**BCOEL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2023, from 1-2pm [via Jitsi](https://meet.jit.si/BCOEL)

Attendees: Amanda Grey, Ian Linkletter, Liz Johnson, Lin Brander, Martin Warkentin, Brenda Smith, Ali de Haan, Debra Flewelling, Janelle Sztuhar, Reba Ouimet, and Roen Janyk

Acting Chair: Amanda Grey

Minutes: Brenda Smith

Regrets: Darcye Lovsin

**Meeting Agenda**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Agenda: Changes and additions**
   * None
3. **Approval of the April meeting minutes**
   * Approved as presented
4. **BCOEL In-Person Meeting**
   * Event will be Friday, 23 June from 2-4:30 at BCIT Downtown Campus and then will be a social event from 5-7 (location TBD)
   * Please RSVP to Darcye Lovsin
   * Invite will be sent out to the BCOEL Steering Committee listserv, and to certain past leaders such as Leva Lee.
5. **Call for Chair Elect**
   * If you are interested, please contact Darcye for more information
   * Primary duties: take meeting minutes, help Chair as needed
   * ACTION: Amanda or Darcye will put out a call to the listserv for interested participants
6. **Roundtable**
   * Liz (University Canada West): Associate of Arts program has announced that will be switching all tier one (first year) courses to using OER as an institutional goal. There has been some pushback from faculty. So, questions about how to navigate this? Recommendation that she talk further with Janelle and Ali who have had similar experiences. Liz also reported that they are in process of implementing a tiered grant system: adopt ($500), adapt and create ($1200), share ancillary materials ($250); publishing in OA journals (pay APC charges – total budget of $5000 for APC charges). Total budget for grant: $25,000. It’s moving through the approval process, but coming soon
   * Ali (Ascenda): Moving to all OER for all 100 and 200 level classes within the next 6 months. Also working on creating payment structure.
   * Amanda (KPU): restructuring the OER grant program. They are making their OER grant cycle more fixed. Adoption grants are now separate and year-round. For more information, check out: <https://www.kpu.ca/open/grants>
   * Martin (UFV): Working group has been asked how many classes using OER. Had a student position who set up process to scrape data from bookstore
     + Reminder to check out: <https://www.oercommons.org/groups/bcoel/5118/>
   * Roen (Okanagan): student union presentation to the faculty association council about why OER is important, including a lot of evidence and statistics. A lot of the participants were already using OER. Student union also presenting to the board. Planning to try and get testimonials from faculty using OER and share them out.
   * Amanda (KPU): just received funding to hire two OER student champions in the fall to raise awareness and talk to other students about what OER are and how they can benefit students.
7. **Adjournment**
   * Adjourned at 1:57