

## School of Transportation, Construction & the Environment

### Set Rep Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018 3:00 – 5:00pm

**Staff:** Lauren Oleksewich, BCITSA Health and Wellness Coordinator

**Chair:** Moshtagh Mohammadi, Chair - School of Transportation, Construction & the Environment

**Call to Order: 3:15pm**

**Intro:**

#### **3 Questions Icebreaker:**

- **Goals: What was one of Mosh's goals?**
  - Competitions: Increase competitions and funding
- **What was the Mental Health awareness day today? #BellLetsTalk: today's mental health awareness day**
- **Industry Days: How many employers? ~50**
  - Discussion points: Can we move it to later in the day? Hard to go because it was in between class time
  - Professors were also seemingly unaware this year

#### **Game of Schools:**

- Saturday February 3, 2018 9:30am – 2:00pm
- Unfortunately, did **not** get the student response they were hoping for – postponed to ~ March
- Looking for feedback from students for what would make students participate
- The event has to occur on weekend for booking – what time would work?
  - Weekend would be good but duration/timing might be too long (change from 6hrs - ~4hrs)
- Issue with current date (Feb 3) because of midterms and assignments
  - Schedule to beginning of semester or after exams
  - Cannot do early next semester because of Chair change – want to schedule for this semester
- Sports included – dodgeball and barbarians (capture the flag game), amazing race style format
  - Maybe include soccer or basketball
- The students expressed a need to have this at beginning of year in September to get to know people in your schools
- Mosh' question: When in this semester would be best? Maybe weekend occurring during spring break?

- **Ask:** people please send Mosh their midterm schedules
- **Q:** Reason they did this was because schools don't typically interact with together – is this something you (the students) want? – Consensus = yes
- Student Question: Is there a way to integrate into orientation?
  - Possibly do mini GoS in orientation week then do the big event after Christmas
- Consensus: the first Saturday/ weekend of Spring Break
- At least 10 people needed for each school (we had 3 😊 ) SoHS had 5
- Problems with promotion and marketing

#### **UPass Referendum:**

- **Timothy David:** VP External
- Referendum is occurring online January 30 – February 2
- Vote through my.bcit.ca
- Contract with translink is coming to an end April 2018
- Translink told Tim last year they were wanting to increase their price – no thank you!
- Vote in regards to if you do or do not want the UPass on your student fees
- Q: what are the terms of the renegotiation?
  - Contract price freeze for another 18months (\$41/month)
  - Looking into an opt-out program – do not have it yet because of system limitation with BCIT (banner system) – currently only sees you as part-time or full-time students
  - After the banner system is updated, then an opt out option will be available
  - Want more student engagement – last referendum 15% voting population – goal this year is 25%
- Clarification: if you vote no, fee with tuition will not change. If you vote yes, fee with tuition will likely go up

#### **Chair Position:**

- Mosh's position will be ending in May – thus there will be an opening
- Election process will start in the next ~2 months
- Chair role duties – running set rep meetings and being the student voice for the SA and BCIT leadership
- Where do we apply? One can pick up a delegates package from SA centre in ~ April
- You have to be a full time student to act as a Chair
- How much commitment involved? Hours/week?
  - Depends on you. Mosh put in ~20 hrs/week (usually 15-30 hrs/week)
  - Depends on issues within your group and objectives you set for yourself
- Student Question: is this a paid position? Honorarium of ~700/month

#### **Updates:**

#### **Competition Funding:**

- Mosh advocated for BCIT to provide funding for students to participate in competitions
- Goal to receive 40k per year from students, approved for 50k (yay!)

**Food:**

- Working on bringing more vegetarian and alternate food options to campus

**Other:**

- Will be ensuring there are hole punches and staplers at each printing stations

**Open Forum:**

- Parking: cost reduction please and increase for student parking, issue with access especially with construction (trades students really affected by this)
  - Any plans to pave parking at SW end of campus, dirt lots are not ideal but usually have spaces available
  - Car 2 go signs have been moved over – request to move back please
- D2L login – central login page has been glitchy – redirecting to other pages to keep logged in
- Having an issue with share file – programs having issues with loading and submitting through share file
- Issue with program information being distributed on multiple modes (D2L, my.bcit, other files)
  - Teachers seem to be split on this too
  - Apparently is supposed to be on D2L
  - Mosh will bring this up to advocacy and see if there is something they can do
- Room 327, 329, and 323 in NE1 – drafting tables are not regulation

**Reminders:**

- Next Meeting: February ~17, 2018

**Adjournment:** 4:13pm