



**Set/Rep Meeting Minutes
Of School of Energy
Wednesday March 4th, 2015**

Chair: Jaime Haakons, Chair of the School of Energy

Set Reps:

Staff: Hannah Bielert, SA Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

Guest Speakers: Hatinder Hari, Career Specialist; Bill Dow, VP Academic

6.1 Meeting called to order

The Chairperson, Jamie calls meeting to order at 4:35 pm

6.2 New Set Reps

Jamie explains that there is a few new Set Reps at the meeting and has everyone do a quick introduction

6.3 Guest Speakers

6.3.1 Hatinder Hari, Career Specialist

- Came to the meeting to give Reps an update on the new developments with Career Services
- Hatinder is looking for concept feedback from Set Reps
- The Student Association's one stop shop website for careers called Career Track is now live
- 338 students and 65 employers already registered on Career Track
- To sign up go to bcitsa.ca/careers/
- It features a new blog and the first entry is about networking
- If you have any ideas for blog posts contact Jamie or Hatinder
- Career workshops are created based on demand
- Students give ideas for new workshops such as transferrable skills and apprenticeships and internships
- Apprenticeship opportunities can also be found on Career Track
- There is a new career resource available to BCIT students called Career Cruising which is an interactive career guide (<http://public.careercruising.com/en/>)
- Most universities have had access to this resource for a long time, but we just got granted funding to access it as well
- This resource also includes mock interviews for each industry
- Hatinder will send password and login information
- Contact information: Hatinder

C 604-679-8797

Hhari@bcitsa.ca

6.3.2 Bill Dow, VP of Education

- Bill Dow introduces the idea of BCIT's DNA
- Bill asks the Set Reps "What does BCIT's DNA mean to you?"

- He wants to hear from students
- Industry seems pleased with BCIT graduates
- How long should our programs be? Should they be as intense?
- Challenge: you are a consultant and you have to tell BCIT how to improve over the next 50 years – what would your recommendations be to tighten the education?
- What sets it aside from other schools – real life hands on experience
- Many students don't know that other programs are offered because everyone thinks it's strictly a trades school
- Name of bachelor's are different than other universities – should be using the same names and titles i.e. BCIT gives a bachelor of engineering vs. bachelor of applied science
- Instructors possess great experience
- BCIT curriculum is harder but the support is higher – easier to approach an instructor than say at SFU
- Tough to last longer than 2 years at BCIT – students often drop out or aren't as successful
- Set programs are very unique and some students like they don't have to choose their courses
- More balance
- BCIT needs other ways to assess what students have learned other than an exam or a midterm (maybe something interactive)
- Bill asks: "What is not good about BCIT?"
- One student was put off by the tone by a few instructors – talked at or down to
- Coop program for engineers needs serious improvement – 3 months requirement – needs to be made longer as that work experience is valuable – employers expect 8 months – longer coops could fix this
- Transferring to other school is tough – transferability is not good
- More research opportunities
- Some instructors have experience, but they don't know how to teach – some get a lot of feedback and don't change
- Survey going out after spring break about what is important to you at bcit
- Instructors should not be explaining/encouraging the withdraw route from courses
- Something to prepare before starting at BCIT? Smaller entry program? Tighter entry/admissions process?

6.4 Upcoming Events

6.4.1 Spring Break Beach Party 2015

- Professor Mugs Pub
- Friday, March 6th
- Tiki theme, cheap drinks, contests, and prizes
- Starts at 11:30 am

6.4.2 LAN Party 2015

- 150-200 people
- \$10 admission
- 5:30-10:30
- Friday, March 6th
- SE 6

- Computers are provided
- Games include DoTA2, Counter Strike, Supersmash Bros, and League of Legends
- Other info

6.5 BCIT SA 2015 Referendum

Starting Friday, March 20th and ending March 27th, the students of BCIT will vote on the following question:

- Referendum question: The Student Association of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCITSA) plans to improve student facilities and expand student services for all students. These services will include:
 - Renovations of the pub (designs by students)
 - Creation of the Student Development Centre including an Entrepreneurial Centre
 - Redesign of the campus bookstore which could include the affiliation of the geared up store
 - Renovations of BCIT SA offices
 - External advocacy
 - Internal advocacy
 - Additional student representation at BMC and AIS
 - Information technology

To offer these services, BCITSA will need to permanently increase the student fees it charges the students of the British Columbia Institute of Technology starting in the Fall of 2015.

The following figures are worked out on the maximum possible rate.

Category of Student	2015
All full time day - Technology	\$25.00 per term
All full time day - Trades, Apprentices & Industry Services	\$1.43 per week
All part time day - Technology	\$0.83 per credit
All part time evening (CE courses)	\$3.57 per course
All Coop Technology Students	\$12.50 per term
Trades	\$0.71 per week
Distance Education	\$1.79 per course

- Voting is done through my.bcit.ca accounts
- The Chairperson encourages Set Reps to vote 'yes'

6.6 2015 BCIT Student Innovation Challenge

- Open to all full or part-time students
- January - March 2015

- Bcit.ca/innovate
- Submission deadline is March 15th, 2015
- Contact: research@bcit.ca
- Judging panel in mid-April – present to a panel of judging if you make it to the final category

6.7 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on April 1st at 4:30 in Council Chambers

6.8 Meeting Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourns the meeting at 6:15 pm