



Set/ Rep Meeting Minutes

School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Chair: Ramiza Rafeeq, Chair of the School of Transportation, Construction, & and the Environment.

Set/Tech Rep Attendance:

Maggie Stewart
Shawana Michalek
David Solari
Shannon Cox
Millie Kuyer
Tyler Farley
Emilie Lom
Darryl Kirtzinger
Manveer Badial
William Oleksuik
Tom Gutemburg

Kenta Hirose
Jason Nickels
James Munns
Mustafa Kulkhan
Curtis Renning
Brian Jorimann
Joe Cullen
Jordan Norsworthy
Rylan Sollstrom
Ambre Fisher

Staff: Amy Smith, the BCITSA Program/Clubs Coordinator

Guest Speakers: Paul Dangerfield, VP of Education

2.1 Meeting called to order

Ramiza calls the meeting to order at 3:48 pm.

2.2 BCIT's 30-year plan, with Paul Dangerfield.

Delayed until after Agenda item 2.3

As the VP of Education with BCIT, Paul explains that he had been working on the 5 year strategic plan with other stake holders, but wanted to work on a longer-term plan. Originally the timeline was going to be a 50 year plan, but a 30 year period was deemed more favourable. A large part of the plan concerns the physical plans for the campus. BCIT is meeting with the Burnaby Mayor, who encouraged the longer-term plan, to discuss the proposed vision.

Paul stresses that education will exist on a more global level, and that in the future the best education will very specialized. Paul anticipates that classes will be taught much differently, and

explains the concept of flipped classrooms with the “facilitator in the centre” model. In this model, students do their research in advance and study the theory, and come to class to do practical solved problems as a team.

One challenge is finding employees (instructors) that can deliver the business aspect and practical experience as well as the academic component. The 30- year plan addresses this with a new approach to teaching excellence.

Paul identifies that Canada is a bit behind on things, as more advanced teaching methods are already being used in other places.

Paul discusses the possibility in the future of robotic instructors, deep space mining (mining on asteroids) Google Glass and goggles that are heads-up displays that can be used with search and rescue.

Other goals of the plan are to maintain the BCIT brand of values, sustain relevancy, competitive They are doing this already in some places.

Paul expresses his concern for making sure current BCIT decision-makers don’t mess it up for generations to come.

He puts current government subsidization of tuition at %48, and estimates it will be below %20 by 2043.

In order to overcome this hurdle, Paul says we must look to new revenue sources, and treat the operation of BCIT the same way as running a business. Schools are companies in some places, and trade on the stock market because their hands aren’t tied the way BCIT’s are by the government. Essentially they are looking to privatize BCIT.

The new education is programs in anytime anywhere manner, shorter programs but more programs.

Paul estimates the amount of career changes a person undergoes in a lifetime will be 7 for the current generation, whereas baby boomers were 1.

Paul stresses the importance of supporting faculty within the institution, and points to the current model that does not provide support for faculty currently.

Q: Will returning students be incentivized with lower tuition.

A: How many alumni are there? 150,000 technology, and 300,000 business. How many alumni donate? 200 people last year. Getting in touch with alumni is very important.

\$60 million has been raised in ten years from BCIT alumni donations. BCIT is still learning how to fund raise.

Q: how will you handle these small company private training ideas?

A: the idea is still in its infancy.

Q: are older staff going to receive training for upgrades.

A: yes, in accordance with the 3 pillars of teaching policy (being developed)

-Industry experience

- Academic qualifications
- Teaching excellent- needs investment from the institution

It's important to identify what do we want to stay the same? %73 of our program advisories working 10 years ago, %90 now. We want to start building in reviewing from students.

Q: What rate are alumni being hired by alumni?

A: BCIT is currently giving away its best student lists for free to alumni. There should be a charge for this, which would go back into bursaries.

Alumni and the Student Association will be controlling a new career centre.

At UBC, 85% of their donations come from their alumni, whereas BCIT alumni donations comprise 18%.

2.3 Follow up on Last Set Rep Meeting: Ramiza

2.3.1 Water fountain

The drinking water fountain in NE1 that was previously uninstalled has been reinstalled, and is fully operational.

2.3.2 NE1 parking lot

Pot holes being filled. SA is having a meeting to discuss. They can't pave because BCIT is re-wiring underground, then they will pave in about a year. They will fill the holes in the lot in the meantime, confirmation to come.

2.3.3 Wi-Fi

2.3.4 Recycling Bins

It takes 3 weeks for recycle bins to be installed, and ones requested for certain areas will be put in place.

2.3.5 Coin Return

There's an attendant who's going to be doing maintenance on the parking meters to test the coin-return function.

2.3.6 Bike Racks

This issue was brought up at student council, and is being looked into. More will be revealed as the issue unfolds. Covered racks are being researched for installation.

2.3.7 Motion Sensor/Alarm

This exists because of an environmental sustainability, and there are no plans to change this.

2.4 New Items- Alumni Opportunity: Ramiza

Distinguished Alumni Award nominations are open until January 31, 2014. Alicia encourages students to nominate the BCIT alumni and current students who have shown leadership and outstanding

achievement. More information online:

http://www.bcit.ca/files/alumni/pdf/2014_nomination_form.pdf

Alicia explains to students that after they graduate, if they were in a program with at least 21 credits, they are automatically a member of the Alumni Association. There are many opportunities to network and host events with the Alumni Association as current students and eventual alumni. Students can contact Adrian Cheng, Student & Alumni Programs Coordinator for the School of Health Sciences at adrian_cheng@bcit.ca

2.5 Winter Break, New Semester and BCITSA News: Ramiza/Amy

Amy informs the set reps about the White Rose Campaign happening December 6th which is a memorial for female victims of violence. The SA Christmas fair “Under the Tree” is happening Dec 5 & 6 in the Great Hall 10-4pm – Come get your Christmas gifts and join in the festive spirit.

2.6 Concerns, Comments and Administrative Items: Round Table

No Questions or concerns from the set reps at this time.

2.7 Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan 15th, 2013

TBT

3:30pm – 4:30pm

2.8 Meeting Adjournment

Ramiza adjourns the meeting at 4:50.