BC ELN All Partner Meeting Common Suite Discussion Summary

Overview

The following report provides a summary of the common suite discussion held at the All Partner Meeting on December 8, 2017. Leah Hopton, BC ELN Coordinator, facilitated the meeting. BC ELN partner library director participants are listed below.

Context

Over the past two years, the BC ELN Office, on behalf of partner libraries and with direction from the Steering Committee, has worked to assemble a common suite that will meet system needs. During this process partner libraries have provided feedback through survey comments, phone calls, and at in-person All Partner Meetings. A history of steps taken and feedback collected is available on the Common Suite Web at: http://bcelnapps.ca/common-suite/history-and-review-process.

Purpose and Process

The purpose of the 2017 All Partner Meeting discussion was to provide an opportunity for partner library attendees to review information, clarify understandings, and ultimately determine how the Steering Committee should proceed with the common suite.

Leah Hopton facilitated the session using a Liberating Structure (http://www.liberatingstructures.com) called W^3. Meant to foster inclusion and participation, W^3 guides decision-making through three "W" questions: What happened? (*Reviewing the facts*), So What? (*Discussing the meaning*), Now What? (*Selecting the action*). Sitting at round tables of similar institution type and size, attendees actively participated in the process by asking clarifying questions and sharing their perspectives.

BC ELN staff and meeting attendees answered many of the questions that were asked throughout the discussion. Questions that were not answered at the All Partner Meeting were recorded and will be addressed in the FAQ section of the Common Suite Web: http://bcelnapps.ca/faq-categories/common-suite.

The discussion concluded with partner library attendees deciding whether to include CBCA, and voting on how the Steering Committee should proceed with the common suite. Partner Libraries agreed to exclude CBCA from the common suite but retain it as an opt-in license.

Common Suite Decision

Partner libraries recommended that the Steering Committee proceed with a common suite containing Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier with the option of upgrading one to Complete at no additional cost.

Future Considerations

The following themes emerged from the discussion and will be incorporated into future work on the common suite:

1. A clear decision-making process will be developed for approval of any future common suite renewals.

2. Partner libraries are the decision-makers and will be fully involved in the common suite development process.

3. Partner libraries will have the opportunity to review various cost-sharing models.

4. The reduction of tier inequities will be further explored.

All Partner Meeting Attendees

Andres, A.	CBC	Marsden, S.	Alexander
Bancroft, J.	BC ELN	Mathenia, B.	TRU
Bengtson, J.	UVIC	Mitescu, A.	UCW
Bird, G.	SFU	Mundle, T.	KPU
Bondoreff, A.	AVEDST	Nishimura, S.	BC ELN
Burton, M.	UBC	Palmer, L.A.	BC ELN
Cia, P.	Langara	Petrachenko, L.	UVIC
Cocchia, A.	BC ELN	Plett, K.	CNC
Currie, G.	Selkirk	Polley, C.	BC ELN
de Haan, A.	Acsenda	Postgate, M.	BC ELN
Empey, H.	UNBC	Rackover, S.	ECUAD
Epps, L.	NVIT	Rashid, S.	COTR
Goncalves, A.	Yukon	Robertson, M.	BC ELN
Goshulak, T.	TWU	Rosseel, T.	Douglas
Guenther, M.A.	NIC	Rout, J.	BCIT
Haddad, A.	JIBC	Schachter, D.	Capilano
Hamakawa, K.	BC ELN	Turcotte, D.	NLC
Harrison, S.	Camosun	Tyner, R.	Okanagan
Hopton, L.	BC ELN	Wallsten, V.	QUC
Hyman, B.	VIU	Wilke, M.	NWCC
Jones, F.	Columbia	Wilson, P.	UFV
Lew, S.	VCC		