



Set/ Rep Meeting Minutes

School of Energy

January 29th, 2014

Chair: Tariq Shobob, Chair of the School of Energy

Set/Tech Reps

Staff: Amy Smith, the BCITSA Program/Clubs Coordinator

Guest Speakers: Paul Dangerfield, VP Education

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 Opening remarks and general introductions.

Tariq opens the meeting and welcomes the set reps to the meeting.

5.2 Previous Business

5.2.1 Computer Labs Occupied by game players.

Security has been notified, but do alert security if you notice gamers taking up lab space.

5.2.2 Dirty computers in the labs.

Facilities have been notified, and they will try to address this.

5.2.3 Classes scheduled too far away from one another.

This is an issue of limited resources, and time tabling is doing the best they can.

5.3 Guest Speakers

5.3.1 Paul Dangerfield, VP Education – BCIT 30 Year Plan

Paul appreciates the opportunity to be here, and asks what programs students are from.

Paul works with the Deans Council. Paul discusses the importance of forecasting where education and looking ahead to the future.

He explains that the need for planning 30 years ahead was initiated by the Mayor of Burnaby wanting to know how BCIT's campus will be changing in the future.

Paul discusses the pillars of the plan, including sustaining BCIT's brand of values, ensuring programs and instructors remain relevant, and that BCIT remains competitive.

He introduces a list of driving forces behind what should be addressed in this plan such as demographics, funding and government role, competition, communities, learning and teaching models.

Paul looks at where BCIT was in 1983, 30 years ago, in order to determine the degree of change that can be expected in the future.

He asks students to look up scaled-up classroom models, and discusses recent innovations such as Google Glass and GoPros as examples of technology that are going to change the way we think about education.

Paul discusses sustainability and how it will impact and be automatically built in to everything we do in the future.

He discusses the need for catching up with younger generations that already have advanced understanding of technology. Paul also discusses the reality of extended life expectancies and consequently extended retirement ages.

Paul explains a need for changing the way BCIT gets funding due to expected government funding. Paul asserts that the plan is to privatize BCIT in order to make education feasible.

The Set Reps and Tariq thank Paul for his presentation.

5.4 New Business, Announcements, and Events

5.4.1 BCITSA Elections

Tariq explains that student executive nominations for 2014 are coming up. There are 11 positions in total, 7 chairs and 4 vice presidents.

He discusses the structure of the SA, and how student executives inform the decisions made by the SA.

Benefits of being a student executive include your own office, monthly honorarium, discounts at SA retail locations and food services, invitations to special events, and great experience.

Tariq explains the responsibilities of being a student executive, which include attending student council and other related meetings, and being accountable to the student body.

March 17th- 21st is the nomination period. March 17th there will be a Q & A at 5:30 in council chambers. March 28th campaigning by confirmed nominees begins, followed by a voting period.

Contact Eirene at VPSA@bcitsa.ca

5.4.2 SA5K, BC Children's Hospital

This charity run benefiting Children's Hospital happens March 26th at 3pm in Campus Square (in front of the pub). Register at the Uconnect Resource Centre for \$15 per person: all proceeds go to charity.

5.4.3 APEGBC/ASTTBC Mingler

March 20th from 5:00 pm- 9 pm there will be a mingler event in Professor Mugs Pub for Engineering and Technology students from the BCIT Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Programs. April 1st from 5:30 pm in SW3 1710 (salary negotiations) there will also be a speaker event.

5.5 Question Period & Open Discussion

Q/C: all equipment in building SW3 3710 consistently not working.

A: Tariq will follow up on this.

Q/C: SW9 125 computer lab lights burned out and AC not working properly. Student has contacted facilities twice with no response.

A: Tariq will follow up on this.

5.6 Adjournment

Tariq adjourns the meeting at 6:25 pm.