

BCIT Student Association
Class Rep Meeting
Agenda
Wednesday, November 16th, 2016
10:50 – 11:50

1. Meeting called to order

Present: Richard Chavez, Mitesh Patel, Bryan Lim, Wing Zhou, Brad Critchley, Sean Peterson, Ali Jannati, Jason Dyer, Guanqun Ye, Stephen Forsyth, Andy Sin Hao Chen, Paul Basson, Jenny Garcha, Mindun Kim, Jacob Park, Paul Opeda, Dustin Brooks, Taylor Tamamoto, John Rori Tuliao, Tyson Sangha

2. Acceptance of the Agenda of November 2nd, 2016

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of November 2nd, 2016

4. Guest Speaker- Be More than a Bystander – Break the Silence on Gender-based violence: Dean Diamond, Dave Beaverstock, Steve Eales

- **What is a Bystander? – sees violence and is aware of it. Knows in their gut that it isn't right. Witnesses' violence or intended violence.**

- **Help is available on and off campus – students and staff will be provided with this training at BCIT**
- **Initiative came from- working with ending violence and BC Lions**
- **Gender-based violence – against women, transgender, males, minority groups. If one individual starts it becomes a snowball effect. Women are the minority group of violence. Vast majority of men don't commit violence. If they do, make the difference and speak up.**
- **Effects all cultures and communities. Women have been the leaders in this field, more men need to speak up and take a stand.**
- **Success is determined by leadership.**
- **Half of Canadian women have experience sexual assault, 1 in 3 women assaulted in their life. 800,000 children witness violence against women in their lives. Impact on children has a significant impact which could lead to inheriting.**
- **1 in 4 women sexually assaulted while obtaining a post-secondary education, highest risk in the first year. Most survivors know the perpetrator- they live in fear of their campus and educational experience.**
- **What if both parties are under the influence:

Look at it like a cup of tea –**

Yes of course I would,

well I'm not sure if I want one... if they don't drink it,

don't make them drink it.

No thank you. Then don't make them tea.

People can change their mind if you have made the tea, they don't need to drink it.

If they are unconscious, don't offer them tea.

- **Sexual Assault – unwanted contact of a sexual nature, without consent.**
- **Relationship and dating abuse- exert power and control over an intimate partner. Sexual, physical, emotional, financial, digital abuse and CAN be stopped.**
- **Sexual Harassment – unwanted sexual communication or attention that is offensive, intimidating or humiliating. Can be verbal, written or visual forms.**
- **Criminal harassment & stalking – follow or communicate with someone, monitor their actions over a period of their time.**
- **A) Murder**
- **B) Rape, sexual assault, physical emotional and financial abuse**
- **C) Harassment threats and verbal abuse**

D) Traditional roles. Glass ceiling, rigid gender-based stereotypes

E) Sexist/homophobic/transphobic jokes. Problematic language.

Objectification.

- **Abuse takes place on a continuum, your joke contributes to a culture of violence**
- **A bystander is someone who see or knows when violence is occurring: it's not just physical or sexual abuse it's also inappropriate or cruel jokes, sexist comments, cyber bullying, catcalls**
- **An active bystander is a leader who takes action to confront gender-based violence, work to play a role in creating a safe, respectful environment within the BCIT community, issues affect us all regardless of gender.**
- **Safety – non-verbal:**
refuse to join in, leave the person/group, offer your presence to victim, call 911 or campus security, use the BCIT Safety Wise App, Text transit police
Verbal:
Distract, refuse to join in encourage other bystanders to show their disapproval, vocalize your support as an intervention, speak to them about their behaviours, tell them their words/actions/attitudes constitute violence and they need to stop, refer them to people that can provide help.

- **Scenario – a girl passed out on a couch, a random guy comes up and starts whispering in her ear and putting her hand over her. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation you can always ask to take a picture of them, they look like a cute couple. You can approach them asking if she’s okay, ultimately tell the guys to leave her alone as she is clearly unconscious.**
- **BCIT wants you to speak up. When you see something you don’t’ like, speak up and show your presence.**

9. Meeting Adjourned

10. Next Meeting: December 7th @ 10:50am to 11:50am