



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2011

**Executives:** Nicola Gardner, President  
Ricky Dasgupta, VP Finance & Administration  
Matthew Nolletti, VP Campus Life  
Tylan Fraser, VP of Student Affairs  
Tara Johnson, VP External  
Brian Harvey, Transportation, Construction & the Environment Chair  
Marwan Marwan, Computing & Academic Studies Chair  
Gordon Newby, Business Chair  
Laura Chow, Health Sciences Chair  
Amy Erskine, Energy Chair  
Keith Miller, Chair of ATC

**Councilors:**

Mike Hanson	Zac Der
Rodrigo Jose Mendez	Jonathan Ng
Jonathan Rock	Tracy Jowett
Victor Lu	Minoru Nakano
Frances Torres	Aaron Kool
Michelle Dragon	Daniel Smith
Ben Plasche	Cole Harrison
Avinaash Kapil	Kevin Smith
Emily Pawluk	Denis Dobrozdravich
Marcus O'Reilly	Yinan Scott Shi
Marc Yap	Duff Walker
Bailey McRae	

**Staff:** Caroline Gagnon, Director  
Roland Gagel, Controller

**Absentee:** Oshea Jephson  
Chris Yendall  
Alex Rines

**Guest:** Titus Gregory



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## 1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Nicola Gardner at 5:45 pm. (35 voting)

## 2. Acceptance of the Agenda

It was moved that the following agenda be accepted as distributed:

*Moved by: Keith Miller*

*Seconded by: Tylan Fraser*

35/0/0          Carried

## 3. Vice President's Report

Nicola Gardner, outgoing Vice President Student Affairs from 2009/2010 goes over highlights from the previous year such as the different negotiations (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Childcare, Upass BC), Referendum, Clubs Coordinator, Services (Mentorship, Outreach, and Marketing), and Bursaries.

## 4. Report on Audited Financial Statements

Nicola Gardner introduced Roland Gagel, BCITSA Controller. Roland presents to Council the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements and highlights of the 2010-2011 Year End Financial Statements.

Questions/Comments:

- Are the Pub Capital Expenses included in the financial statement? Yes. However there have not been any significant capital expenses since the Student Association took over the operation in 2003.

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that BCITSA accepts the 2010-2011 Audited Year-End Financial Statements as presented.

*Moved by: Ricky Dasgupta*

*Seconded by: Gordon Newby*

35/0/0          Carried



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**Motion:**

Be it resolved that BCITSA accepts the 2010-2011 Annual Report as presented.

*Moved by: Ricky Dasgupta*

*Seconded by: Laura Chow*

33/0/2            Carried

## 5. Auditor's Appointment for 2011/2012

Ricky Dasgupta states that the BCITSA will need to appoint another firm for the 2011-2012 year since the contract with Reid Hurst Nagy Accounting Firm is now completed. According to the Student Association Bylaws, the Association is required to find a new auditing firm every 5 years. An auditing committee will review the selection of a new auditing firm and review terms of contract. The committee will bring the recommendations to Council in the new year.

**Auditing Committee:** Ricky Dasgupta, Roland Gagel (staff), Rodrigo Mendez, Mike Hanson

## 6. Amendment to Bylaws

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that BCITSA accepts the amendment to the Bylaws (3.2.2 & 8.12.5) as posted on the website.

*Moved by: Ricky Dasgupta*

*Seconded by: Brian Harvey*

30/4/1            Carried

### Questions / Comments

- Ricky gives the background information for this motion.
- Is this a paid position? Yes, the same as Residence, International and all other councillors.
- Why was it proposed that the position be responsible to be appointed by the School of Computing Chair? This Chair is presently appointing the International and Residence Councillors. This is only a process issue.
- If we have Aboriginal councillors? How far do we go to serve other minority groups?
- Why was it decided to include an Aboriginal councillor? BCIT Aboriginal Services approached us.
- The process of appointing councillors is explained to the audience. The more voices we have, is better for the Association. We should hear more voices, more opinions. It makes us stronger. If other groups approach the Student Association. Why not.



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- There was no suggestion that Council is in need of such representation. There has been no problem by not representing Aboriginal students on Council. It increases the size and the cost.
- There has been systemic discrimination of the Aboriginal community over the years. In light of the history of Canada, we should consider having this group represented on our Council.
- Students are already represented through other ways.
- We have 1600 aboriginal students on campus. A lot of students are not from the lower mainland, so the services are a home away from home. I think that Aboriginal Student Centre is an amazing centre. The role of an Aboriginal councillor could become very important for years to come. With the first phase out of three (3) being completed at the Aboriginal Student Centre, the Aboriginal community will grow bigger and stronger.

### **7. Meeting adjourned**

It was moved by Brian Harvey and seconded by Dan Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 6:26pm.  
Carried



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## Annual General Meeting

### Agenda

Monday November 14, 2011

5:30-6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. President's Report
4. Report on Audited Financial Statements
5. Auditors Appointment for 2011/2012
6. Amendment to Bylaws
7. Meeting Adjourned