



Class Rep Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 12th, 2012

Chair: Dave Clarke, Chair of Aerospace Technology Campus*

Set/Tech Reps:

Colton Lloyd	Nima Sadraei*
Khushbu Patel*	Carolyn Gu
Tessa Ferneyhough*	Carol Song
Mark Hamilton	Rachel Min
John Wenkoff-excused	Jesse Frigo
Ben Hartlen	Jordan Hyde
Keven Choy	Soheil Fatchi Far
Ed Lau*	Amanda Bailey*
Mitchell Cooper*	Benny Woo*
Abu Hakami	Fraser Young*
John Park*	Jinny Kim
John Morrison*	Kira Gim
Aaron Giroux*	Rob Watson*
Naveed Nadeem*	Alfredo Moreno*
	Mark O'Sullivan*
	Alyssa Lacap*
	Sharon Weng*

*=attended

Staff: Genevieve Neugebauer, Outreach Coordinator*

Guest: Gordon Turner, Associate Dean ATC

7.1. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Dave Clarke, called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

7.2. New Business/Announcements

- o Looking for two councillors from ATC. You will get food and paid to attend meeting. Looks great on your resume and you can make a difference.

7.3. Issues to Discuss with Associate Dean

Smoking Issue

- Gazebo proposed but plans rejected by BCIT.
- Designs are being re-submitted and support will be given by ATC

Graduation

- Proposed to move it to Burnaby like all other trades twice a year.
- The reasons for this move are:
 - o There is not enough time to collect grades and inform students prior to the ceremony
 - o It is a lot of work every 8 weeks
 - o Burnaby has a more formal graduation with cap and gown and can get better speakers
 - o Be part of BCIT wider community like all other trades.
 - o Will keep campus tour and class photo tradition

- Student concerns:
 - Students leave to go to work right away and will not be able to come back
 - It's not personal and not tailored to their program
 - They really appreciate having all their instructors their and choosing who hands them their certificate
 - There are only 2 seats allotted at Burnaby Graduation for instructors
 - The number of guests are limited.
 - They fear losing traditions.
- Suggestions & Input:
 - Keep graduation at ATC but move it to the Friday to allow more time for the grades.
 - If having to move to Burnaby and assimilate then ATC students want the same services offered there available at ATC.
 - Keep traditions no matter what.
 - Majority of students want to keep graduation at ATC as it has been.
- Dean's response:
 - "He hears you loud and clear" and understands students want to keep it at ATC.

Textbooks

- Students suggest electronic version of textbooks available online, on laptops or online.
- Mr. Turner notes that they are moving towards electronic availability as is seen in industry and there will be a new computer implementation in the hanger shortly.

Online Testing

- Students raise concern about the lack of online testing vetting as wrong questions are not always changed.
- Mr. Turner ensures that instructors have the ability to change these questions but that it does take time to vet.

Food at ATC

- Students are unhappy with the food service, variety, and cost. They note that the same product at Burnaby Campus is cheaper.
- Mr. Turner believes this may be due to supply and demand and notes that BCIT cannot change food providers due to the current contract.

International Assistance

- Chair raised concern about lack of International support.
- Mr. Turner will bring this concern and the specific examples to his meetings

Financial Assistance

- Students are unhappy with the lack of in person assistance and note that there is not dedicated computer for the "remote service" promised.
- Mr. Turner can look into this.

Parking

- Parking is owned by YVR and BCIT has not say in the cost.
- Parking may become more of an issue as the new outlet mall is built next door.

7.4. Next Meeting

- Next Class Rep meeting will be in September 26th. You will receive an e-mail reminder.

7.5. Meeting Adjourned

The Chairperson, Dave Clarke, calls the meeting adjourned at 11:50.