

## **SPECIAL BC ELN STEERING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Tim Atkinson, Vancouver Island University, (Chair)

Patty Gallilee, Simon Fraser University (Alternate)

Natalie Gick, *Simon Fraser University Officer*

Mary Anne Guenther, North Island College, *Rural Colleges*

Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, *Regional Universities*

Jo Anne Newyear- Ramirez, University of British Columbia (Alternate)

Lisa Petrachenko, University of Victoria (Alternate)

James Rout, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, *Small Universities*

Ross Tyner, Okanagan College, *Urban Colleges (Vice Chair)*

Venessa Wallsten, Quest University Canada, *Associate Members*

### **BC ELN Staff:**

Anita Cocchia

Brandon Weigel

### **Regrets:**

Jonathan Bengtson, University of Victoria

Gwen Bird, Simon Fraser University

Ingrid Parent, University of British Columbia

## **MINUTES**

### **Discussion: UFC Offers 2015 – 2016**

The BC ELN Steering Committee met to discuss how to proceed with the competing offers from EBSCO and ProQuest for the Undergraduate Foundation Collection (UFC). Each vendor has put forward three-year offers: EBSCO for Academic Search and Business Source at the Complete level, and ProQuest for their ProQuest Central bundle.

Discussion focused on the following key questions:

- Is there enough time for due diligence in assessing the content differences?
- Is there enough time to assess the potential unforeseen costs? (e.g. loss of discount on other products, cost of technical changes within the institutions, etc.)
- Is there enough time to change over to a new product by June 1st?
- Are there any other factors that need to be considered?

### **Recommendation**

The Steering Committee voted unanimously to endorse the following recommendation:

The Steering Committee recommends focusing our efforts on finalizing the EBSCO offer for Academic Search and Business Source Complete, as there is insufficient time to move forward with the ProQuest Central Offer for a June 1 start. Given the interest expressed by partner libraries in the ProQuest offer, BC ELN should seek a renewal with EBSCO for a term of no longer than two years.

The Steering Committee commended the BC ELN Office for its work on enabling communication and providing information about these offers. They also commended the institutions that shared their analyses with the other partner libraries via the information page.