



**Set/Rep Meeting Minutes  
Of School of Construction, Transportation, & the Environment  
Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Chair:** Tony Atkins, Chair of the School of Construction, Transportation, & the Environment

**Set Reps:** Michael Frank, Jonathan Baggio, Chelsea Tully, Daniel Boates, Tyler Farley, Millie Kuyer, Xenia Alcantara, Kelvin Skoretz, Jordi Ashworth

**Staff:** Hannah Bielert, SA Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

**1.1 Meeting called to order**

Meeting calling to order at 5:35 pm

**1.2 Guest Speakers**

**1.2.1 Career Specialist: Hatinder Hari**

- New Career Specialist at the SA
- Hatinder is the Career Specialist for the School of Construction, Transportation, & the Environment
- New SA career website called Career Track: <https://bcitsa-csm.symplicity.com/>
- \$50 prize draw for signing up
- One-stop shop for Career Services
- Students can upload their resumes and search through postings
- Employers can post jobs and other opportunities
- SA staff check all resumes to make sure that they meet a certain level of standard for the industry
- The SA is now offering Industry Days which are smaller, industry focussed career fairs. These events are exclusive to relevant industries and are geared towards matching graduates with jobs in their field. Industry Days events make it easy to connect with employers who are hiring and to develop relationships and discover opportunities.
- City of Burnaby and Plenty of Fish (BCIT Alumni) are coming to campus soon
- Hatinder will be running workshops to help people prepare for Industry Days
- Info about other career workshops offered to students on campus is available at <http://www.bcitsa.ca/careers/students/career-workshops/>
- Drop-in hours are also available for students to meet with a Career Specialist one on one to help with updating resumes, interview skills, labour market research, etc.
- Student requested help with portfolios: students can always give the Careers department for idea for workshops, etc.

**1.2.2 QPR Suicide Prevention Training - Hannah Bielert and Josefina Corado**

- Hannah and Josey presented a training session on suicide prevention
- This training gives students the skills on recognizing suicide, how to intervene, and refer potentially suicidal people

### 1.3 Old Business

- 1.3.1 Hand Sanitizers in Computer Labs/alcohol wipes in STANDS**
- Cannot go everywhere because they get stolen
  - NE 1 and SW 3 need some in the central areas
  - Request: alcohol wipes in Stands
- 1.3.2 Sanitizing keyboards in labs in NE1 & SW3**
- The Chairperson looked into janitorial services
  - More info next week
- 1.3.3 Peer Tutoring 1 day over in NE1**
- Brooks is providing one-on-one sessions in NE 1 one day a week
- 1.3.4 Discrepancy between instructors poor communication**
- The Advocate Robyn has been contacted regarding this issue
- 1.3.5 Rec Services – month to month service**
- Service dates don't line up with trades dates
  - The SA does not run Rec Services so this is hard to negotiate
- 1.3.6 SW1 Hand dryer gone – NE 1 paper towel dispenser 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**
- Paper towel dispenser in east wing 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has been requested to be replaced
- 1.3.7 Motorcycle Maint (NE 20) need another battery booster**
- This is a specialized request that should be directed to the program head
- 1.3.8 ITA textbooks with wrong answers and graded wrong**
- This issue has been brought up to the Advocate, Robyn

### 1.4 New Business

- 1.4.1 Outstanding Leadership Award**
- One high-profile recognition award
  - Includes a minimum \$2,500 scholarship
  - Given annually to a student nominated through the BCIT [Distinguished Alumni Awards<sup>3</sup>](#) (DAA) program.
- 1.4.2 Chair Nominations for Elections this spring**
- Tony's job is coming available
  - Paid part-time position (min. 10 hours a week)
  - Nomination packages coming out soon
- 1.4.3 Pink Shirt Day – Anti-bullying Feb 25**
- BCIT and the BCITSA are working together to keep BCIT bully-free
  - Wear pink on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> to show your support for Pink Shirt Day, an anti-bullying campaign
- 1.4.4 Colour Your Campus - BCIT**
- <http://commons.bcit.ca/50/projects/colour-your-campus/>
  - Help create a more colourful campus and leave a legacy for BCIT
  - Throughout the month of January, BCIT is inviting design and art ideas from **BCIT students**, and also from **faculty and staff**, that will help add colour and interest to designated spots on campus
  - Six locations on the Burnaby campus
  - Each location is different and requires a different design
  - There are prizes to be won and, best of all, a chance to see your photograph, illustration, or idea adorning a spot on campus

#### **1.4.5 TEDxBCIT**

- All tickets sold
- Construction help needed this week

#### **1.4.6 Hi F.I.V.E. – mental health initiative**

- National mental health campaign being rolled out at post-secondary schools across the province and the country
- BCIT however would like to take the next steps and spread the word on our own campus as well
- The Hi F.I.V.E. campaign aims to foster Friendship, Invite conversation, Value each person's gifts and ultimately Eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health issues
- Tony can provide the Hi F.I.V.E. documents if requested

#### **1.4.7 Sustainability Club Initiative**

- Zero Waste Event: Next Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall
- Waste sorting
- Teaching students how to use the multi-waste system
- Volunteers needed – contact club if interested

#### **1.5 Open Forum**

Q: Student from the FWR program is curious to know what is going on with BCIT's budget cuts. His programs week long trip to Yellowstone may be cut. Is this budget cut applying to all programs and is there anything the students can do about it?

A: The Chairperson will look into this issue.

#### **1.6 Next Meeting**

February 17, 2015 @ 5:30-7:30 in Council Chambers

#### **1.7 Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting is adjourned at 6:46 pm