



ATC Class Rep Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11th, 2015

Chair: Daniel Sumano

Class Reps:

Alec McCourt*	John Lee	Aymin Ismail*
Arian Eslami*	Kevin Dykstra	Navin Vidyadharan*
Aaron Rippin*	Lee Dawson*	
Arvin Nikseresht	Lisa Lai*	
Bradley Meyer	Lucadio Gurierrez*	
Eric Corcoran*	Mark Gutknecht*	
Elaine St. Laurent*	Meldrick Mendoza	
Felipe Ferreira*	Ellie Huey	
Harman Sokhey	Matthew Huem*	
Hussain Jahanzaib*	Nick Gravel	
Jaden Moon	Rema Abukhandra (E)	
Jie Chen	Scott Mann*	

Staff: Chantel Dickson, Satellite Program Coordinator*

Attended(*) Excused (E)

28.1 Meeting called to order

- Called to order at 11:15am

28.2 Acceptance of Agenda

- First Lee Dawson
- Seconded by Lucadio Gurierrez

28.3 Acceptance of the minutes

- First: Lee Dawson
- Seconded by: Felipe Ferreira

28.4 New Business

28.4.1 BCIT Referendum

- Overview of executive body and team at the SA
- SA growth comes from the decisions made in last year's executive team
- Currently the SA has control of only the SA, it would like to move towards building a stronger community at BCIT by taking on new projects.
- Last year's topic of focus was Career Services (resume building, professional development) this was lacking on the campus.
- What will happen if you vote "Yes"
 - The SA will make things more efficient and will help change happen faster (BCIT goes through a large approval process every time a need for change is brought forth)
 - Remodeling of the professor mugs pub
 - An Entrepreneur centre
 - A Student Development centre.
 - Redesigning of campus bookstore → currently run by BCIT. With the approval of the referendum, SA will gain control of the bookstore
 - Geared UP: Moved to the campus bookstore and merged together.
 - Current Geared Up store will be the new Career Service area
 - With the remodeling plan that has been removed, the SA office will give students easier access to its facilities and a friendlier atmosphere.
 - All of the executive and VP offices will be remodeled
 - External advocacy: Another staff member to lobby for the students whose job is to help students. Currently we have Robyn our contact for advocacy. With the approval of the referendum we can hire a second, part time position. Eventually the position will become full time.
 - All of the satellite campuses currently have their own chair that is a student of the school, except for Annacis Island and the Marine campus. Currently, Tony Atkins is the representative of these schools.
 - Having a student chair for that respective campus is more helpful for students
 - An extra \$25 per term for these change
- Daniel encourages set reps to visit the SA office to meet the student staff and executives.
- Daniel's personal opinion on the referendum → Vote Yes! All growth come at a cost
- How to Vote:
 - Starts from 9:00am on March 20 and finishes March 27 at 12:00pm
 - For more information go to bcitsa.ca/referendum
 - Take a look at the info posters around campus

28.4.2 ATC Election

- Term office is Jun 1st → May 31st
- You can *only* run if you are in term for *one* year
- The package will be available on March 20th → go to SA website to print out package
- They will check if you are eligible

- Our by law states that as of June 1st if you have ten months left in your study period then you CAN run for the chair of ATC.
- If you graduate in April of next year then you can run for chair.
- If you graduate in March or late February then still try and run
- Daniel is part of the bylaw committee and will be reviewing the candidates that come and talk to him
- Requirements:
 - Ten months left of school
 - Average above 65%
 - Good standing of the Student Association (no behavioural contracts)
- Nomination packages are due before April 1st
- Go to a nominators meeting at the Burnaby campus (Wednesday of the first of the April) @3:00pm
- Your picture will be taken along with your quotes that you are using as propaganda
- Answer the following questions (75 words or less for each question):
 1. Why are you seeking election?
 2. What do you hope to achieve during your term in office?
 3. Describe yourself in 5 words or less.
- There are election policies and guidelines that you must follow. No vandalizing other candidates' campaigns.
- The Student Association staff is here to work for you. Great entry level experience.
- Everyone is aware that you are a student and they work around your schedule.
- Last year's president only was elected because no one else ran and was elected by default.
- The position of president is available at ATC
- Terms are one year (June 1st → May 31 of following year)
- VP of Campus Life position available, external affairs, finance
- Finance may be a more difficult position for an ATC student due to cheque signing
- Whenever there are things to be provided to students, it needs to go through the board.
- The president of the SA sits on the BCIT board, along with two other BCIT students.
- Board of Governors:: You get to see how things are done, you are part of the thought process.
- \$100 once a month, 3hr meeting.
- Two boards Echo and board of governors both have positions available. They both pay \$100 per month.
- Great way to make important connections and network
- Opens doors
- Current issue with Chairs being→ Disconnect between the previous chair and the current one
- Make the connection with Daniel to pass along thoughts and ideas

28.5 Round Table

Q: Career Services workshop before the next graduation on June 17th?

A: Workshop at ATC next Thursday, March 19th. To secure a timeslot go onto career track and book in.

28.6 Next Meeting

- Wednesday, April 1st, 2015
- Time and room to be announced

28.7 Meeting Adjournment

- 12:00pm