

November 23, 2007

UCIPD Planning Group

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, since its inception BCcampus has actively supported educational technology professional development across BC's public post secondary system. As the system partner for the Educational Technology Users Group (ETUG) BCcampus has been pleased to provide coordinating resources, funding and program planning support for ETUG's spring and fall workshops and the annual Innovation Awards.

This year, for the first time, BCcampus extended support for professional development through the 2007 Online Program Development Fund (OPDF). The 2007 OPDF acknowledges the growing importance of complementing online learning development and delivery with educator professional development resources on how to effectively do so. BCcampus is committed to supporting the development of educational technology capacity in the public post secondary system.

The requirements for professional development described in the 2007 OPDF were based on data and recommendations put forward in the "Learn Together – Participate, Collaborate, Innovate, Showcase and Share Program" Report (Johnson, 2006). This report summarizes a 2006 survey of educational technology pro-d needs across BC's public post secondary system. The Learn Together report is available on the BCcampus web site at:

<http://www.bccampus.ca/Assets/Educator+Services+Reports/BCcampus+Educational+Technology+Professional+Development+Report.pdf>

Fifteen proposals seeking approximately \$950,000 for professional development were received including several with accompanying letters of support from UCIPD. However, of the anticipated award of \$250K only \$104K was awarded.. This funding was awarded to three proposals - Authentic Assessment and Evaluation in Online Environments: A Course for Post-Secondary Instructors, First Nations Pedagogy for Online Learning, and Introducing Educators to Second Life. Comments from the evaluation team indicate a need for greater collaboration, coordination, sharing, and use of professional development initiatives across the entire public post secondary system.

A significant number of professional development proposals came from, or were supported by, three different organizations who all currently play a role in professional development across post secondary:

- the EdTech Users Group (ETUG) and its Steering Committee (SCETUG)

- the University College & Institute Professional Development (UCIPD) group, and
- the Northern Educational Developer's Network.

In an effort to support and further system wide professional development that involves and benefits as many public post secondary institutions as possible BCcampus has scheduled a Learn Together Strategy and Planning day for Monday January 14, 2008. For this event BCcampus is inviting up to five members from each of SCETUG, UCIPD, and the Northern Developers Network to come together for a day, share current activities, discuss plans, and work toward common aspirations. The goal will be to combine efforts into a single proposal to be funded using remaining 2007 OPDF funds.

The agenda for this Learn Together Strategy and Planning day is as follows:

**Date:** Monday, January 14, 2008

**Time:** 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Room 283  
BCIT Downtown Campus  
555 Seymour Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

**Phone:** 604-412-7657

**Agenda** (subject to change)

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| 9:30 – 9:45   | Welcome<br>Introductions, context and purpose of the day (Paul Stacey)   |
| 9:45 – 10:45  | 20 min. descriptions by each of SCETUG, UCIPD, and Northern Developers Network on their organizations, current activities, plans and aspirations in area of professional development (all)               |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Break & Networking   |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Summary of the 2006 Learn Together Report findings and recommendations (Janice Johnson)<br><br>Summary of the 2007 OPDF pro-d proposals, outcome, and evaluation committee recommendations (Paul Stacey) |
| 12:15 – 1:00  | Lunch (catered)  |

- 1:00 – 2:30      Group discussion and brainstorming on potential pro-d initiatives that respond to Learn Together recommendations, involve a collaboration between all three groups, and produce outcomes that benefit as many post secondary institutions as possible. (all)
- 2:30 – 2:45      Break & Networking
- 2:45 – 4:00      Prioritization and selection of initiative(s) to work on together. Define a working group and schedule of activities. Preliminary identification of resource requirements and budget. Schedule a follow on working session and target completion date. (all)
- 4:00              End & Depart

**Travel Notes:**

Mainland participants must cover their own costs associated with attending this event.

Other participants can expense travel and accommodation using the SFU travel and business expense form at:

[http://www.sfu.ca/finance/payment\\_services/forms/docs/trclaimNonEmployeesOnly.xls](http://www.sfu.ca/finance/payment_services/forms/docs/trclaimNonEmployeesOnly.xls)

Instructions and rates are on page three of the form. Please send completed form with original receipts to Lucy Westaway at BCcampus (note: if you travel on an e-ticket, your itinerary and boarding passes will be required).

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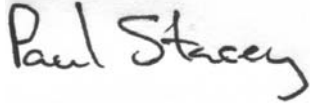
A maximum of 5 participants from each of SCETUG, UCIPD and the Northern Developers Network can attend. Event plans accommodate a maximum of 18 participants.

Information on hotels with government rates is available at:

<http://www.pc.gov.bc.ca/travel/Hotels/AccommodationListing/2007/Cities/Downtown%20Vancouver.htm>

RSVP who will attend from UCIPD to Lucy Westaway at [westaway@bccampus.ca](mailto:westaway@bccampus.ca) or by phone at 604-412-7657. Please RSVP by Monday January 7, 2008 so we can make the appropriate catering arrangements.

We look forward to meeting and working with you at this event.



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