary committees. Rather than separate.

Alberta and BC collaboration on Mmath and statistical sciences. Mobility report, asked for input from chair what like to see in that reporting.

Also talk about other chairs. Other upset about curriculum/lack of collaboration. Others find students unprepared or underprepared. Same problem that English has, Math and science. Without calculator: 80% failed. Doing remedial courses in things. English remedial is part of introductory courses.

Fuss K to 12 changes. On hold now. Math, Science and English unhappy with K-12. Consistent response.

Presentations of BCCAT. Available on sharepoint site. Any discussions with other committees. Read access.

Encouraging us to get on Sharepoint and use it.

Stepping down as chair. College will not allow time for organization. Getting meeting and sending out e-mails. Resigning as Chair.

Rob nominates Jenny U of C. leave in one year's time. Not available.

Kazem nominates Rob. Vice-chair.

Other nominations or volunteers?

Tasks. Setting up agenda, get agenda items. Chairs' meeting. Jim and Eric contact you. Once a year. Canvassing out, find a date. IF want to get in touch with: point of contact. Questions from committee members. Flurry in April and May.

Contact. U of Calgary and U of A about major changes.

Kazem, Cathy RDC. I accept. CHAIR.

New Item 9. Helen nominates Brandon. He accepts nomination. Acclamation.

Terms of reference. Three years.

Meeting date. Rotation: Edmonton. Lorraine, volunteering to investigate NAIT as possibility next Spring.

NAIT, King's, MacEwan.

Agenda items bring up next time. What she has heard: first year, research course. Pursue angle they need. Other 3 credits would be literature.

Let me know about agenda items.

Fall term updates.

Minutes. Consult with Eric and Jim. Sharepoint.

Kazem motions adjourned.