

Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 23, 2023
17:30 PM – 19:30 PM
Council Chambers

- 7.1 Call to Order
- 7.2 Land Acknowledgment
- 7.3 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 7.4 Acceptance of Minutes
 - 7.4.1 Council Meeting Minutes: 2023-01-09
- 7.5 Reports
 - 7.5.1 Executive Director's Report - Yael Z.
- 7.6 Old Business
 - 7.6.1 Executive Update - Executive Team
- 7.7 New Business
 - 7.7.1 EXT-9: Affordable Transit - Nolan N.
 - 7.7.2 Club Sanctioning: BCIT Powerlifting Club
- 7.8 Open Forum
- 7.9 Reminders
 - 7.9.1 Next Council Meeting: 2023-02-09 @ 17:30 in Council Chambers
- 7.10 Meeting Adjournment

Please refer to attached materials.

6.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chair, Liam, calls the meeting to order at 17: 36(37 voting members, including the Chair).

6.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion:

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Joshua Luu

Seconded by: Sha Gilani

Unanimous

Carried

6.3 Acceptance of the minutes

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Council Meeting minutes from 2023-01-23 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Sha Gilani

Seconded by: Mathew Puyat

32/0/0

Carried

Carried

6.4 Reports

6.4.1 Executive Directors Report

- As submitted.
- The Executives and some of our staff met last weekend to conduct our annual strategic planning, and identified several strong themes.
- Career Services are preparing students for the Annual Career Fairs.
- Food Pantry: We have received a few generous donations. We need to keep these donations coming to maintain and grow the Food Pantry program.
- We are adding new lower cost food items to Pavilion.
- Elections are coming up. If you are interested in running, please talk with the board members.

6.5 Old Business

6.5.1 Executive Update

- As submitted.
- Sally has completed two of her objectives and is working on developing a new DTC student event for the Winter term. She is collaborating with Tanya to engage with clubs for tabling.

- As part of his objective to promote the SA services, Vrishank requested feedback from the Council to know if providing the information about the SA services in the first 2 weeks would be overwhelming for the students. Some of them agreed that it would be a nice idea and some of them mentioned it might be overwhelming.
- Joshua and Celine are working on their second mental health dinner focusing on anxiety and depression.
- Mia updated that 30 students have volunteered to join the tax clinic.
- Mo and Celine are working on their objective to promote the physical health and wellness of Computing students through tabling and events. Mo had a meeting with Kirk to get pointers on how to proceed next.

6.6 New Business

6.6.1 EXT – 9: Affordable Transit

- As submitted.
- Adopting this policy would help in advocating parking, transit services, cycling, affordability, U-Pass Program, etc.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the proposed external policy position “EXT-9 Affordable Transportation” be adopted.

Moved by: Nolan Nordwall
30/0/2

Seconded by: Bylaw Committee

Carried

6.6.2 Club Sanctioning: BCIT Powerlifting Club

- As submitted.
- This is a proposal to sanction BCIT Powerlifting Club as a general club under the SA.
- The club is intending to teach how to properly lift.
- So far 25 people have shown interest in joining the club.

Motion:

book

Be it resolved that the BCIT Powerlifting Club be tabled for further questions.

Moved by: Mathew Puyat
26/4/2

Seconded by: Sha Gilani

Carried

Discussion:

- Why do they want to sanction as a club instead of just a group of friends?
 - Sanctioning as a club would provide more structure, and opportunities for fundraising and buying more pieces of equipment.

- Also, as a club, they would be listed on the SA website, which would make it more visible to students.
- Changing the wording to supporting instead of educating would be more appropriate.
- Who will be doing the training?
- Should we book the Squat Rack?
 - Tanya will resubmit the proposal after making the necessary changes and addressing the questions that were raised.

6.7 Open Forum

- Nolan provided verbal notice for the upcoming policies from the Advocacy and Policy Committee.
- Is the parking fee increase an attempt to recover from the deficit?
 - I can't comment on that, but it would take more than parking fee increases to recover from the deficit.
- Is BCIT in a deficit?
 - Typically post secondaries are not allowed to have a deficit. BCIT has a \$15M deficit as of March 2022 due to the pandemic. If you have any further questions, please contact Yael, she will be directing the questions to BCIT.
- Are there any awards for international students for support?
 - Last year the SA Executive Board created the Kathy Kinloch award, which is available for all students, including International students.
 - Contacting financial aid would be another option.
 - Consult your program head to know about companies that will provide scholarships.

6.8 Reminders

6.8.1 Next Council Meeting: 2022-01-23 at 17:30 in Council Chambers

6.9 Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Owen Rains and seconded by Alyssa Ilich that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimous Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 18: 28.

Executive Director Report January 23, 2023

Student Services:

Career Services are preparing students for the **Annual Career Fairs** happening at the end of January:

- Business and Tech | January 25th from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
- Construction and Engineering | January 26th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Student can prepare by attending a prep workshop, booking a one-to-one appointment, or stopping by the Resume drop-in on January 18th in the Great Hall. More information is found on the [Career Fairs 2023 website](#).

Wellness and Advocacy: It's back-to-school season, and for many, that represents a whirlwind of challenges such as classes, assignments, and exams while managing extracurricular activities. Food insecurity should not be among them. We are happy to announce that our **Food Pantry** has been open to all BCIT students since January 6th; our drop-in hours are:

- Wednesdays from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Thursdays from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Students need to bring their BCIT Student ID and groceries bag.

The **Entrepreneurship Mentorship Program** gives students an opportunity to connect with experienced entrepreneurs and business experts. Mentees are paired with a mentor for five months and receive support to launch or growth their business. Applications are open until February 20th (matches begin in March). More details can be found [here](#).

Food & Retail:

GearedUp: from Jan.4th-16th made **\$19,300** in sales and served over 500 customers. This is 9 business days out of 20 in January, or 45%. Our sales budget for January is \$30,000, 45% of which is \$13,500, so we are on track to make the budget for the month. The beginning of January is traditionally busier with calculators; we sold \$4,500 worth of calculators so far.

Pavilion: from In Jan.4th-16th made **\$51,000** in sales and served nearly 7,300 customers. This is 9 business days out of 20 in January, or 45%. Our sales budget for January is \$147,400, 45% of which is \$66,300, so we are trending to achieve 77% of the sales budget, so far in January. Our Grill station, or "Kitchen Food" sales budget for the month is \$40,000 (included in the total of \$147,400); prorated to 45% this is \$18,000; we made so far \$15,000, which is trending to be 83% of the monthly food sales budget.

As of Jan.9th, we have started being open until 6:30pm, Mondays-Thursdays; below are the results for 4:00pm-6:30pm:

- Mon.Jan.9th - 52 customers and \$390 in sales.
- Tue. Jan.10th - 58 customers and \$390 in sales.
- Wed. Jan.11th - **68 customers and \$606 in sales.**
- Thu. Jan.12th – 37 customers and \$370 in sales.

- Mon.Jan.16th – 56 customers and \$520 in sales.

Stand Central: from Jan.4th-16th made **\$17,400** in sales and served nearly 3,200 customers. This is 9 business days out of 20 in January, or 45%. Our sales budget for January is \$40,000, 45% of which is \$18,000, so we are trending to achieve 96% of the sales budget, so far in January.

Stand South: from Jan.4th-16th made **\$22,800** in sales and served over 4,100 customers. This is 9 business days out of 20 in January, or 45%. Our sales budget for January is \$65,000, 45% of which is \$29,250, so we are trending to achieve 78% of the sales budget, so far in January.

As of Jan.9th, we have started being open until 6:00pm, Mondays-Thursdays; below are the results for 4:00pm-6:00pm:

- Mon.Jan.9th - 37 customers and \$280 in sales.
- Tue. Jan.10th - 39 customers and \$230 in sales.
- Wed. Jan.11th - 30 customers and \$175 in sales.
- Thu. Jan.12th – 52 customers and \$300 in sales.
- Mon.Jan.16th – 54 customers and \$330 in sales.

Habitat Pub: sales for January look like they are on par with last year. The Pub is still recruiting line cooks and a prep cook dishwasher.

Commissary Kitchen: plan to add new sandwiches by the end of January, in addition to the new egg breakfast muffins, which are selling well.

Marketing, Communications, Events and Publications:

- The Hackathon was a massive success! The busy weekend hosted a fun, pressure-filled event for over 100 students and 4 major sponsors.
- January has been very busy with Clubs and room requests. Students and staff are asking for more in-person spaces to host events and meetings.
- Preparations for Career Fair are underway for Jan. 25/26.
- Focus on Elections right now – looking into a forum, rebranding the elections, re-addressing how we're doing social media posts for election content.
- The first Link open editorial meeting took place early January and held in-person; many more new link contributors were in attendance.
- Interviews with BCITSA Execs starting for Election Special (Student Leadership Special) in March.
- MicroLink podcast episode about Online Extremism was released early this week to huge views.

2022 2023 Executive Objectives

	Position	#	Objective	Objective Update	Next Step	Position Update
Liam Lauren	President	1	To make a charity campaign that will run in April to support the Food Support Hub through various fundraising events.	successfully scheduled a meeting with Yael this coming week to get direction on how to go about targeting donors in an effective way. Will also be a chance to get feedback on ideas I have on engaging the targeted demographic through the month.	work together with marcom to create posters and advertising for the campaign. Also work with events on how to plan a large thank you to donors	
Mia Bui	VP Finance & Administration	1	Advocate for accurate, transparent and timely information passed by BCIT to international students regarding Co-op program (with heavy focus on Accounting students this year).			
		2	Collaborate with BCIT Wellness (and/or other parties if applicable) to host an annual BCITSA Tax Clinic.			
Tanya Fuchs	VP Student Experience	1	Increase student engagement with the BCITSA by planning and executing a year-end block party by May 2023.	Meeting with MarCom on Monday January 23 to discuss the first steps in planning this event.		
		2	Support Wellness and Clubs staff in organizing and hosting the "Food Fight" food drive contest to support the Food Pantry program.	Reviewing event proposal with MarCom on January 23.	Revise event proposal with recommendations from the meeting.	
		3	Perform an SKU analysis for the Stand stores and make recommendations for product offerings.	May recommend this objective to my successor if they wish to continue it. Unfortunately will not have time to complete this objective this year, but I will work on a project overview if any future Executive wishes to continue it.	Start working on project overview document.	
Amanda MacKearney	VP Equity & Sustainability	1	Work with BCIT on curriculum updates for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, as well as cultural safety training.			
		2	Have available for free disposable menstruation products in all BCIT washrooms by year-end.			
		3	Work on the development of a program that collects the leftover food products of students leaving residence and redistributes it to students in need.			
		4	Continuing the previous VP equity and sustainability objective of adding a fall reading break for programs one year in length or longer.			
Nolan Nordwall	VP External	1	Increase the percentage of students who take part in the BCITSA general election from 2% to 7% by next election, Spring of 2023, using student outreach programs and student services to get more students involved in the Student Association	QDS Hacks was a big success, and many students who attended are happy with the outcome and quality of the event that the student association was able to hold. I reached out to some select councilors, as well as the Advocacy and Policy committee, and did some recruitment for the VPX position.	Continue to find candidates interested in other positions in the SA, and look into the best programs and events that I can support that are upcoming.	Had a meeting with a local union rep from UNITE Local 40. Looking into some future joint lobbying effort there around housing affordability. We also just adopted EXT-8, our new policy on student housing.
		2	Advocate to retain the current level of Canada Student Grants at their current level by next federal budget review in summer of 2023 by building strong relationships with student advocacy groups and effectively lobbying to members of parliament.	We have roughly twelve commitments from MP's and MLA's who were unable to meet during our lobby week that we'll be following up with. We're working on scheduling those meetings. We're also looking into expanding who is a part of the lobbying effort, and looking at the feasibility of more trips.	Schedule the meetings, continue lobbying efforts, keep up to date on news about the budget to see if the Canada Student Grant program will stay at its current trajectory.	
Joshua Luu	Chair, School of Business + Media	1	Further develop and promote a Discord server aimed at students of the SOB+M and to achieve 500+ members in the server and to act as a resource for information for students			Spoke to external parties about future funding of 'mental health dinner' if the data from the pilot is robust, increased Jack.org support, and access to key notes speakers that have lived experience with mental illness. Céline is aware.
		2	Investigate and improve the success of the set-rep program with the goal to have set-reps and instructors informed about the role and resources of being a set-rep.			
		3	Improve students' mental health by hosting fun ongoing social events where students can destress, build a sense of connection to BCIT, and feel comfortable accessing services that address their concerns (joint objective w/Céline).			
		1	Reach out to at least 6 full time programs starting in Winter 2023 about useful info for new students (such as SA benefits, peer tutoring, advocacy, dealing with instructor issues, etc.)	Experimenting with this on January 26 with the new students in the ECET Winter 2023 intake. Will hand out some goodies, provide my experience with the program and useful resources students have to help them.	Reflect on how the reachout goes on January 26, and then work on a pitch to program admins to implement this into future orientations of the major programs in the School of Energy	

Vrishank Prabhu	Chair, School of Energy	2	Gather data from 50 students about common and reoccurring academic issues to resolve problems and/or pass on to future chairs	This objective is now geared towards April/May time now that I am focusing on orientations and the movie night.	Communicate with councillors and possibly marcom to approach how we want to connect with students as well as what questions we want to ask them.	Had a successful set rep meeting and working with councillors to plan the movie night and orientation outreach
		3	Assist in planning and promoting at least 2 networking events organized by SA and work towards reviving clubs in the School of Energy (such as IEEE)	Another movie night is planned! Also working on promoting the Engineering Fair happening on January 26.	Plan and promote the movie night/engineering fair	
Mo Baydoun	Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies	1	Promote the physical health and wellness of Computing students who suffer from the effects of a sedentary lifestyle through tabling and events (Joint objective with Céline).			Had first set rep meeting, invited Associate Dean of Computing and they showed! Meeting went great, felt like we resolved a lot of the issues after the fact with the help of Donna (AD). Second set rep meeting is happening on the 30th of November. Donna will be there again as well as special industry guests courtesy of Amy Smith, set reps are excited about this. Tabled for the Hackathon.
		2	Find a way to include the 'Academic Studies' portion of my constituents in the Set Rep program as well as establish a line of communication with their program head.			
		3	Improve student engagement & relieve stress through a LAN party.			
Céline Loriot	Chair, School of Health Sciences	1	Improve students' mental health by hosting fun ongoing social events where students can destress, build a sense of connection to BCIT, and feel comfortable accessing services that address their concerns (joint objective w/Josh).	Currently, we are looking for student leaders to express interest in leading the Jack chapter by January 11 . Josh and I are planning our next Mental Health Dinner on February 21, 5:30-7:30 pm .	Josh will connect with our Canadian Mental Health Association contacts to lead the discussion and create learning outcomes. We'll support the student leaders in the Jack chapter onboarding process.	Entered the BC Safety and Quality Council Health Talks Student Contest with Josh, showing how our shared objective on mental health connects to our hope for healthcare.
		2	Promote the health and wellness of students by hosting two sports day competitions during the first week of May (joint objective w/Mo).	Mo will be in meetings with Kirk and Marcom to assist with planning.	Apply for external sponsorship and collab with BCIT Rec.	Confirmed online set reps meetings from survey results for March 10 and 17 (Fridays) 5:30-6:30pm . Will notify set reps soon.
		3	Strengthen the health sciences family at BCIT by hosting a social event at Habitat to boost morale. I aim to have health science trivia games, and door prizes.	[closed]		
Cody Pallin	Chair, Schools of Transportation, Construction & Environment	1	Compile the feasibility and interest into a report of implementing the Set Rep program to the considered "Trades" courses under the School of Construction and the Environment	Have sent follow up email to School of Transportation Dean, Steve Perry for a future meeting and introduction to new STC Chair	Encourage collaboration between the new STC Chair and Assocaite Deans as well as aid in the acceptance of the newly elected Set Reps of BMC	Further investigation and communication about Specailty Campus amenity needs such as pursuing to determine who owns the DTC parking spaces and the ability to instal squat racks in DTC's gym
		2	Develop a feasibility and interest report of forming an Aerospace Marine Annacis Chair position from the existing Aerospace Technology Campus Chair position while also clarifying the Transportation, Construction & Environment Chair position to be strictly BCIT Burnaby Campus based.	Package presented and accepted at AGM.	Continue aiding in the necessary changes	Need to follow up - no response from John Di Bella. Air Quality of SW3 3660: Assocaite Dean put the issue back on to BCIT FCD. Communicating with John Di Bella and giving Set Rep accounts along with my own experience to get them to reopen the room air quality case
		3	Establish power connection to the newly installed study desks on the BCIT Library (SE14) third floor.	[ended]		Will visit with Associate Dean Sanja of ATC on the week of the Jan. 9th to discuss allocating SA space and drop off the purchased recreational supplies that were approved by the SSD Committee
		4	Display BCIT Motorsport's Ford Fairmont Futura project car (pretty sure that's what it is) in a public BCIT location to generate discussion and connection to BCIT's School of Transportation. (AKA Operation Wildcat)	[ended]		
Sally Poon	Chair, Downtown Campus	1	Increase the visibility of SA services at DTC by hosting in-person office hours at the Student Lounge with snacks, monthly.	Objective completed.	SA team alternates and continues tabling each month.	Mostly focusing on emails with people who will collaborate for the DTC Event; reached out to BCIT alumni to be guest speakers at my Set Rep meetings -- Anmol and also a SoBM grad who is working in the tech industry as a PM; Presented to SoCAS students that are incoming this January and assisted in Set Rep voting; Promoting and answering student questions about bursaries, SA awards, and SA funds; Booking some meetings from students who reached out via LinkedIn to ask some questions. :)
		2	Gain a better understanding of DTC Student Service needs by forming a quick survey that can be used to collect student interest throughout the year.	Objective completed.		
		3	Develop a planned, new DTC Student event for the Winter term.	Tech Collider has been confirmed for Thu March 2nd. Contacted Tanya to help me out with contacting clubs to add them to the event and create an opportunity for them to table and reach out to new members at DTC. Reached out to Library Services for board games as well and they are interested. Student Life will help with catering.	Wait for interested clubs to respond and let me know by the end of January, host a meeting with all clubs to determine what they would like to do at the event. Rent arcade games and get catering down with Student Life.	
Theo Robson	Chair, Aerospace Campus	1	Create and host a 'Campus Flag' contest as well as a grand flag raising ceremony to community build and increase SA presence on campus.	All flag submissions have been recieved and finalized. A meeting will be held early January to determine the voting process, and another meeting in late January to determine the final event.	Voting meeting scheduled for this week; event meeting tentively scheduled for the end of January.	
		2	Develop an indepth analysis of current Diversity + Inclusion environment at ATC to be used to weave such values into the school's culture moving forward.	Objective cancelled due to role change.		

		3	Develop a feasibility report of creating an AMA Chair (Aerospace-Marine-Annacis) to have all satellite students (excluding DTC) represented on the board by a satellite chair.	Objective completed.		
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Name	Position	Report
Ashley Obeck	BMC Satellite Councillor	
TBD	AIC Satellite Councillor	

Committee	Report by	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Optional - Other Notes
Finance	Mia Bui	Meeting on Oct. 20		
Student Spaces	Cody Pallin	November 9th		
Bylaw	Mia Bui	Meeting on Nov. 3		
Advocacy & Policy	Nolan Nordwall	Jan 17th	Feb 7th	We're proposing EXT-9 at this council meeting, and we'll be discussing next steps and upcoming review dates soon. We had a good discussion about parking, and have incorporated some language about the parking situation in EXT-9.
Clubs	Tanya Fuchs	Met on November 22. Bringing the BCIT Lifiting club application to Council. Approved \$3000 in event funding.	January, date TBD.	
Board of Governors	Liam Lauren	Decemer 6	28-Feb	
Education Council	Tanya Fuchs	November 16	February 1, 2023	
Alumni Board	Nolan Nordwall	Jan 17th	Feb 22nd	Continue to foster a good relationship and look for collaboration opportunities between BCITSA and BCITAA. I reviewed some upcoming merchandise on the engagement committee, and the BCITAA were kind enough to sponsor QDS Hacks.
Equity & Sustainability	Amanda MacKearney			

DECISION NOTE

January 18, 2023

PREPARED FOR:	BCITSA Council
PREPARED BY:	Nolan Nordwall and Stewart McGillivray
ISSUE:	Adopting an affordable transportation policy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the proposed new External Policy Position *EXT-9 Affordable Transportation* in accordance with the requirements found in Bylaw 21.3.

MOTION:

Be it resolved that proposed external policy position “EXT-9 Affordable Transportation” be adopted.

(needs 2/3 majority) (notice provided at January 9th, 2023 Council meeting)

BACKGROUND

Council has the authority to adopt External Policy Positions ([link](#)), and VP External and the Advocacy & Policy Committee take the lead on studying and proposing new policy positions for consideration by Council. This process was introduced in late 2020 and eight External Policy Positions have been adopted since that time, the most recent earlier this month.

At its initial meetings in fall 2022, the Committee reviewed various draft external policy positions and has been periodically bringing them forward for a formal decision from Council. This proposed policy, EXT-9, is the third in this series and addresses the Association’s current gap in any formalized policy stance relating to the subject of affordable transportation.

The formal rationale for adopting EXT- is included below, as part of the policy document that would appear on our website. The Association has sometimes taken informal stances and lobbied government regarding various aspects of transportation policy, and this policy would properly formalize a BCITSA position on the issue.

By adopting this proposed policy, BCITSA Executives and staff would be able to continue advocating on these important issues. The proposed position informs the VP External’s approach to the U-Pass BC program, as well as the Association’s values on more general issues relating to parking, transit services, cycling, affordability, and supporting specialty campuses.

Subject: Affordable Transportation	Policy Number: EXT-9	Last reviewed: 2023 Jan. 23
Approved by: [_____]	Managed by: Advocacy & Policy Committee	Next review: 2025 Jan. 30

Policy Rationale:

The availability of affordable, reliable, and sustainable transportation options is essential for post-secondary students. Some students are fortunate to live in on-campus housing, reducing some of their travel needs, while others study primarily online. However, most students at BCIT commute to campus and deserve a variety of affordable transportation options for their needs.

Expansion of the U-Pass BC program is one way of promoting affordable transportation. Across Metro Vancouver, BCIT has consistently had the lowest percentage of enrolled students eligible for the program (37% of BCIT students compared to 87% at other schools).¹ Not only do students use public transit to commute to school but many also rely on it for work and leisure; extending the program to part-time students would allow them to benefit too. In 2019, prior to the pandemic, the 7,493 BCIT students eligible for the program took 3.34 million trips.²

The availability of reliable transit services and the U-Pass helps more students choose to take public transit. This also reduces congestion on the roads and lessens the pressure on parking, improving the experience for those who commute by car. This is also good for the climate: BCIT students' use of the U-Pass since 2011 led to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions of over 58,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent.³ Were the program expanded to more students in Flexible Learning, internal analysis shows that further substantial reductions in GHG could be expected.

While the U-Pass BC program provides benefits to the vast majority of those pay for it, a mandatory universal program does not work for each and every single person. There are limited exemption and opt-out categories available within the program, but these could be expanded. Greater flexibility in this regard would increase the value of the program for affected students. With this in mind, it must also be acknowledged that many BCIT students still choose to drive to campus for a variety of valid reasons. Due to this, institutional policies relating to student parking will affect many and deserve adequate scrutiny. Recently, for example, almost 2,000 people signed a petition opposing upcoming increases in parking rates at BCIT campuses.⁴

External Policy Position:

1. The Student Association supports:
 - A. The continued participation of BCIT in the U-Pass BC program, as the best way of providing access to affordable and reliable public transit for students;

¹ Internal calculations based on the U-Pass BC annual reports.
² "Annual Report on the U-Pass BC Program." *TransLink*: published annually since 2012.
³ *Ibid.*
⁴ "Stop the 68% increase of student parking fees at BCIT." *Change.org*: January 2023 ([link](#)).

- B. Further regional expansion of public transit in the Lower Mainland, especially through the implementation of dedicated bus lanes and rapid transit along the Willingdon corridor;
 - C. Ongoing improvements to the availability of transit at Specialty Campuses so that it's realistic for any BCIT student to access their studies via public transit if they so choose;
 - D. The preservation of adequate levels of affordable on-campus parking for students, staff, and faculty, preferably at rates below what is charged to the general public;
 - E. Increased availability of car-share options (which are nearly universal in Vancouver, New Westminster, and the North Shore) to service BCIT campuses as well as adjacent neighbourhoods and transit stations;
 - F. Improvements to parking options for students through more convenient locations on campus, including parking for the full suite of car-share services; and
 - G. Greater access across BCIT campuses to affordable and secure bike storage services.
2. The Student Association does not support:
- A. Any reductions in the financial subsidy currently provided to TransLink by the Province of British Columbia for the delivery of the U-Pass BC program;
 - B. Cuts to transit service levels at BCIT campuses other than during scheduled breaks; and
 - C. Any significant or sudden increases to the cost of on-campus parking or public transit, given the ongoing affordability challenges faced by post-secondary students.
3. The Student Association subscribes to the following principles:
- A. The U-Pass BC program, used by thousands of BCIT students every day, provides value for the vast majority of students covered by the program and should continue past 2025;
 - B. The program would provide greater value if it covered more students in BCIT's Flexible Learning courses, who are not excluded from U-Pass access at any other school;
 - C. If TransLink is unable to support expanded access for part-time BCIT students due to financial challenges, then the provincial subsidy should increase accordingly;
 - D. There should be as few barriers as possible to U-Pass access for students in unique full-time programs, such as Business Fundamentals and the International Student Entry Program;
 - E. The program would provide greater value if it offered more flexibility such as SFU's exemption process for students with unreasonably long commutes;⁵ and
 - F. The program would provide greater value, without undermining its universal nature, if institutions were permitted to exempt more than 1% of students on a discretionary basis.

⁵ "U-Pass BC Exemption Request." Simon Fraser University ([link](#)).

BCIT Student Association

BCITSA Club Application

Last Amended:
2019 - 08 - 01

Club Proposal

Please complete the following forms and submit to the Clubs Program Coordinator.

This proposal is meant to provide a better understanding for the BCIT Student Association regarding your reasoning for starting a club, including your expectations and goals for the year.

Club Name: BCIT Powerlifting

Please choose the type of the club you wish to start:

- Academic/Educational
- Social/Religious
- Athletic/Sporting
- Other: _____

Please chose the classification of the club you wish to start:

- General Club – *has all the rights and responsibilities outlined in the Clubs Policies and BCITSA Bylaws. General Clubs shall also have full access to all Club Resources*
- Casual Club – *less regimented and requires fewer responsibilities from its members than a General Club. Casual Clubs shall have limited access to Club Resources, and no access to funding of any kind*
- Designated Club – *bears the name and professes the policies of a political party, religious organization, or similar. Designated clubs have all the rights and responsibilities as a General Club, except as otherwise specified in BCITSA Policy. Designated Clubs shall not have access to funding of any kind*

Club Mandate/Objective:

Introduce powerlifting into BCIT while teaching others how to properly lift

Outline what you intend to accomplish upon sanctioning:

Teaching student how to lift properly

Getting others healthy

Encourage others to get active

Make friends

Briefly explain how your club will benefit student life: (give a few examples)

As a Weight Room Attendant I've seen many people come in and lift with bad form and I've seen many other powerlifters also. The main goal of this club is to teach and show others how to lift properly while programming them on getting stronger, while having a place to lift and while someone is encouraging them. While also for other powerlifters to meet new powerlifters at BCIT.

Promotional Paragraph to be used on the BCITSA website (mandatory):

BCIT Lifting was created to gather like minded individuals at BCIT. Our aim is to educate students on the proper ways to lift weights while encouraging others to get healthy, active, and connecting others.

Club Sustainability

Given the section above, every club should also have a sustainability plan set in place to ensure the longevity of the club at BCIT. In a few sentences, describe your plans for sustainability for this year and years to come:

Maybe at the end of the year I can nominate people who can take over the club by them
demonstrating leadership in the club

Membership

This section is not required if you are applying as a Casual Club. Casual Clubs cannot collect membership fees from its members.

A common way of collecting funds for club operations is to charge a membership fee for new club members. GENERAL Clubs must have an annual membership fee of a minimum of \$1.00 and maximum of \$50.00.

Membership Fee: \$ \$0.00—

Entitles Member To (voting rights, free event admission, etc.):