



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Executives:

Jordan Harris, President

Dan Smith, VP Campus Life

Nicola Gardner, VP of Student Affairs

Ciara Hamagishi, VP Public Relations & Marketing

Michal Harrison, Computing & Academic Studies Chair

Dillon Zolnierczyk, Business Chair

Jim Moore, Health Sciences Chair

Andrew Io, Energy Chair

Dom Audette, Chair of ATC

Brian Harvey, Transportation, Construction & the Environment Chair

Councilors:

Sharon Loh

Dan Collins

Alexander Osipov

Daniel Ng

Daniel Khatkar

Lizhi Chen (Hughes)

Kevin Pitura

David Gordon

Jill Hidalgo

Alex Rines

Jennifer Ji

Kathryn Cleven

George Ko

Alisa Dalhuisen

Tara Johnson

Jason Dhaliwal



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Staff: Caroline Gagnon, Director

Absentee:

Sean Dwyer	Jessie Abraham
Khashayar Torabi	Negar Razaz Rahmati
Chris Wood	Jarrett Rainier
Mat Brownell	Rachael Radford

Guest: Dan Close

8.1. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Jordan Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. (26 voting members).

8.2. Acceptance of the Agenda

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

8.8.2 Lounge

Moved by: *Dan Smith* Seconded by: *Brian Harvey*

25/0/0 Carried

8.3. Acceptance of the Minutes

Be it resolved that the minutes from November 1, 2010 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: *Dan Smith* Seconded by: *Dillon Zolnierczyk*

24/0/2 Carried



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8.4 Guest Speakers

No guest speakers

8.5. Executive Progress Report

As presented.

Dillon:

- Will be working with the Dean to establish process to deal with issues that arose from the Set Rep meeting.

8.6. Councillor Forum

Facilities Update:

- Water fountains not working in NE1 and SE2 - **completed**
- SW9 Main Entrance recycling - **completed**.
- Paper Towel dispensers, SW3 for Student Lounges 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors and also SW9, men's washroom/change room –in process
- SW9 front entrance- in progress (3 weeks)
- Electrical Outlets, The Rix- Still in Progress
- Eh-Pod, (No Smoking) – Still in Progress
- With regards to temperature in SW3 , 3000 this is not a room number – the room is in SW1
- The touch less facets for SE2 – missing information
- Windows SW3, 2005 & 2009 these room number do not exist.
- Moving the recycling bins to the 24 hour section Eh-Pod - **completed**

Questions:

- What is happening with requesting the Impark contract? BCIT made a mistake and forgot to officially start the request. We are sending another request this week.
- Eh pod washroom not clean properly. It is a very high traffic, therefore should be done more than others.
- Microwave missing in SE 16. Still at the shop for repairs.
- Some student fees complained that they pay the SA fee twice. It should not be, we will investigate once we receive more information.

8.7. Question Period

- Will the request for the Impark contract include ATC? Yes.
- What are we looking for by asking for the Impark contract? We are looking at understanding the process so that we can propose changes and use a lobbying tool.
- The issue of parking is beyond ATC and Burnaby. Students also have issues at GNW. There is a section that was fenced out resulting in very limited availability.



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8.8. Unfinished Business

8.8.1 U-Pass BC Program

Motion:

Be it resolved that BCITSA brings the following referendum question to eligible students:

Are you in favour of authorizing the BCIT Student Association to collect a fee of \$30 per month of study for students eligible for the U-Pass BC program?

Yes

No

Moved by: *Jordan Harris*

Seconded by: *Nicola Gardner*

19/4/3 **Carried**

Jordan states that BCITSA received a contract last week that we feel is giving a good program to students. Therefore, we feel comfortable bringing the referendum to students at this point although the contract has not been signed. The question is only giving students the right to vote under referendum. It is not to agree/disagree to the U-pass.

Eligibility of students still pending and we will work on determining eligible student this week. Issues around distribution are still being worked on. Mitigating fraud is a significant issue to consider.

Question:

- What is the withdrawing timeline? Four (4) weeks to receive some of the tuition fees back.
- Will the pass cover three (3) zones? Yes and the sky train to the airport and the sea bus are included.
- Students have issues around the mechanics of the pass itself and if the contract will be available to students before the vote. It is unknown at this moment, if the entire contract will be available for everyone to see. By agreeing to the question, it removes the bargaining power of the SA to negotiate. The role of the SA is to lobby on behalf of all students. At this point, we feel that the contract is benefiting all parties, but Jordan will ask signing parities to see the possibility of making the contract public. The final contract review will be done this week.
- Others state that as long as students are aware of what will influence them directly, the view of the contract prior to the vote is not necessary. During the referendum, it is the duty of the BCITSA to inform students of all the relevant information so they can make an informed decision.
- FAQ and answers will be available on the web starting tomorrow.
- If the contract is not available to students, could Council view it? Jordan will ask.
- Will these monthly pass be recyclable? They should be.
- What will be the exact cost of the U-pass? \$30 until March 2013. The program will change again 2013. The propose program is for only two (2) years. The increase has not been determined.



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- Two (2) Student Associations have already passed a referendum VCC and Emily Carr. Douglas College will go to a vote this next meeting. It is anticipated that Kwantlen will run their vote at the end of January.
- The contract has been negotiate for the benefit of all students. It has already been negotiated, therefore making it challenging to bring issues back to the larger group.

Motion:

Call the Question

Moved by: *Michal Harrison*

Seconded by: *Jim Moore*

21/0/5 **Carried**

8.8.2 Lounge

Motion:

Be it resolved that BCITSA reallocate \$150,000 from the Health Care account to the lounge improvement project.

Moved by: *Nicola Gardner*

Seconded by: *Dan Smith*

25/0/1 **Carried**

Nicola explains that extra money collected through the Health Care fund would be going back to students directly, in addition to the Capital Levy. It was decided not take the full reserve as this is our first year and other Council might want to do something else with the funds.

Questions:

- Is this the continuity from last year's conversation? It is for sure continuity of the lounge project, but not directly linked to any conversation that may have occurred in the previous year.
- Is the money going to focus on specific lounges? No, the goal of adding this money is to be able to renovate more lounges. More dollars to go to more spaces.
- Nicola expresses the impact of the money. Some councillors are concerned about how the money will be used. Nicola states that although the levy helps the ongoing process, the additional funds would help kick start the program. Two years ago, the Student Association invested \$90,000 of the Health Care account to create a scholarship fund.
- Is the committee obligated to spend the entire money? Why \$150,000? The committee does not have a specific budget to work with, but before the project starts, expenses will be brought in front of Council for final approval.



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- What type of renovations will be done in these lounges? Mainly furniture and modernization of the space.
- Target lounge are SW9, SW3 2 floor, NE1, NE8, SE1.

8.9 New Business

8.9.1 Sustainability Committee

Nicola mentions that she is unable to attend the Sustainability Committee because of scheduling conflict, and ask for a replacement. Alexander Osipov will take the position.

8.10. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 29 at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber.

8.11. Meeting adjourned

It was moved by Andy Io and seconded by Kathryn Cleven that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30pm.
Carried



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Council Meeting
Agenda
Monday November 15, 2010
5:30-8:30pm

- 8.1 Meeting called to order
- 8.2 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 8.3 Acceptance of the Minutes
- 8.4 Guest Speakers
- 8.5 Progress Reports: Executives
- 8.6 Councilor Forum
- 8.7 Question Period
- 8.8 Unfinished Business
 - 8.8.1 U-Pass BC Program
- 8.9 New Business
- 8.10 Next Meeting
- 8.11 Meeting Adjourned



Progress Report – Dan Smith – VP Campus Life

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
	To increase Club membership by 25%, on-campus presence, and potency	Attended Marketing Association event Friday November 5 th – solid turnout – event a success
	To increase weight room hours	Nothing to report
	To increase EhPod Services; specifically install a microwave, a water fountain, and improve the vending machine nutritional choices	Met with Mei Young (BCIT Library Services - Operations Manager) on Tuesday and walked through EhPod. A cost request has been sent to BCIT Facilities to estimate the price associated with the installation of these items.
	Movember Campaign	Website live, poster campaign still in progress, Movember Canada BCIT Team page active (http://ca.movember.com/mospace/544216/). As of Thursday, November 11 th – facial hair looking quite formidable.

Progress Report – Michal Harrison – Chair, Computing & Academic Studies

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
September 2010	Enhance social and outreach aspects of the School of Computing & Academic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A LAN party was held on November 5 and was attended by over 100 students. • Another LAN party is being planned for next term.
September 2010	Mentorship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted telephone interviews of potential mentors and selected six. • Have three protégés, presently seeking three more.
September 2010	Set rigid standards for feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating the viability of having feedback standards set at a departmental level.



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Progress Report – Jim Moore – Chair of Health Sciences

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
October 4 th 2010	Mentorship program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor recruitment complete • Recruiting students/protégé's
November 25 th 2010	Next Set Rep Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing guest speakers
November 1 st 2010	Movember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moustache still growing

Progress Report – Brian Harvey – Chair, School of Transportation, Construction & Environment

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
Monday, October 18, 2010	Marketing Committee	Awaiting next meeting
November 1, 2010	Better communicate to school reps at Burnaby, BMC and Great Northern Way Campuses	<p>Met with school Deans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed options to get students more involved. <p>Visited Great Northern Way campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toured campus. <p>Talked with Jeff Otto prior to Big Info.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed issues at BMC. • Jeff suggested possible events at BMC campus <p>Preparing for next Set Rep meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Rep List is growing almost daily.
November 1, 2010	Promote more social activity amongst the schools.	<p>Promoting Movember Campaign</p> <p>Looking to get a firm date planned for the Pool Tournament (Feb 4th tentatively).</p>



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Progress Report – Nicola Gardner – VP Student Affairs

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
September, 20 th , 2010	Improve Student Association Election Process	N/A until March
September, 20 th , 2010	Student Lounge Renovations/Improvements	To be presented at Council
September, 20 th , 2010	Improve Recycling on Campus	Do to scheduling conflicts I have to give up my seat on the sustainability committee, but will continue to receive meeting minutes and work with them.

Progress Report – Ciara Hamagishi – VP PR & Marketing

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
August 2010	Review of the VP PR and Marketing roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly meetings with Daniel Close are continuing to help integrate the position with BCITSA marketing department projects. LinkedIn page for BCITSA is being updated. This week the project outline was created.
August 2010	Fundraising campaign (To successfully implement a fundraising campaign and or event that will raise money for students and exceed the funds raised in previous years.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movember has already raised over \$4000. The voting web page is live. This upcoming Monday will be the mid-way check-in point for the contest.



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Progress Report – Jordan Harris – President

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
September, 20 th , 2010	To help negotiate the U-Pass for students	Have final contract waiting for council to approve and then move forward with referendum dates.
September, 20 th , 2010	Lobbying BCIT for the third Floor and Daycare	Aiming to present a newly formed proposal to the Board of Governors in November. Waiting for BCIT's day care consultant to finish report to bring the Day issue forward at the November Board of Governors meeting.
September, 20 th , 2010	To build stronger relationships with other campuses & institutions	Will have something for council to view next meeting at the end of the month.
September, 20 th , 2010	To re-build the VP Marketing & Public Relations	Reevaluating the structure of this position in January 2011.

Progress Report – Dom Audette – Chair, ATC

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
September 14 2010	Initiate at least 2 field trips	CAMC participation , on track
September 14 2010	Increase ATC Student awareness and attendance at SA Events	Made all reps aware of upcoming events /ongoing progress



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Progress Report – Dillon Zolnierczyk – Chair of the School of Business

Date of Introduction	Action or Outstanding Issue	Status
	Set Rep Meeting	Held set rep meeting and gained valuable feedback from SoB set reps
	Club Collaboration	Consulted with the media club on their future ventures with SIFE and the MA
	Set Rep meeting issues	Set up meeting with Robin to discuss issues that arose within our meetings

Progress Report – Rachael Radford – VP Finance and Administration

No Report

Progress Report – Andy Io – Chair, School of Energy

No Report