



BCIT Student Association

Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 20, 2010

Executives:	Jordan Harris, President Rachael Radford, VP Finance & Administration Dan Smith, VP Campus Life Nicola Gardner, VP of Student Affairs Ciara Hamagishi, VP Public Relations & Marketing Robby Basi, Transportation, Construction & the Environment Chair Michal Harrison, Computing & Academic Studies Chair Dillon Zolnierczyk, Business Chair Jim Moore, Health Sciences Chair Andrew Io, Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes Chair Dom Audette, Chair of ATC	
Councilors:	Jill Hidalgo Sven Okicki Alexander Osipov Jessie Abraham George Ko Andrew Hou Chris Wood Kevin Pitura	Sean Dwyer Tara Johnson Sharon Loh Jarrett Rainier Khashayar Torabi Daniel Khatkar Jennifer Ji
Staff:	Caroline Gagnon, Director	
Absentee:		
Guest:		

4.1. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Jordan Harris, called the meeting to order at 5:45pm. (24 voting members).

4.2. Acceptance of the Agenda

It was moved that the following agenda be accepted with the following changes:

- 4.4.1 Guest speaker to be moved to next meeting
- 4.9.2 Sanctioning
- 4.4 4.7 Question Period - after Councilor Forum, thus moving all by one
- 4.9.3 By-elections

Moved by: Michal Harrison

Seconded by: Dan Smith

24/0/0 Carried



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4.3. Acceptance of the Minutes

Be it resolved that the minutes from July 15, 2010 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Nicola Gardner

Seconded by: Michal Harrison

13/0/11 carried

Be it resolved that the minutes from August 2, 2010 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Dillon Zolnierczyk

Seconded by: Dan Smith

10/0/14 Carried

Be it resolved that the minutes from September 2, 2010 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Nicola Gardner

Seconded by: Dillon Zolnierczyk

11/0/13 Carried

4.4 Guest Speakers

No guest speaker

4.5. Executive Progress Report

Dillon: Working on his objectives and has recruited all Councilors

Andrew: Organizing Set Rep meeting; is meeting with his Associate Dean to address some issues, and has recruited most Councilors

Jim: The School of Health next Set Rep meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27 3:30pm in the Council Chamber. He is meeting with School leadership team next week.

Dan: Club training is scheduled next Monday September 27 at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber.

Michal: Meeting with his the Dean and Associate Dean and Program Heads to discuss the management of instructors' feedback.

Dom: Held the Set Rep meeting and is working on recruiting councilors. He is also involved with the CAMC aviation event in Vancouver.

Nicola: is meeting with BCIT Security to address the possibility of placing cameras or other safety initiatives to protect bikes at SW3.

4.6. Councilor Forum

- Students are looking for more computer hours in SW3 specifically for the School of Electrical Engineer
- It appears that some Telus employees are using the NEI parking lot making it difficult for students to park their cars.



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- There were some concerns about the training of the Orientation volunteers. Some volunteers did not know where to go and students from the Food Technology Program were left to wonder around. Further, students should receive a tour of the campus to better orient themselves during the first week. It might be better than just attending their program presentation.
- Students from the Bio Technology program are in need of lounge spaces, more superficially in SW9. Jordan informs Council that a capital levy was created to address this issue. A Lounge Committee will be created next meeting.
- The School of Business offered a “Team Orientation”, which included 4 programs (Business Operation, International Trade). This orientation was not very useful. Rachael states that this is the first time that the school was offering this orientation.

4.7. Question Period

- Students are complaining about not receiving grades for courses taken this summer (more specifically for Nursing). It appears that this is a common practice at BCIT. At ATC, instructors don't even post any grades. The different medium used by the Schools to post grades is very confusing for students. Each instructor is left to use their own medium. Nicola and Michal will be looking into it as they are sitting on the BCIT Educational Committee.

4.8. Unfinished Business

4.8.1. U-pass

Jordan provided a U-pass update. Translink submitted their final contract draft. Before bringing this issue to referendum, Council will need to review and accept that the question be sent to students. One of the significant changes is that Student Associations are signatory. The deadline to show our intent to participate in this program is September 30.

Questions:

- Where can information be found about the U-pass? Jordan explains that information is on the BCITSA, BCIT and Translink website.
- Is this an optional or mandatory program? If BCIT decides to participate, all students that are eligible will have to participate. There are some exclusions, but they are very limited. All students will pay \$30/month for the entirety of their program.
- If the referendum passes, when will the program start? It is guaranteed that the program will start in September 2011; however we are investigating the possibilities of starting it as early as January 2011.
- How would the fees be considered? The fee would be considered as a separate fee and would not be rolled in as tuition fees.



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- How and when will the referendum occur? The voting will be done through MyBCIT. When the contract is approved, promotional material will go out everywhere on campus.

4.8.2. Third Floor and Daycare

Jordan informs Council that last year Council made an application to BCIT to take possession of the third floor in SE2 and to open a daycare on campus. A meeting was set to discuss these proposals with BCIT Administration (CFO, VP Student Services). It is understood that the daycare will be brought forward at the November Board of Governors meeting, while we will be working with BCIT facilities on the long term impact for BCIT to give away the third floor of SE2. The expansion would be used for student spaces (i.e. Clubs spaces). A committee will be created in the near future to address the space allocation for such additional space. A proposal should be going to the BOG at their December.

4.9 New Business

4.9.1 Harmonization of Capital Levy Fee

Motion:

Be it resolved that BCITSA harmonize the student Capital Levy fees.

Moved by: Rachael Radford

Seconded by: Nicola Gardner

19/0/4

Carried

Rachael and Caroline explain the reasons why this motion is proposed. At the request of BCIT, it proposed that all fees are amortized. BCIT has a difficult time to ensure that all fees are paid according to the existing fee schedule give that some students attending these campuses attend Burnaby; therefore each course has to be prorated accordingly.

Last year, Council approved the activity fees to be harmonized given the expansion of services/programs at all campuses via outreach. However it was decided to harmonized the Capital Levy because it had been just voted in by membership. By harmonizing the capital levy, we can guarantee through accounting processes that the money collected by these campuses be invested back into these campuses.

Questions:

- Is the money used for the lounges only? Yes.
- Is it only raising the money to \$5 instead of \$2.14? Yes
- Is it raising student fees for these schools? Yes, but all the money will go back to them, therefore are not subsidizing the Burnaby or ATC campus.
- Should it be presented to them?
- Councilors are appointed to represent the interests of all students from all campuses.
- Could we meet half way? Burnaby/ATC paying less while others more.
- All money is going back to them.



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Motion:

Call the question

Moved by: Michal Harrison
22/0/1 Carried

Seconded by: Jim Moore

4.9.3 By-elections

Rachael announces that a by-election will be held for the position of Chair of Transportation, Construction & the Environment following the resignation of Robby Basi. Nominations open on Wednesday.

These are the proposed dates:

Wednesday September 22	Nomination Forms Released
Wednesday September 29 NOON	Nomination Forms Due
Thursday September 30 4:00pm	Confirmation of Candidates by the Registrar Office
Friday October 1	All Candidates Meeting
Monday October 4	Email promoting to vote going to all applicable students
Monday October 4 6:00 am to Friday October 8 12:00pm	Campaign Week
Monday October 4 8:00 am to Friday October 8 12:00pm	Voting
Friday October 8 1:00pm	Results

Questions:

- ATC students will be allowed to vote because they are part of the School of Transportation. Further, all students taking a course under that School will be allowed to vote.

Election Committee Members: Tara Johnson and Andrew Hou

4.10. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 4 at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber. The meeting will start with a Roberts' Rules of Order training session (45 minutes) to be followed by a Council Meeting

4.11. Meeting adjourned

It was moved by Nicola Gardner and seconded by Michal Harrison that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00pm. Carried



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Council Meeting Agenda

Monday September 20, 2010
5:30-7:30pm

- 4.1 Meeting called to order
- 4.2 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 4.3 Acceptance of the Minutes
- 4.4 Guest Speakers
 - 4.4.1 Technically Queer
- 4.5 Progress Reports: Executives
- 4.6 Councilor Forum
- 4.7 Unfinished Business
 - 4.7.1 U-Pass
 - 4.7.2 Third Floor and Daycare
- 4.8 New Business
 - 4.8.1 Harmonization of Capital Levy Fee
 - 4.8.2 Technically Queer Student Club Sanctioning
- 4.4 Question Period
- 4.10 Next Meeting
- 4.11 Meeting Adjourned