

Report of the Board of Examiners Coordinating Committee

Current Status

Over the past year a number of activities took place:

- The new terms of reference for BECC have been approved by the Directors. The terms of reference can be found on the CCLS website at <http://www.ccls-ccag.ca/bofe.htm>.
- The accreditation of the Geodesy & Geomatics Engineering program at UNB has been completed. I especially wish to thank the other members of the visit team, Jim Simpson, Grant McBurney and Graham Bowden.

What's Next

The most obvious task ahead is to populate the committee in accordance with its new terms of reference. We will be sending out invitations over the next short while so that the membership of the committee can be solidified.

We are keeping a watching brief on progress at BCIT. We have been working with the BC Association toward a preliminary accreditation of that program, but there have been many delays on the way.

We have not been seriously approached by any other educational institution for an accreditation of their program.

One other issue that has been brought home to me by my participation in the UNB accreditation is the lack of specific direction given to the visit team and BECC when an accreditation is undertaken. I would like the committee to consider what process should be followed to look at accreditation and how it is performed and then to set the process in motion. This is a complex issue and will require some considerable thought about the process, how it fits with other accreditations that Universities undergo and what flexibility should be given to the visit team.

We expect to have a face to face meeting of the BECC in early 2007. That meeting will also relate to the Resolution 4 Task Force, because the two groups are essentially the same.

Respectfully submitted Sept. 28, 2006

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