



## Class Rep Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 10, 2013

**Chair:** Dave Clarke, Chair of Aerospace Technology Campus\*

**Set/Tech Reps:**

Mark Hamilton	Ed Lau*
Neville Yang	Mitchell Cooper*
John Wenkoff*	Aaron Giroux*
Fraser Young	Abu Hakami
Nima Sadraei*	Ben Hartlen
Amanda Bayley*	Young Min Lee
Tyler Doyle	Mark O'Sullivan
John Park	Allysa Lacap
Alfredo Moreno*	Carol Song
John Morrison*	Candace McKibbon
Sidhant Sharma*	Jenny Park
Cole Plaskett*	Petar Bosicic*
Chloe Li	Jinny Kim
Liam Woodland*	Kira Gim
Jared Goring*	Ken Ma
	David Barkham*

\*=attended

**Staff:** Genevieve Neugebauer, Outreach Coordinator

**Guest:** Gordon Turner, Associate Dean ATC

### 18.1. Meeting Called to Order

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

Quorum was met.

### 18.2.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cole  
Seconded by Peter

### 18.2.2 Approval of previous meeting minutes

Approval of March 13<sup>th</sup> minutes      Moved by Liam / Seconded by Dave  
Approval of March 27<sup>th</sup> minutes      Moved by Jared/ Seconded by Ed

### 18.3. Old Business

#### A. Distinguished Class Rep Award Reminder

- Criteria: class rep with good attendance, participation and nominated by a classmate
- \$500 award
- Chair encourages all class reps to apply.
- Applications are due in April [http://www.bcitsa.ca/wordpress/?page\\_id=76](http://www.bcitsa.ca/wordpress/?page_id=76)

B. BCITSA Elections

- Vote on [www.my.bcit.ca](http://www.my.bcit.ca) from April 12-19<sup>th</sup>
- ATC has 2 students running for Chair, David Barkham and Dan Sumono
- ATC has one student running for VP Campus Life, Jared Goring

18.4. New Business

- A. Informed of possible cut to SA Outreach Coordinator
- B. Advocate, Robyn Lougheed, will be visiting April 15<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm to address any issues you may have.

18.5. Guest Speaker: Gordon Turner, ATC Associate Dean (AD)

- Thanks Dave for service to ATC and wishes him luck in his future endeavors
- Informs students of Capital Purchases including; new pistons, tooling, computers in hanger...etc.
- In negotiations for helicopter and additional engines

Input from students:

- Student notes that it would be good to have options to advance and further learning for those who come to the program with high levels of experience.
  - AD says instructors should have advanced questions available but notes that Transport Canada defines the courses.
- Students request access to more services from BCIT like bookstore and supplies ...etc.
  - Chair suggests to have books and supplies available through “stores”
  - AD will inquire
- Electronic textbooks are requested
  - Students note that some are available if you search but some may not ever be available online.
- Students note that the Avionics Program is not well organized & equipment is in poor condition.
  - AD acknowledges issues and said that all courses are subject to Program review and avionics is their current priority.
  - Instructors need to bring forward equipment issues and they will be fixed.
  - Student’s note that concerns that they are behind in their course, coordination lacking between courses, unable to complete projects, barely hands-on, and they feel like they are under trained.
  - AD explains that EASA will be made a 5<sup>th</sup> term to allow for more time. Faulty equipment needs to be identified so the courses can run as planned, and he assures students that they are prepared – noting that the issues identified are ones that they will face in the workplace.
- AD asks students if there would be a benefit to a simulated cockpit?
  - Students respond that it is good if within the limits of an aircraft in order to simulate their actual working environment.
- Students ask if the Work Studies Program model has changed?
  - AD says that there is limited space but most important part is for students to treat it as work and show up for their job. Notes they have had issues with students not showing up.
  - Student notes that the Work Studies Program is an opportunity for students to help with the maintenance of aircrafts and equipment.
- Student asks if money can go towards the GT Program?
  - AD says they are working on obtaining a hydraulic run, one PT6, two 206 and still negotiating other equipment.

### Feedback for Students:

- AD identifies issue with students smoking and spitting close to the building – asks students to be respectful and distance themselves from the building.
- Notes that student's need to develop employee related attitudes like being punctual and professional.
- AD discussed the trends in employment, noting that the Province is predicting a 25% growth rate but not enough population to fill it so it is a “buyers employment market”. He says that students are at an advantage but they need a great value proposition. Employers are looking for employees who are dependable, can manage their tasks, and attention to detail...etc.
- Ad acknowledges that the tension between maintenance and avionics will always exist but that students need to work together and embrace avionics as it is everywhere.

### 18.6. Round Table

No new issues raised.

### 18.7. Next Meeting

- Next Class Rep meeting will be April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Room TBA. You will receive an e-mail reminder
- Dave motions for adjournment of the meeting  
Ed seconds the adjournment  
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### 18.8. Meeting Adjourned

The Councillor calls the meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.