



Class Rep Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 7th, 2013

Chair: Ramiza Rafeeq, Chair of Transportation, Construction, and Environment*

Set/Tech Reps: Cassie Ritchie
Erik Rothwell* Dylan Fowler*
Stephanie Schwarz* Sarah Bidner

* = attended

(E) = Excused

Staff: Hannah Bielert, Services and Engagement Coordinator *

2.1 Meeting called to order

The Chairperson, Ramiza Rafeeq, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Quorum was met.

2.2 Follow up on Last Set Rep Meeting

- The Chairperson is unsure of what room the students were referring to at the beginning of the year when they notified her of a missing printer.
- The Chairperson asked the Set/Class reps to find out what room is missing a printer to clear up the confusion.

2.3 New Items

2.3.1. Theft and Personal Safety

- The Chairperson explained that theft at BCIT has increased.
- Please let classmates know and encourage them to watch their belongings closely.
- The school campus may feel like home, but it is still a public environment.

2.3.2 New BCIT President

- BCIT welcomes new president Kathy Kinloch.
- Kathy is a widely recognized educational leader and has served as president of Vancouver Community College (VCC) since 2010 where she oversaw a re-positioning of the college.
- Kathy was the dean of the BCIT School of Health Sciences from 2007 to 2010.
- She will also be the first female president of BCIT.

2.4 BCITSA Update

- The Services and Engagement Coordinator gave an update on some events going on.
- The Zen Lounge is taking place at the Burnaby campus on Tuesday, November 26th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- The Set/Class Reps expressed it is hard for them to make it to the Burnaby campus and would like to see something like a “Doggy De-stress Day” at BMC.
- Reminder that Remembrance Day is not a “holiday”, but a day to remember.

2.5 Round Table

- The Class/Set Reps expressed frustration over a difficult two week course that is crammed into one week due to an instructor going on vacation.
 - They explained this has happened multiple times and were advised to take this up with our advocate, Robyn. She may be able to help them in a situation like this as it is unfair to students. Students can also meet with Robyn in person as she comes to BMC and her dates are posted on the red board outside of the cafeteria.
- The Class/Set Reps requested some more ping pong paddles.
 - The Services and Engagement Coordinator will bring some on one of her next visits.
- The gym facility and availability hours at BMC are very inconvenient for students.
 - The time slots are as little as twenty minutes to as long as an hour and a half.
 - The students also cannot use the gym at most times because there is a class in session right below it and the machines make too much noise.
 - The Class/Set Reps have been informed that there was funding put aside to enclose the wall between the gym and the room below, but they are not sure what the status is on sound proofing the gym.
 - The meeting attendees viewed the gym facility in order to get a better understanding of the issue.
 - There is also no shower for students to use after working out except a public shower in the pool area which they are also not allowed to use because there must be a lifeguard on duty.
 - The Chair sits on a Construction Committee at BCIT and will speak to the SA Director about this issue and bring it up at the next meeting.
- Students would like to have a fridge at BMC where they could keep their lunches, cream for coffee, etc.
 - The SA does not provide any campus a fridge for students, but will ask the possibility of getting a small fridge and keeping it in the student lounge.
 - The students would be responsible for cleaning this fridge.
 - Another possibility would be for the students to pitch in and buy a mini fridge themselves.
- The Class/Set Reps indicated that they would like to see more events happen at BMC
 - A Movember event at the end of November.
 - The Services and Engagement Coordinator is going to try and organize an event where Movember competitors and observers can attend, vote, and food will be provided.
 - There will be a prize given to the winner.
 - There is a possibility that the women will shave the men's moustaches in order to feel more included.
- The students also thought an event on the water would be great.
 - Ideas to follow.
- Scuba Diving Club
 - There is a scuba diving club in the early stages of being sanctioned.
 - It is a very expensive activity and each student needs to hold a scuba license in order to participate.
 - Action is pending.

- BCIT Satellite Campus Event
 - The students were hoping for an event where many students from all BCIT's campus could get together outside of school.
 - This would be a great way to bridge the gap between BCIT's campuses.
 - A possibility would be organizing an event at a nightclub downtown that the SA has a relationship with to get free cover, etc.
 - The Services and Engagement Coordinator is going to look into the logistics on an event like this.
 - She will also see what the interest is for an event like this at the other satellite campuses.
- Mt. Seymour Lift Tickets
 - The SA does not sell any lift tickets for Mt. Seymour, only season passes and the deadline is November 15th, 2013.
- BMC Library
 - The BMC library is only open until 4:00 pm, which doesn't give students much time to utilize the facility.
 - The students suggested that if the library was open one night until 5:30 or 6:00, it would be helpful for them considering they could use it to study, etc.
 - Is it possible for the librarian to work late one night?
- New Classes
 - The Services and Engagement Coordinator requested that the Class/Set Reps please inform students of her new position, when she is on campus, and where her contact information is located.

2.6 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 5th, 2013 from 6:30-7:30 pm, location: Sailor Hagar's Pub.

2.7 Meeting Adjournment

The Chair calls the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm