



Set/Rep Meeting Minutes

School of Construction, Transportation, and the Environment

March 30, 2017

Chair: Justin Prasad, Chair of the School of Construction, Transportation, and the Environment

Staff: Hannah Bielert, BCITSA Health & Wellness Program Coordinator

Attendance:

Priscila Dias

Felix Lim

Aiden Lee

Konstatin Vassev

Stefan Djasic

Alexander Ridout

Hala Hassan

Moshtagh Mohammadi

Michael Frank

Cole McIvor

Katya Lafakis

Jori Porter

Jonathan Martel

Derek Schofield

Ken Wu

Jenn Barrett

Natasha Louie

Karin Ikowa

1. Meeting called to order:

The Chairperson, Justin called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

2. Ice breaker game: Kahoot!

3. Guest speaker: Ean Goqingco – Senior Marketing Strategist at BCITSA

- Ean facilitated a Q&A for the upcoming referendum
- Encourage students and set to vote positively! Or just vote in general
- Received over 800 surveys with students asking for more student space
- If you have suggestions or ideas for the proposed new student building, tell Justin

4. Guest speaker: Craig Woods – Career Specialist at the BCITSA

- Craig supports the SOCTE sets and set-reps
- Encourages student to engage with career services early
- Many events and workshops happening – details on Career Track <https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/career-track/>
- Township of Langley information session - <https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/employer-info-session-township-of-langley-information-session-for-engineering-students-april-5-2016/>

- U40 Mentoring Breakfast & Panel Discussion Workshop
 - Making 10 spots available to students for free
 - Opportunity to listen to key leaders in construction sector
 - <https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/industryconnections-u40-mentoring-breakfast-panel-discussion-workshop-start-april-6-2017/>
- Industry Days – Energy, Construction and Manufacturing Career Fair
 - April 19 from 12-4 pm
 - Over 40 employees
 - <https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/industry-days-energy-construction-manufacturing-career-fair-april-19-2017/>
- Career Services is open to alumni students too
- APEGBC Info Session and Networking Event
 - Guest speaker on liability insurance
 - All APEG members and existing engineers to network with in pub after info session
 - <https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/1419/>

5. Other Updates

- Student space design contest
 - Results by April 12th and then they will choose a winner and start building next year
- Fair Trade Committee
 - Decided to get a single fair trade coffee in the stand stores to gauge demand
 - Will continue to advocate for fair trade products throughout BCIT and Engineers Without Borders
- Student Center Referendum
 - Ongoing, continue to promote the referendum and share information regarding the voting process.
 - Highlights
 - Increase Student Building Fee from \$5 to \$45 per term and then annual increase by \$10 until capped at \$95 per term after 6 years to pay for new Student Center.
 - can include additional study spaces, collaborative/meeting spaces, event hall, food services, and activity spaces.
 - No location for the building site has been located, but judging by the current development planned by BCIT with the Health Sciences Building and Trades & Technology Center, as well as the new

Electrical Infrastructure and demolition of old buildings, the Student Center may be placed somewhere on the North Side of Campus (only speculation so far).

- Student Space Committee is currently working with Space Planning Consultant and Cost Consultant to adjust sizes and allocation of space for the building to fit within the projected budget for the building (\$38.5M)
- Functional Program based on 800+ survey responses from students.
- Pending referendum outcome, Student space committee will continue refining the functional program until a satisfactory amount of allocated spaces fits within the projected budget. Additional contractors for design and development will be hired after.

6. Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

- Co-ed Self-defense workshop
 - Wednesday, April 5 @ 3-5 PM
 - Sign-up – wellness@bcitsa.ca
- Zen Lounge
 - Free 10 min massages for BCIT students
 - May 2 (10:00-2:00) & May 3 (12:00-4:00)
- Kitten Therapy
 - Event has been postponed

7. Student Elections

- All student executive positions are up for grabs
- Justin can give you information if you're interested in running

8. Set-rep award

- Each school gets a \$500 to award to an outstanding set-rep
- Justin has been taking attendance and seeing who's been engaged
- Nomination forms are available and Justin will choose a winner

9. Guest speak: Marita Luk - Business Development Manager

- Outstanding BCIT alumni award
 - Deadline is this coming Monday

- Not a big job to nominate someone
- Marita works in marketing and recruitment and works with industry –
 - Health sciences just received funding for a new building and trades technology centre is next in line
- BC skills competition on April 5 at Trade ex in Abbotsford
- Canadian apprenticeship forum next Friday
- Interior design bachelor is being accredited
- Civil engineers 10 year celebration of program – June 15
 - Over 200 graduates at SW1 in gateway
 - First non-university to have a credited civil engineer degree
- SE 1 office electrical trades building

10. Roundtable

- How could we raise funding for the clubs at BCIT?
 - \$25,000 each year
 - Ideas to split funding to different pools - conferences/events
 - Fundraisers like Krispy Kreme sales or faculty support are a great idea
- SW 3 has signs for no food no drink and no space to eat
 - One classroom with a fridge and a microwave would be great
 - Comes down to program heads
- SW1 lighting mezzanine
 - BCIT said they won't get funding until next year and electrical can't handle lamps
 - Justin will follow up and talk to them again
- Millwright Foundation and Fish, Wildlife and Recreation been neglected for industry events lately
 - Justin can ask Craig to start looking into more environmental stuff
 - Might just be more engineering stuff happening right now over the last few set-rep meetings
 - An event before end of April (exam week) for environmental events – some classmates don't have summer jobs
 - Students are encouraged to meet with Craig too as he has a lot of opportunities and connections

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on May 4 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

12. Meeting Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm

