

Write Away Report

Since the Write Away Concept Committee's September teleconference and the last update, some very constructive developments have taken place.

1. BCcampus has clarified that WriteAway, like AskAway, will work as both a Collaborative Service and a Shared Service. Through its Collaborative Services program, BCcampus supports participating institutions in coordinating existing resources and infrastructure to create online student services beyond what any individual institution could provide on its own. Through the Shared Services program, BCcampus helps institutions with their educational applications for teaching and learning by bringing multiple institutions together to pool requirements, and then finding solutions for acquiring, hosting, and supporting the needed applications. BCcampus has provided funding and support for both the Collaborative Service and Shared Service aspects of WriteAway.

2. BC ELN will assist the WriteAway Concept Committee with consultation and development of the Collaborative Service model, process, policies and documentation. In addition to this overview work, next steps will include initiating a pilot/proof-of-concept as soon as possible, developing Benefits & Responsibilities for participants, and creating an initial set of software requirements towards identifying a suitable platform for delivering services.

3. The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre has committed seed funding to support the WriteAway service, working in partnership with the participating institutions.

4. BC ELN will convene a meeting with the WriteAway Concept Committee, including BCcampus, in early-mid November to map out next steps.

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