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Articulation Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting Name	Meeting Location	Meeting Date
Sociology Articulation Sub-Committee	MacEwan University	October 28, 2014 (10:00-2:00)
Chair: Dr. Tami Bereska		Teleconference: Phone #: 1-866-792-1317 Conference ID: 7187343

Committee Members to Attend	Accepted	Attended
1. Tami Bereska (MacEwan University)	Yes	Yes
2. Tom Buchanan (Mount Royal University)	Yes (teleconference)	Yes
3. Choon-Lee Chai (Red Deer College)	Yes	Yes
4. Efa Etoroma (Concordia University College)	Yes	Yes
5. Jenny Godley (University of Calgary)	Yes (teleconference, 11:00AM)	Yes
6. Gordon Jangula (Lakeland College)	Yes	Yes
7. Ellen McBride (Medicine Hat College)	No	Regrets
8. Muriel Mellow (University of Lethbridge)	Yes (teleconference)	Regrets
9. Herbert Northcott (University of Alberta)	Yes	Yes
10. Laura Roberts (Keyano College)	Yes (teleconference, teaching 12:00- 1:00)	Regrets
11. Tony Simmons (Athabasca University)	Yes	Yes

Guests/Observers to Attend	Accepted	Attended
1. Lisa Cooke: Chair, Sociology & Anthropology Articulation Sub-Committee (BCCAT)	Yes (teleconference, 12:00PST, 1:00MST)	Regrets
2.		

ACAT Secretariat/Ministry Staff to Attend		Accepted	Attended
1.	Eric Dohei (Manager, ACAT)	Yes	Yes
2.	Jim Samide (Sr. Data Analyst, ACAT)	Yes	Yes
3.	Keith Millions (Team Leader, Social Studies, Alberta Education)	Yes	Yes
4.	Ann Marie Lyseng (Senior Manager, ACAT)	No	No

AGENDA ITEM		Minutes
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Chair and host, Dr. Tami Bereska, welcomed members and each member then briefly introduced him- or herself.
2.	Institutional Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner Pathways or Program Changes/Updates (e.g., New Courses/Specializations, etc.) • Admissions/Admissions Requirements Updates • Student Mobility/Transfer Updates (e.g., New Transfer Agreements, Information about Transfer Credit Awarded, etc.) • Other/General Information Updates 	See Institutional Updates forms
3.	Confirmation of Articulation Committee membership list	Members indicated that they would either continue as representatives of their respective universities or will be replaced by work colleagues.
4.	Alberta Education Update	Although the curriculum redesign process is in a flux, there is a clear aim to ensure that the Educated Albertan is an: Engaged thinker, Ethical citizen, and has an Entrepreneurial spirit.

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5.	ACAT Council/Secretariat and Innovation and Advanced Education Updates	Transfer Alberta Mobile App will be launched within weeks. This app will “allow students the ability to easily search and find high school course equivalencies and transfer agreement information from Transfer Alberta....” After the App is launched, the same functionality will be placed on the website. Next, the Transfer Agreement Archival and Retrieval System (TAARS) will be redeveloped ACAT knows students are moving around, but does not have transfer credit data. Surveys show that between 88% and 90% of students are satisfied with the transfer credits they receive (See Page 3 of ACAT’s October 2014 Learner Pathways document).
6.	ACAT Question(s) for Articulation Committee Feedback—2014: <i>How does your program area see, guide, or support student mobility within Alberta? How does your program align with a similar program area in BC to support student mobility within Alberta/BC and Canada?</i>	Committee members agreed to forward any responses to these questions to our Chair, Tami Bereska, in the next few months.
7.	Articulation Committee Question(s) for ACAT	Members expressed two main concerns: (a) Some courses are not accepted as equivalents by receiving institutions. For example, The University of Alberta now accepts Red Deer College’s Soc 344 as Soc 2xx. It was agreed that such situations are very likely because universities tend to determine the transferability of courses based on factors that include course content and instructor credentials and not only course name and numbering. Thus, for example, The University of Calgary has made its undergraduate statistics courses--Soc 311 & Soc 315--more

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		<p>rigorous and U of C students now need two stats courses to graduate. Since Soc 311 now includes inferential stats, The U of C will only accept courses as equivalent if the courses have inferential statistics component.</p> <p>(b) All present were pleased with the Alberta Education K to 12 Social Studies program and noted that the goals of the ministry (that the Educated Albertan should be an Engaged thinker, Ethical citizen, and have an Entrepreneurial spirit) are impressive. Nevertheless, it was observed that the learning objectives are lofty, especially as compared to assessment tools. Specifically, can these objectives be achieved or even assessed with the Multiple Choice & Short Answer exams now prevalent in high schools?</p>
8.	BCCAT Update (Lisa Cooke, Chair, Sociology & Anthropology Articulation Sub-Committee)	Regrets due to an urgent meeting.
9.	Identification of Next Meeting Date and Location and Potential New Agenda Items	It was agreed that Fall works well and that the next meeting will be scheduled for early to mid-October, 2015 at MacEwan University (unless another representative expresses a desire to host).
10.	Adjournment and Plans for Confirming and Sharing Minutes and Institutional Updates on ACAT SharePoint Site	The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.