BC ELN STEERING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
Thursday, October 27, 2016

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Jonathan Bengtson, University of Victoria (Chair)

Sheldon Armstrong, University of British Columbia (Alternate)

Gwen Bird, Simon Fraser University

Kim Isaac, University of the Fraser Valley, *Regional Universities*

Natalie Gick, Simon Fraser University Officer

Scott Marsden, Alexander College, *Associate Members*

Brenda Mathenia, Thompson Rivers University, *Small Universities*

Shahida Rashid, College of the Rockies, *Rural Colleges*

Ministry of Advanced Education:
Andrei Bondoreff

BC ELN Staff:
Anita Cocchia
Leigh Anne Palmer
Brandon Weigel (Recorder)

Regrets:

Heather Berringer, University of British Columbia

Shirley Lew, Vancouver Community College

Lisa Petrachenko, University of Victoria

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as approved.

2. UFC Mandate Survey Results and Next Steps

The Steering Committee reviewed the draft UFC Mandate Survey Results document, which includes a summary of common themes emerging from each question and the complete results by responding institution. A significant majority (31 of 33 institutions) indicated that BC ELN should proceed with investigating a common suite of electronic resources by responding yes to question 2.

The Committee discussed whether the survey results provide BC ELN with a mandate to move forward with the investigation of a common suite. Points raised were wide-ranging, including:

- Whether a mandate to move forward requires unanimous agreement
- That there were different concerns across Partner Libraries and even within the same constituency groups
- Whether a common suite can be non-mandatory
- Which model brings the best pricing advantage
- What could be included in a common suite and how the suite could be structured
- That investigation does not necessarily imply moving forward with licensing

It was decided that there is consensus to move forward with investigation. Discussion at the All Partner Meeting will help create the framework for how the investigation will take place and what issues must be considered.

Next steps:

- The BC ELN Office will send the survey results, including a context page that defines a common suite and outlines the survey's purposes, to all library directors.
- Further discussion will take place in a facilitated session at the All Partner Meeting.
- Prior to the meeting, the Office will send more information to ground in-person discussion.

3. Next meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on November 21st, following the All Partner Meeting.