

Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer

Adopted by Council
January 5, 2007

ACAT Meeting November 27, 2006 (via teleconference)

Present: Fred Carnew, Larry Hlushak, Dustin Fuller, Anna Kae Todd, Doug Hart, Gord Nixon, Peter Haney, Dietmar Kennepohl, Kathleen Massey, Olive Yonge, Catherine Eddy, Bryan Ellefson (for Merla Bolender), Lucille Walter (Chair), Marg Leathem (Acting Director, Business Integration), Wendy Richer (Research Assistant)

Absent: Carl Edozien, Marylea Jarvis

A. ACAT Chair Update

The Chair provided updates on the following:

- Personnel changes to the ACAT Secretariat.
- The November 3rd, 2006 U of A Education Liaison Committee meeting and the participants desire to increase inter-institutional communication resulting in an ACAT Education list serve.
- Engineering Articulation Committee meeting scheduled for December 1st, 2006
- The Computing Science Articulation committee scheduled for December 7th, 2006.
- The Cree Articulation Committee.
- The Pan Canadian Consortium for Admissions and Transfer (PCCAT).

B. October 10, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes

The Chair indicated that the decisions made under Agenda Item #2 were not included in the minutes of October 10, 2006 since Council had directed that the Subcommittee on Admission to the Transfer System be tasked with revising the supportive documents which were to be brought forward to the ACAT meeting of November 27, 2006. Members asked that the minutes be revised to indicate those members absent from the meeting. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as revised.

CARRIED

Admission to the Transfer System

Two documents revised by the Subcommittee on Admission to the Transfer System were presented for discussion and adoption. One entitled "Admission to the Transfer System" outlined the decisions made at the meeting of October 10th, 2006 along with the background and rationale. The other entitled "Process for Considering New Admissions" outlined the process for application to join the Alberta Transfer System. Suggestions were made for improving and clarifying definitions, and there were several small revisions suggested to both documents.

Moved and seconded that the "Admission to the Transfer System" document be adopted as revised.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded that the “Process for Considering New Admissions” document be adopted as revised.

CARRIED

The Chair indicated that in light of the discussion and revision of the two previously cited documents, the “Admission to the Alberta Transfer System Questionnaire” will require further review by the Subcommittee on Admission to the Transfer System.

C. ACAT Member Position Description and Meeting Procedures

After a short discussion on the Member Position Description and Meeting Procedures, it was moved and seconded that it be adopted as edited.

CARRIED

The Chair suggested that several such documents would be put together in a handbook for members.

D. Alberta-BC Transfer Protocol

The Chair provided an update on the progress of the ACAT/BCCAT Protocol. BCCAT has requested that the Yukon be included as Yukon College is a member of BCCAT. ACAT agreed and suggested that BCCAT also include Nunavut and the NWT as colleges in those territories are part of ACAT. The Chair also agreed to notify the Ministry of ACAT’s agreement that the territories should be part of the MOU between Alberta and British Columbia.

E. Other Business/Roundtable

Alberta Education is working with the University of Alberta’s Faculty of Arts in regards to the terminology around admission requirements.

Regarding K-9 Math, the WNCP partners have signed off these courses, but the Minister has not yet signed off on them. Mandatory implementation for K-9 Math (English and French) is scheduled as follows:

- 2008-2009 – Kindergarten and Grades 1, 4 and 7
- 2009-2010 – Grades 2, 5 and 8
- 2010-2011 – Grades 3, 6 and 9

Optional implementation (English) is the year prior, so schools will be able to use the new programs on an optional basis a year prior to the date for mandatory use.

A Math Articulation committee will be struck in the New Year.

Education also indicated that they are in the process of reviewing CTS courses and are working with the universities and possible use of CTS courses as prerequisites to programs.

Members suggest that any discussions on admissions qualifications be sent to our Contact Persons on the list serve for review and feedback.

A member from the colleges sector requested information from the universities representatives about a “Campus Alberta System Vision” statement produced by the AUA. The Chair suggested that this document be shared at the February meeting.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2007 (9:00 a.m. to Noon) via video-conference.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.