



School of Computing  
Set Rep Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30-7:30pm

**Chair:** Nav Bhatti, Chair - School of Computing

**Staff:**

Darshana Dave, Entrepreneurial Services Coordinator, BCITSA

Ean Goquingco, Marketing Strategist, BCITSA

**Set Reps in Attendance:**

Attendance not taken

## **A. Meeting called to order**

Chair of the School of Computing, Nav Bhatti, calls the meeting to order at 5:30 and thanks the Set Reps for joining today's meeting.

## **B. Elections**

Nav mentioned that this is his second last set rep meeting. There will be replacement for all the student executives and chairs. Nav shared that he has been doing the job for past 3 years. He got a lot of opportunity from this role than he had expected while joining. Besides getting paid, he built strong industry and BCIT connections.

### **BCITSA STUDENT EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**

President

V.P. Campus Life

V.P. Finance & Administration

V.P. External Affairs

V.P. Student Affairs

Chair – School of Business

Chair – School of Health Sciences

Chair – School of Energy

Chair – School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment

Chair – School of Computing & Academic Studies

Chair – Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC)

The newly elected student executives will serve a term from June 1st, 2017 – May 31st, 2018. During this term, they will receive student executive perks including an office, discounts at all BCITSA retail stores and pub, free part-time courses, invitations to special events, a discount on parking, and a monthly honorarium.

## ELIGIBILITY

A member, in good standing, with the BCITSA A full-time students based on BCIT criteria Have a minimum of sixty-five per cent (65%) previous term standing GPA. A full-time student within Level 1 or 2 of first term (for ATC candidates only).

Set Reps had several questions which are addressed as mentioned below by Nav. For detailed information about elections please [click here](#)

*Question:*How many hrs you spend working on it?

*Answer:*It depends. Nav averages from 5-10 hrs per week.

*Question:* What is the worst about the job?

*Answer:*Forcing yourself to do the job while you have so much else to do. Specially during assignments and exam time.

*Question:*What are the perks?

*Answer:*600-700 per month, free coffee, parking space, office hours, lot of networks and industry opportunities. Last but not the least the title and role looks good on your resume.

*Question:*Is there a minimum amount of time?

*Answer:*If you don't do anything you can get impeached but there is no minimum time requirement for the role. If you can put in 2hrs per week and run set rep meetings is considered good enough.

*Question:*Can anybody from 1st year can run?

*Answer:*Yes

*Question:*Do you get training?

*Answer:*3 day weekend in Whistler to get training

*Question:*Objective, what are your responsibility?

*Answer:*3 objectives at the biguning of the year but there is no compulsion to complete it. It may continue. No one questions you. No progress report.

*Question:*What is the process?

*Answer:*

Friday, March 24, 2017 – 9:00am

☐ Notice of By-Elections and Nominations on [www.bcitsa.ca](http://www.bcitsa.ca)

☐ Notice of By-Elections and Nominations BCITSA E-blast

☐ Nomination forms available online or at BCITSA SE2 2nd and 3rd Floor

☐ Notice of Elections & Nominations BCIT e-mail

Monday, March 27, 2017 – 8:00am

☐ Nominations open

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 2:00pm

☐ Nominations close

☐ Deadline for Nomination Form

– please submit to CRO via email ([elections@bcitsa.ca](mailto:elections@bcitsa.ca)) or drop off at BCITSA SE2 3rd Floor. Late submissions will not be accepted.

☐ Submit printed campaign materials for approval

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 6:00pm

☐ Confirmation of Candidates at All Candidates Meeting, SE2 Council Chambers

☐ Deadline to submit write-up for the Link Magazine website (.doc file format)

☐ Candidates photo for the Link Magazine blog are taken

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 6:00 pm to Monday, May 1, 2017 – 2:00pm

☐ Campaign period

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 9:00am to Monday, May 1, 2017 – 2:00pm

☐ Voting period - online voting available via [my.bcit.ca](http://my.bcit.ca)

Monday, May 1, 2017– 4:00pm

☐ Confirmation of successful candidates by the Office of the Registrar

Monday, May 1, 2017 – 5:00pm

☐ Submit campaign budget and checklist to CRO

Monday, May 1, 2017 – 5:30pm

□ Official declaration of BCITSA annual election results, SE2 Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 5:30pm

□ Deadline to remove all campaign materials

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVES as explained by Nav:**

### **PRESIDENT**

- Presides over Council and Executive meetings
- Is the official spokesperson for the BCITSA
- Ensures that the Executive Members are fulfilling their duties
- Presents the Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting
- A non-voting student representative on Education Council
- A voting student representative on the Board of Governors

### **VP ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

- Responsible for managing budget process
- Responsible for all BCITSA employees
- Evaluates monthly financial reports
- Assumes responsibilities of President in their absence
- Arranges Council and Executive meetings
- Ensures that controls are in place for the disbursements of all funds
- Reviews and distributes meeting minutes

### **VP STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- Handles student issues and concerns academic and non-academic
- Acts as student rep on Decision Review Board when applicable
- Chairs the Elections Committee

- Co-chairs the Clubs Committee
- Liaises with BCIT on all matters affecting student life
- A voting student rep on Education Council

#### **VP EXTERNAL**

- Promotes and maintains good public relations with surrounding communities
- Liaises with Ministry and Government regarding issues that affect BCIT
- Represent BCITSA on the BCIT Alumni Board and any lobbying efforts

#### **VP CAMPUS LIFE**

- Helps promote events and other extra-curricular activities on campus
- Coordinates Orientation in September
- Oversees and provides assistance to Clubs
- Chairs the Clubs Committee

#### **CHAIR (7)**

- Organizes and chairs monthly Set Rep meetings
- Liaises with Program Heads to ensure that Set Reps are selected
- Liaises between Council and their respective School or Satellite Campus
- Appoints Student Councilors from their School or Satellite Campus

Nav ended the election agenda with requesting the set-reps to nominate themselves

#### **C. Referendum:**

Nav started the agenda with questioning how many have heard about referendum. Most of the Set-reps raised their hands agreeing to have heard about the referendum. Nav suggested that marketing is working. His follow up question was how much do the Set-rep think the fee increase would be for them? The set reps shared that from their knowledge the fee increase would be \$40 in first year and \$10 increase in subsequent years. Nav clarified that currently 2% of their Tuitions currently goes towards BCITSA, but this increase is over and above 2%.

He mentioned he is not sure in terms of time line. When is it going to start? There is no specification on when and how the building will be built however we are going fast as a we currently have more buyin from BCIT people.

Nav mentioned that he was very concerned about where is it going to be? We don't have a spot yet. But it would be centralized. Trades students are bit isolated so we are also trying to get something closer to them near North side however it would still be centralized.

This is not a small amount however it costs a lot to build this building.After 25 years this might get removed from the fee of students.It really sounds like asking students to pay forward when they cant use it.Students before you paid for things they didn't use but you have to pay forward for students who would use it for future.Student needs more space and more plugs too.Council said yes hence I am bringing it to you

Giving the 50 years using this

Atleast 150 students need to vote to pass the referendum.

**Question:**What is pricing based off?

**Answer:**We did a full analysis on 100 pages and a professional expert gave us details on it. No number is theory? It's all based of expert's suggestion.There is no real sketches. But basics of what will go in can be sent to Set reps.There is no external funding for this all is coming from student fee. We build a building to BCIT and give it to BCIT.

**Question:**No external funding? Why?

**Answer:**It's difficult to get external funding for a building

**Question:**Are they planning to move CST to downtown?

**Answer:** Not according to Nav's best of knowledge

**Question:**The table on the referendum page of the BCITSA website. Is this example or is it really what students are paying?

**Comments:**The table is very confusion!

**Answer:** Ean explained the chart on Referendum as it is broken down with different .40\$ per term for full time student for the first year.

**Comments:** Can you add a definition section? So people might understand more. The table needs improvement. A drop down option for each program and sharing specific increase for them. There is a lot for misleading.

**Comments:** Lot of part time students are not in Burnaby are studying outside the city. They would not like to pay for upass or referendum

**Questions:** Are we paying for CS and ES?

**Answer:** Yes. Nav mentioned that Capelano has recently passed similar referendum. They are asking 120\$ for not a lot we will be offering for 40\$

**Comment:** :\$40 dollar is a single number. But it adds so much to BCIT. It is sacrificing 4 days to eat outside. Since most of us are 4 years here, it is good to do this to pass forward.

**Comment:** :I would be wanting for this to happen sooner then later.

**Comment:** :I have been here 1 yrful time and people want to go to UBC or Langara. People are looking at BCIT.

**Comment:** :There are lot of benefits to this. To talk about student stuff.Preamble.

**Questions:** How many students said yes in last referendum?

**Answer:** We had 55% yes from students in the last referendum. It was couple of 1000.

Nav ended the Referendum agenda suggestion to visit following link if they had more questions and he would share the presentation of what could be expected in the new building.

Link: <https://www.bcitsa.ca/about/referendum2017/>

## D. Open Forum

### Concern & Recommendation 1

We got a mean teacher in Downtown campus. I don't have an issue with the Guy. Two main instructor. One Gentleman is concerned about his teaching ethics. He is going off track and not in hand in hand with curriculum. He said open book and then said closed book.

Other set rep has emailed him but he said he will think about it. They went to Program head now.

Nav recommended letting Program head talk to him and make him the decision with prof.



## Concern & Recommendation 2

In both Btech classes, we are having issues with Instructor, Neha Kohli. Everyone is having issue with her. Approached with 4 set reps have issues with her. She things everything personally. Change of deadline. Stop replying to my email. Interrupt students who are soft in presentation. "Did anyone hear this person?"

No feedback or Gridline.

How do we get higher marks? Answer: Does mark matter?

She is going to teach project course next term and hence it's a problem.

Is there any damage control? Can there be any adjustment that can be made?

Nav mentioned he will look into it and see what he can do.

## Concern & Recommendation 3

In database we come with some difficulties in database: 3 hrs long database assignment and 3hrs lab work. There is too much technical difficulties coming up. 2 versions cannot be run together or stored together.

Teacher does not explain anything. He does not feel student learn from example or take pictures or time for people to write it down. Software Rational Rose is useless as it cannot be taken home

Other Set rep suggested that: Ask questions and ask him to write it down. Go to him during his office hours. Always ask Richard a question. He drags the answer a lot and 20mins later he answers the question.

## Concern & Recommendation 4

Nav to follow up on QPR sessions

## Concern & Recommendation 5

After reading time scheduling of class, lab and other activities changed. Rooms changed and even professor didn't know. It's unfair for student and professors.

This happens every year and should not be an issue.

Some programs are shorter and start at weird time in spring break and this leads to time and class change.

### **Concern & Recommendation 6**

One of the professors, only takes quizzes , explain this, consider this, discuss this... She promised 10 marks quiz and during the class she had 3 questions for 22marks. She just changed.

3 set reps had issue

Set Rep suggested that the professor is extremely receptive and bring the problems directly to her. She generously wants to change. They tried talking to her but her trying is not helping.

### **Concern & Recommendation 7**

Marks cut preference related thing.

Nav would speak to Bethany but she would want you to talk to him directly as he is very reasonable person.

Feedbacks are like good job, this is not part of criteria.

### **Concern & Recommendation 8**

Steve: 18 slides and videos of someone else teaching the subject.

He should stop Supervising.

You can pass the exam by just having the header footer and all in alphabetical order.

### **Concern & Recommendation 9**

About Frank Schnurr: We would like to have feedback.

Talk to him as he is most receptive professors. Send him an email and he is very good with emails.

Nav concluded the agenda emphasising that most of our time in meeting goes in talking about the instructor.

In general we really have good instructors but due to our work schedule we feel it's a bigger issue.

*The formal meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm.*

**E. Next Meeting**

CANCELLED

**F. Meeting Adjournment**

7.30pm. Some of the group went for QPR training at 7pm