

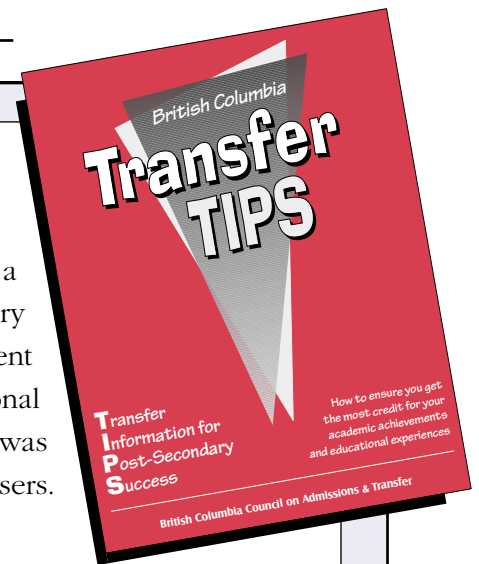
# Newsletter

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER

## Transfer TIPS Handbook Released

*B.C. Transfer TIPS* (Transfer Information for Post-Secondary Success), a handbook for students who transfer credits between B.C. post-secondary institutions, was recently released. *TIPS* includes information, student quotes, and a personal planning page. Copies are available at institutional advising offices and on the BCCAT Web site at: [www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca). *TIPS* was overseen by an advisory committee and tested among students and advisers. The input received from across the system was invaluable.



## TRANSFER INNOVATIONS PROJECTS

**IN THE SPRING** all transfer-related articulation committees were invited to submit proposals for a Transfer Innovations Project. These projects are designed to encourage the development of flexible and innovative transfer arrangements between B.C. post-secondary institutions. In September projects from the following committees were approved and are now underway — Earth Sciences, Environmental Programs, Forestry, Hospitality Management, Music, Physical Education & Kinesiology, Theatre, and Tourism Management. It is anticipated that additional funding will be available next year for more projects. A future BCCAT publication will describe the Transfer Innovations initiative in more detail.



## Notes From Some 1999 Articulation Committee Meetings...

**THE NEED** for instructors to have cross-cultural training was one of the issues discussed by the **Home Support/Resident Care Attendant AC**... The **Chemistry AC** hopes that retiring instructors can be involved in developing a new textbook... Prior Learning Assessment for students enrolling in language studies is essential but often difficult, agreed members of the **Standing Committee on Language Articulation (SCOLA)**... Both the chair and the secretary of the **Plumbing and Pipefitting AC** attend the regular meetings of the Piping Trades Advisory Committee... Sharing **American Sign Language** instructors between institutions helps to broaden the variety of language models available to students... The **Carpentry AC** would like to see high school counselors become familiar with apprenticeships in the trades... After surveying institutional libraries, members of the **History AC** expressed concern about a lack of resources throughout the system... The **Welding AC** plans to invite colleagues from Alberta and Washington to

attend future meetings... Fee-free ABE courses have meant that ESL students tend to register for them rather than for Adult ESL courses. The **Adult ESL AC** is concerned about this trend... The **ABE Steering Committee** discussed at length the implications of the new "Adult Dogwood," a common credential for adult graduates of both colleges and secondary schools... The **Auto Parts & Light Warehousing AC** plans a re-write of the Partsperson Learning guides... The **Visual Arts AC** is now **Visual Arts and Design** reflecting the broader range of art programs in B.C.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE REVIEW TASK FORCE

**BCCAT's** Associate Degree Review Task Force has tentatively reached agreement on draft revisions to the curricular requirements for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. The Task Force is also examining the feasibility of obtaining improved transfer

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credit arrangements at universities and university colleges for students with an Associate Degree. Further consultation with the system will occur before finalizing recommendations for changes to the existing requirements.



John Dennison



Bob Brown

## CHANGES IN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

### PLA & Transfer Credit

**FORMAL GUIDELINES** regarding the awarding of credit earned through Prior Learning Assessment have been endorsed by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training & Technology, which recommended that they be accepted by all post-secondary institutions. The guideline that created the most discussion pertained to the transcribing of courses completed by PLA. A compromise resolution was adopted that stipulates:

*Credit awarded as a result of the assessment of prior learning will be identified as such on the transcript issued by the institution and transfer credit will be granted on the same basis as is granted for equivalent courses as identified in the B.C. Transfer Guide (or in other formal transfer arrangements).*

In the light of these recommendations many institutions are currently in the process of developing or refining their PLA policies and publishing them in calendars. Meanwhile, BCCAT recommends that students applying for PLA credit, and intending to transfer to another institution in the future, check with all relevant institutions regarding their PLA policies.

#### **OUTGOING CO-CHAIR:**

**Dr. John Dennison**, Professor Emeritus of Administrative, Adult & Higher Education, UBC, who served for six years as Co-Chair, completed his appointment on August 31. His wit, wisdom, and insight into the many aspects of the Council's work made him a valuable member of the team, and he will be greatly missed.

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR**

#### **OUTGOING MEMBERS:**

BCCAT is indebted to the following individuals who served on Council for several years: **Sheila Colbert-Kerns**, Dean, Student Services & Instruction, Malaspina University-College; **Ken Harvey**, Principal, Greater Vancouver Distance Education School; **Sid Mindess**, Professor of Civil Engineering, UBC; **Susan Witter**, President, Douglas College; **Rachael Donovan**, Vice President Academic, College of New Caledonia; and **Michael Weiss**, Principal, Columbia College.

#### **INCOMING CO-CHAIR:**

Council welcomes **Dr. Bob Brown**, recently retired President of the Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation of Simon Fraser University, as the incoming Co-Chair. Dr. Brown served as Dean of Arts, member of Senate and Chair of the Harbour Centre Planning Committee at SFU, where his outstanding contributions were recently honoured when the Classroom Complex was renamed the Robert C. Brown Hall.

#### **WELCOME TO OUR**

#### **INCOMING MEMBERS:**

Newly appointed are: **Rick Carruthers**, Director of Instruction & Community Education, Maple Ridge School District; **Beth Davies**, Director, Western Region, Northwest Community College; **Valerie Dunsterville**, Dean of Student & Education Support Services, Langara College; **Neil Guppy**, Associate Vice President, Academic Programs, UBC; **Greg Link**, Registrar, Malaspina University-College; and **Barbara Partridge**, recently retired as Managing Director of Burnaby College.

#### **ONGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:**

**Dileep Athaide**, Instructor, Capilano College; **Roger Barnsley**, President, University College of the Cariboo; **Roger Blackman**, Associate Dean of Arts, SFU; **Terry Jean Crawford**, Instructor, UBC; **Michael Longton**, Director of the School of Music, UVic; **Ann McArthur**, Office of Technology Degree Studies, BCIT; **Jaimie McEvoy**, Canadian Federation of Students; **Martin Petter**, Provost, Open University; **Deborah Poff**, Vice President Academic, UNBC; **Maureen Shaw**, President, College Institute Educators' Association; and **Terry Sherwood**, Associate Vice President Academic, UVic.

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