

2006-2007 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAUCUS (EDC) GRANTS ACCOUNTABILITY FORM

All award holders are requested to complete an accountability form by January 15, 2008, even if the project is not yet finished.

Please complete this form, using up to 3 pages in total (you may omit these instructions and extend the space for sections as needed) and save the file as your family name_07grant.doc, then email it as an attachment to Alice Cassidy, Vice Chair (Professional Development) <alice.cassidy@ubc.ca>. **Please use subject heading EDC07Grant.**

1. Background Information

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Title of Project: Northern BC Educational Developers Network Proposal

For all sections below, even if you are not yet 'done' please comment on what you have completed so far. and make it clear what you still plan to do to complete the project.

2. Educational findings/outcomes

- What did the EDC Grant enable you to do (that perhaps you could not otherwise have done)?
- We held the first ever meeting of the Northern BC Educational Developer's Network (which we named NedNet) – this brought together folks from UNBC, the College of New Caledonia, Northwest Community College, and Northern Lights College
- The EDC support provided leverage in accessing funds from the Ministry of Advanced Education who provided an additional 4200.00 for the event
- We were able to identify areas where we our shared expertise could support each other and have, for example, shared the UNBC Instructor's Manual, with the colleges for their own use; we have enhanced the partnerships between UNBC and CNC in areas of both elearning and face-to-face educational developer

- The group came together and submitted a proposal to BCCampus in the fall of 2007 based on our common needs and while we were not successful, we have a solid foundation for working together for the next round. As well, because of our collaboration the NedNet group has been invited to two BCCampus meetings to work with the BCCampus Elearning group and the UCIPD. This has provided additional impetus for us to work together.
 - The start up support from the EDC has resulted in a host of opportunities to collaborate, share resources, combine resources for grant applications, and gain recognition for the northern part of the province in terms of educational development. It is really quite remarkable considering a year ago, none of this existed.
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- Were there any unexpected outcomes? Surprises, delights, pitfalls... If so, describe briefly.
 - I think we have continued concerns about sustainability but we are working through that. I don't think that's a huge surprise. We are working to establish an advisory group and to share leadership within the group so as to not demand too much of one person.
 - We think there may be an opportunity for more sustained support from the Northern Post Secondary Council and so that is a very positive coincidence in terms of timing. Again, the NedNet group didn't exist a year ago and now, there might be possibilities for further funding.
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- How did you share your findings with others? List any URLs, conference presentations etc. where you presented your findings, particularly in a peer-reviewed context.
 - We shared all of our information, (minutes, notes, slides etc) from the first August meeting with the entire group of participants.
 - We provided an update to our universities/colleges on our activities and shared our efforts in-house
 - We have since shared the information about the origins of the group with BCCampus and with UCIPD and the Educational Technology Users Group of BCCampus. The efforts have largely about informal dissemination of our origins and our goals.
 - We are working on a "UNBC Teaching Network" that will become part of the NedNet group activities and that will be open to any subscribers.

3. Budget

a. What was the amount of your original award? \$ 2500.00

b. How was it spent?

1000.00 to pay for the honorarium of Dr. Richard Gale who acted as facilitator (his travel and accommodation were paid for by UNBC as an in-kind contribution. This was a bit of a deviation from our proposed budget but we used in-house administrative support for the event and thus did not charge that to the EDC budget).

1500.00 – transferred to the College of New Caledonia who processed all the travel costs for regional participations. The costs of travel for participants for Northern Lights (which was part of the budget) came to over 2000.00. The difference was covered by the MAVED grant. In addition, all funding for NWCC participants came from the MAVED grant. If you require a specific breakdown we can pass on a spreadsheet.

c. If you have any funds remaining, describe your plans to make use of them.
No remaining funds.