

BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2012 - 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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2012 - 2013 STUDENT EXECUTIVES



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daniel Huh

PRESIDENT

2012-2013 was an unforgettable year for the BCIT Student Association. The year kicked off with an eventful orientation day led by nearly 100 student volunteers and followed by a showcase in the great hall headlined by our many student clubs, all welcoming students to the new school year at BCIT. Also as a part of orientation week, the BCIT-SA held our very first outdoor frosh event. Led by our VP Campus Life, with the support from our staff, BCIT, and the local community, Froshfest saw over 500 students in attendance, becoming one of the most successful BCITSA events.

This year also saw the end of our first U-Pass contract. Championed by our VP External, we worked alongside other post-secondary institutions around the province in voicing student concerns and needs during the renegotiation of the U-Pass BC program. After all was said and done, we saw overwhelming referendum results in favour of the new terms and were proud

to announce the renewal of the U-pass BC program for another three years.

The BCITSA also had a busy year constructing more student spaces, which in turn allowed for more student engagement. Anticipating a large expansion of the BCIT downtown campus, we increased student representation in the form of a downtown campus chair position. That being said, we secured an office space that will provide the campus with a much needed physical presence and student voice. With this new position and our strong outreach program, we hope to increase the level of student representation and provide services to a much needed group of students.

Furthermore, continuing with our student lounge initiative, we renovated the SE10 lounge as well as securing an agreement to renovate a student space at our downtown campus. We also ratified the creation of a student space committee as a standing committee to en-

sure oversight in the development of student lounges in the future.

Along with all of these milestones, student engagement was at an all time high with the addition of seven new student clubs, record breaking visits to the U-connect, and an increasing demand of services from all our campuses. Although we did face our share of challenges along the way, I am confident that we better positioned ourselves to help enhance student life in the years to come.

Lastly, I would like to give thanks to the executive team and staff for their patience and immense amount of hard work and dedication they poured into the BCITSA in the past year. I would also like to thank our councilors, set representatives, and volunteers for their hard work and for sacrificing their valuable time to help improve student life at BCIT.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Caroline Gagnon

DIRECTOR

Looking back at what we have accomplished, I am always amazed at how far the BCIT Student Association has come. Working with students on a daily basis offers us a constant source of inspiration to better the Association's offerings. We are always looking at ways to reinvent ourselves to enhance student life and experience. Constant evolution is one of our goals.

Last year, agreements were negotiated with BCIT giving us access of the entire SE2 building. Consequently, we moved our offices to the third floor and began renovating the second floor in order to launch a new student space in the 2013-2014 school year.

It took over 20 years to finally complete students' vision of creating a true student centre for students by students. Back in 1986, a group of students proposed the

creation of a student campus centre. The building was built in 1995; however BCIT still occupied the third floor of this centre. This year, we realized what so many student leaders had dreamed of doing. The dream was kept alive and most importantly realized. It is exciting to see that this renovation project is only the beginning of reinventing the third floor of SE2: planning is scheduled for 2013-2014 with construction starting in 2014.

Another significant addition to the BCITSA services was the construction of the BCITSA Childcare Centre. As part of the 2011 agreements with BCIT, we were able to renovate the SE41 building and create a modern and well-designed childcare centre with a capacity of 25 children, ages 30 months and over, for BCIT students and staff. We proudly opened the BCIT Childcare Centre in January 2013. This is the only childcare centre open for our students, and hope-

fully its success will demonstrate a value to BCIT.

These two capital projects represent an investment of well over one million. It exhibits our constant commitment to ensuring that BCITSA enhances students' experience. Beyond capital investment, the BCITSA team continued to build on the success of programs such as our special events, Peak Leadership and health services, just to name a few. Our retail businesses have also continued their quest to offer services.

We remain dedicated to connecting with students and we make it imperative that student engagement is part of our business model. I thank everyone who contributes every day to the success of the BCIT Student Association. Without each and every one of you, the BCITSA would not be where i



OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The 2012-2013 school year saw multiple BCITSA goals come to fruition. From adding more student spaces to continuously engaging with students, the BCITSA spent another year working hard toward putting student-centered plans into actions.

EXPANSION:

One of the biggest accomplishments of the year was in creating a student centre: a building fully occupied by the BCITSA. Furthermore, and arguably most exciting for students, we began planning the reinvention of our old office space into a large study area for students.

Another monumental BCITSA goal was to open the doors to the Childcare Centre built in SE40, accommodating 25 children ages 30 months and up. Having been closed down almost ten years ago it was with much hard work and joy to see this opening onsite again.



BCITSA Childcare



OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS



BCITSA Orientation September 2012

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ENGAGEMENT:

The BCITSA expansion projects were not the only things breaking new ground; our staff kept busy offering new services, events, and maximizing our outreach to keep in touch with student needs.

BCITSA launched its own Craigslist-type site to provide a specialized buy/sell/trade service to the BCIT community. An ID card program was also

introduced to expand the revenue opportunities and increase options for third parties wanting to be involved with BCIT students.

Our Outreach department and social media team continued their positive growth, seeing an increase in participation from our satellite campuses and even part-time studies, a large relatively untapped market.

Because of the successful

reach of our social media, advertising, and extraordinary staff efforts, we've enjoyed an increase in event participation. Our first event of the year, the first ever BCITSA Froshfest, was a huge success seeing over 500 students. We also added several other new events: Winterfest, the SA5k, Doggy De-stress, and our LAN party. Check out these events and more at www.youtube.com/bcitsa

Froshfest



Our Uconnect Resource Centre kept busy as always, seeing another large increase in students walk through its doors. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from the George Murray Tidball-Keg Restaurants Leadership Program Fund, we were able to offer our Peak Leadership program to a record breaking number of 89 students.

Last but not least, while all of these additions, renovations, and outreach programs were taking place, BCITSA retail operations moved forward full steam. The Stand stores installed digital screens to increase Association advertising and Professor Mugs Pub held multiple successful events, including a Spring Break Event where they gave away a trip to Las Vegas!

Looking back at the 2012-2013 school year, we cannot help but be satisfied with our progress and commitment to enhancing student life.



Above: Doggy De-stress, Below: SA5K (Photo by Alastair Sutherland)



AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SPONSORSHIPS

AWARD	VALUE	RECIPIENT
President's Award	Non-monetary	Paul Dangerfield
Laurie Jack Award	\$500	Rebecca Davidson, Denis Dobrozdravich

SET REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS	VALUE	RECIPIENT
Aerospace Technology Campus	\$500	Petar Bosiocic
School of Business	\$500	Matt Morrish
School of Computing and Academic Studies	\$500	Chris Chapman
School of Energy	\$500	Jonathan Zimmerman
School of Health Sciences	\$500	Kevin Chau
School of Transportation, Construction, and the Environment	\$500	Matt Dick

BURSARY	VALUE	RECIPIENTS
BCIT Legacy of Leadership Bursary	\$25,000	*
Sharing Costs Or Recognizing Excellence (SCORE) Endowment	\$2,360	2 students
BCITSA Bursaries (formerly known as Toon-In)	\$789	1 student
Student Society Emergency Aid Fund (\$5000 from the BCITSA matched with another \$5000 from the Ministry of Advanced Education)	\$10,000	19 students

*BCITSA's contribution to the BCIT Legacy of Leadership Bursary was dispersed among existing bursary funds and recipient numbers are unknown at current date.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MAY 31, 2013	2013	2012 restated
ASSETS		
Cash and other current assets	\$2,139,095	\$2,002,077
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,079,568	614,770
Investments	-	490,955
Deposit	-	1,122,275
Prepaid rent	2,536,298	-
Assets under construction	519,725	-
Deferred charges	161,605	174,633
	\$6,435,822	\$4,404,710
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	\$1,299,338	\$1,158,975
Long term debt	1,840,032	-
	3,139,370	1,158,975
NET ASSETS, BY FUND BALANCES		
Capital Assets	-	614,770
Capital Levy Fund	168,962	337,737
Medical Insurance Fund	517,399	420,544
Unrestricted	2,610,091	1,872,684
	3,296,452	3,245,735
	\$6,435,822	\$4,404,710

The financial information above has been compiled by BCITSA and summarizes information from the audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2013. The BCITSA appointed auditor's Smythe Ratcliffe Chartered Accountants LLP, prepared the financial statements and were approved by the members at large at the annual general meeting November 18, 2013. The reader is cautioned that the summary may not fully suit the needs of the reader and should review the full financial statements with explanatory notes which can be found at www.bictsa.ca

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2013	2013	2012 restated
STUDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND		
Student medical fees collected	\$1,566,325	\$1,418,271
Medical insurance premiums paid	(1,410,362)	(1,420,524)
Expenses - wages, rent, G&A	(64,006)	(62,489)
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$91,957</u>	<u>\$(64,742)</u>
CAPITAL LEVY FUND		
Capital levy collected for student spaces	\$98,450	\$100,471
Student spaces expenditures	(75,437)	(189,219)
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$23,013</u>	<u>\$(88,748)</u>
OPERATING FUND		
Business Revenues - Retail and Pub	\$2,691,225	\$2,711,598
Cost of sales	(1,367,145)	(1,414,786)
Wages, rent, G&A, amortization	(1,355,367)	(1,287,573)
NET BUSINESS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(31,287)</u>	<u>9,239</u>
OTHER REVENUES		
Student fees collected	1,291,181	1,249,695
Capital levy collected - SE2 expansion	216,590	203,435
Childcare revenues	34,152	-
Other various revenues	448,724	471,971
Clubs - membership fees, fundraising, miscellaneous	107,839	131,303
	<u>2,098,486</u>	<u>2,056,404</u>
TOTAL NET REVENUES	<u>2,067,199</u>	<u>2,065,643</u>
EXPENSES		
Student governance	223,945	223,303
Program delivery - Student Services	499,360	432,064
Program delivery - Childcare	121,714	12,216
Administration	1,168,359	943,675
Club expenses	130,748	142,727
	<u>2,144,126</u>	<u>1,753,985</u>
Operational Subtotal	(76,927)	311,658
Gain/(Loss) on investments and asset disposals	12,674	(42,491)
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$(64,253)</u>	<u>\$269,167</u>
TOTAL EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$50,717</u>	<u>\$115,677</u>

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