



## **Set/ Rep Meeting Minutes**

### **School of Energy**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Chair: Tariq Shobob, Chair of the School of Energy**

**Set/Tech Reps**

**Staff:** Amy Smith, the BCITSA Program/Clubs Coordinator

**Guest Speakers: Robin Lougheed, Advocate.**

#### **4.1 Introduction: Tariq Shobob opens the meeting at 3:40pm.**

##### **4.1.1 Opening remarks and general introductions.**

Tariq makes general introductions, and asks students to participate in a humming exercise to demonstrate the unity of School of Energy students.

#### **4.2 Previous Business**

##### **4.2.1 Long classes, no breaks**

Tariq explains that this issue needs to be taken up with the instructor. Students respond that instructors are well aware of the scheduling issues, and that nothing has changed. Instructors say students can leave class to get food. This isn't a sufficient resolution, as food providers are scattered and food can't be eaten in labs. Tariq suggests that the next steps are AD, and then speak to the Advocate.

##### **4.2.2 Follow-up emails & meeting minutes**

Tariq asks set reps if the bullet-point follow-up summary email he sent after last meeting was helpful. They respond that yes, this is helpful.

##### **4.2.3 U-Pass Access, Compass Update**

Translink has stated that due to glitches and issues with the contracting company that provides the "tap" machines on transit, the Compass program has been delayed. The new system will not be introduced until 2015.

BCIT can't move the U-pass dispensers for the next year because it's cost prohibitive.

##### **4.2.4 Bookstore hours**

The bookstore hours will not be changing. Tariq find that they are open Saturdays, and have extended hours during peak season. Hours may be changed when the SA takes over the bookstore.

#### **4.2.5 Facility maintenance**

All facilities concerns have been forwarded to the facilities department. There will be follow up to see if issues are resolved.

#### **4.2.6 Extension to store opening hours during winter break.**

Opening hours will not be extended as this is too costly. Tariq advises students to plan ahead for this week.

### **4.3 Guest Speakers:**

#### **4.3.1 Robin Lougheed, Advocate**

As part of “Speak Up, Speak Out” week, tomorrow is kid for a day. There will be a Lego table, free ice cream, free popcorn, colouring, crafts, cartoons, and more.

There will be volunteer organizations coming Wednesday, such as Project Somos which may be of particular interest to School of Energy. Doggy De-stress day is also Friday.

### **4.4 New Business, Announcements, and Events**

#### **4.4.1 Set Rep Training Follow Up**

Tariq reviews the activities and actions suggested at the last meeting. He asks set reps if they followed-up on this. They answer yes, and one student shows Tariq his Facebook group.

#### **4.4.2 BCIT Alumni Speaker Series Event – Feedback request**

There will be a Speaker Series/ Networking event by Alumni which will address what students can expect post-graduation, as well as important and relevant skills needed in the work force. This is also an opportunity for recent alumni to share their stories and experiences, and a chance for students to ask questions. This is also a great networking opportunity.

Tariq asks set reps to gather information from themselves and their classmates and a list of questions regarding life after BCIT. Feedback requested:

- Would you attend this event?
- What questions do you have regarding post-graduation.
- What high-level industries (oil and gas, mining, manufacturing, education, etc.) are you most interested in investigating?
- is Late April or early May a better time to hold this event.

Q/C: in my program we get out into the field and do a co-op component in the field.

Q/C: Sarv, president of IEEE, suggests that clubs are invited to this event.

#### **4.4.3 Update – BCITSA Referendum 2014**

The Referendum passed which proposed to increase student fees in order to design a new career services centre on campus:

746 voted yes to 412 no. The changes are currently in development stages.

Q/C: the co-op program is only available once, and if you completed this component in the diploma program, than you can't attend during bachelor's program. This is quite a limiting factor.

#### **4.4.4 BCITSA Elections 2014**

Nomination forms available early March Nominations open March 17. There will be a Q & A event Monday march 17 at 5:30 during council.

Q/C: Is this information available online?

A: Not yet, but it will be soon.

Q/C: Can I run if I won't be a student next year?

A: no, you have to be a student during the whole school year.

#### **4.4.5 Event Announcements**

- Feb 17-21: Speak Up Speak Out Mental Wellness Campaign
- Zen Lounge & Doggy De-Stress – Great Hall
- Feb: 24: 25% off selected merchandise @ Geared Up
- Feb 27: BCIT Big Info Session
- Feb 28: Wright Brother's Flying Extravaganza
- Mar 7: LAN Party 2014- register at [gamesdevclub.bcit.ca](http://gamesdevclub.bcit.ca)
- Mar 26: SA 5K Children's Hospital charity run, register for March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ATC Tool Auction

#### **4.5 Question Period & Open Discussion**

Q/A: People in labs playing video games in labs, taking up all the computers. Instructors are aware of this, and they are stumped.

Q/C: Getting from one class to another is a problem when classes are scheduled back-to-back and at different sides of campus.

Q/C: Telecommunications : BC Hydro sending people for upgrades: these people are taking a course while simultaneously taking the pre-requisite for that course. These students take up the majority of instructors' time asking for help because they are behind the curve.

Tariq collects people's names in order to do a giveaway of prizes.

#### **3.6 Adjournment**

Tariq adjourns the meeting at 4:35 pm.