

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFER (BCCAT)

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1. Institutional Update

- Budgets/Facilities

The College received 10 million dollars in funding to construct an additional Trades facility. The building should be completed by April, 2018 with classes commencing in September, 2018.

We are in desperate need of an additional student residence building. We are turning students away due to lack of affordable rental housing in the Cranbrook area. The estimated cost for a 60-bed facility is approximately 10 million.

- Students/Enrollment

In 2016-2017, 11 sections of psychology courses were offered. Once again, enrolment numbers have increased. The influx of international students continues to be a contributing factor.

2. Program/Course Update

- Curriculum Developments

Social Psychology (Psyc 207) was developed and offered in the winter semester. Biopsychology (Psyc 250 OL) will likely be developed in the fall of 2018. There is also talk of creating two more introductory psychology sections to meet student demand. This is good news for our small college.

- Research/Projects

I am currently involved in the development of a hiring tool for haul truck operators at Teck Fording River Operations. Fording River is one of five steel making operations in the Elk Valley that produces metallurgical coal.

I am also going to be involved in a research project this fall that looks at the impact of circus skills training on self-esteem in middle school children. This is a joint project with our kinesiology department,

the National Circus School, and Cirque du Soleil. Hanging from the rafters by my ankles whilst juggling flaming batons may be in my future ;)

3. Other Items of Interest

College of the Rockies is now a member of the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT), which is good news for our students hoping to transfer credits to Alberta institutions.