

Executives: Joshua Luu – VP, Student Experience
 Charlene Steeves – Chair, School of Health Sciences
 Jimmy Wang – VP, External
 Shelby Woida – VP, Equity and Sustainability
 Matthew Puyat – Chair, Downtown Campus
 Abdul Aziz Ansari – Chair, School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment
 Justin Saint – Chair, School of Computing and Academic Studies
 Mia Bui – VP, Finance and Administration
 Céline Loriot – President
 Daniel Wong – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses
 Vrishank Prabhu – Chair, School of Energy

Staff: Margarita Gaidasheva – Executive Assistant
 Stewart McGillivray – Government Relations Strategist
 Roland Gagel – Director of Finance, Interim Executive Director

Councillors:	Alexander Bridgeman	Fiona Wong	Parisa Saqib
	Andrea Martin Marcelo	Ho Yin Cheng (Pedro)	Quoc "Minh" Nguyen
	Aruzhan Basbulat	Jasmine Yang	Shanti Stein-Gagnon
	Cora-Lynn Bell	Kobie Smith	Fahad Ahmed Doza
	Daniel Mah	Xavier Delaney	Monika Monika
	Andrea Obnamia	Andrew Pham	Jadon Matthias
	Bobby Davidson	Will Ondrik	Owen Rains
	Su Yamin Tun	Kyla Cruz	

Regrets: Simran Anand – Chair, School of Business + Media
 Councillors - Edward John Gatchalian, Elaine Huang, Jaspreet Bhuller, Matt kilpatrick (BMC),
 Megan Jewell, Muhannad Ahmad

12.1 Meeting called to Order

The President calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm (34 voting members of the Council).

12.2 Territory Acknowledgement

Daniel Wong read the territory acknowledgement to begin the meeting

12.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion:

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Matthew Puyat

Seconded by: Charlene Steeves

Unanimous

Carried

12.4 Acceptance of the Minutes: November 27th, 2023

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Council Meeting minutes from November 27th, 2023, be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Jimmy Wang

Seconded by: Justin Saint

Unanimous

Carried

12.5 Reports

12.5.1 Executive Director's Report

As attached.

Reminder: "MyVirtualDoctor" is now operational and ready to go

- <https://www.mystudentplan.ca/bcit/en/myvirtualdoctor> will have info on how to enroll

Thursday, December 14, 2023 is the last day of SA operating

Pavilion Pop-up at aerospace campus

Peak leadership program is now open

- Has been running for the past 15 years
- Always hear good things about it

Comedy show has been rescheduled from Friday, December 1, 2023 to April 2024

Government supports the childcare worker subsidy

- It will go from \$4/hr extra to \$6/hour extra

12.5.2 Executives' Reports and Updates

Matthew updates on the Downtown Campus initiatives

- Has been providing tea and hot chocolates to students
- There's been noticeable need for it

Charlene – meeting with interprofessional health committee

- Create relationships with health authorities
- By end of February should have update on initiative

Vrishank – RC Classic and sustainable energy

- Plans to organize a Bayblade tournament next year
- Lots of prizes in the works
- Very serious.

Abdul – tabling with big prize

- Planning industry night
- Mentorship Program for Energy school

12.6 Old Business

n/a

12.7 New Business

12.7.1 Downtown Campus Services

Fahad A. D. holds a discussion around services inequities at the BCIT downtown campus

- Asking the SA to improve access for students for BCIT services and employment opportunities

Fahad brings concerns from international students in the ISEP program facing multiple issues at the downtown campus:

- Students unable to use U-pass program 😞, makes it very expensive
- Since they're Full-Time students – difficult to get a job
- They don't have a dental plan
- They're not allowed to work elsewhere
 - o Except only in the downtown campus
 - o Restricted to work there because of the study permit
- Submit resumes but don't hear back
- A lot of students in TA5 (ISEP program) having difficulties passing the course
 - o Unsure of the final grade
 - o Different teachers have different grading methods
- Gym in downtown campus is out of service
 - o Expensive for them to visit gyms on other campuses
 - o Especially since they don't have use of U-pass
- No access to library services
 - o can't even review the book to see if it's the current and correct one for the course
 - o if they want to buy books – must come to Burnaby campus
- Paying higher rent
- Not aware of exactly how much fees they're paying to the SA
 - o not listed on the receipt

Mia

- Students don't have access to the U-pass program
 - o it's been an ongoing issue over the years
- for the English course issue – suggested to talk to the advocacy specialists
- gym out of service – it's run by BCIT, they must fix it
- the SA fees and details are listed on the BCIT tuition fees page

Q: Dental plan – why don't they have access to it?

- Similar to part time students – they're not eligible 😞

ISEP is a 0 credit program

- Classified in a certain way
- 7 weeks in duration, then no studies for a week or two
- They don't receive full benefits from that classification
- They pay lots of tuition fees, so they should be eligible for U-pass and dental program
- BCIT registration system is a hurdle

There's a delivery service for books to other campuses

- Students don't have to travel to get their books

Q: Have there been any attempts to expand this to any BCIT campus?

- Permit is the issue (from federal government)
- Roland and Stewart and Jimmy will follow up on this
- Lobby the government

12.7.2 EXT-11 Policy & Decision Note

Jimmy W. and Stewart M. recommend that Council adopt the proposed new External Policy Position "EXT-11 BCIT Nursing Program and Parental Leaves" in accordance with the requirements found in Bylaw 21.3.

Q: How many students per year typically doing the preceptorships, clinical, or ESN placements)?

- ESN is not specific to BCIT
- Increased to 96 students (spots)
- So, they increased the number of spots, but removed the funding

Motion:

Be it resolved that proposed external policy position "EXT-11 BCIT Nursing Program and Parental Leaves" be adopted.

Be it further resolved that Council delegates to the Advocacy and Policy Committee the finalization of the written rationale for the policy.

Moved by: Jimmy Wang

Seconded by: Advocacy and Policy Committee

Unanimous

Carried

12.8 In Camera

12.8.1 BCIT Policies

Motion

Move the meeting to go in-camera

Moved by: Jimmy Wang

Seconded by: Charlene Steeves

Unanimous

Carried

The meeting moves in camera at 6:35 pm

Motion

Move the meeting to leave in-camera

Moved by: Owen Rains

Seconded by: Matthew Puyat

Unanimous

Carried

The meeting leaves in-camera at 7:02 pm

Motion

Be it resolved that the student association does not support the proposed revisions to BCIT policy 7103;

Be it further resolved that the BCITSA council urges BCIT to return the draft policy for further review by committees that do include elected students, staff, or faculty;

Be it further resolved that council requests the BCITSA president to convey its position to the president of BCIT;

Be it further resolved council asks the VPX and the ED to convey its concerns to the minister's office if not remedied by BCIT;

Be it further resolved Council in particular notes the following concerns:

- non-compliance with section 6 of the Act
- dated definitions of "revenge porn"
- an overly long review period
- inconsistent references to the criminal code
- The failure to operationalize definitions like cyber, stealing, reprisal, etc that do not appear elsewhere in the policy
- omission of any reference to affected groups
- lack of appropriate training for decision-makers
- non-application to BOG, foundation, alumni association
- ambiguous overlap between office of the VPA and VPHR
- weak and ambiguous scope of policy application
- no substantive reference to survivors and alleged perpetrators
- ambiguous employee duty to report
- adversarial and dated H&D process
- the procedures are a bit out of date, relative to statutory Maximums

Moved by: Owen Rains

Seconded by: Joshua Luu

Yes: 26 No: 0 Abstain: 4

Carried

Q: Can the word “useless” be replaced? What is the definition of it?

- The issue is that those words are mentioned in the policy, but not in the government act, and not mentioned anywhere else
- Therefore there’s no weight to them, they don’t serve a purpose

12.9 Open Forum

Mia would like to thank the Bylaw committee and the Finance Committee for doing a great job
Alexander thanks the SA for the dinner (provided for the last meeting of the term)

- We should try to do it every year

Celine thanks everyone for coming to council meetings

- For great engagement
- For councillors asking questions
- Happy holidays. And happy birthday to Justin Saint!

12.10 Reminders

12.10.1 Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 2024 @ 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

12.11 Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Matthew Puyat and seconded by Joshua Luu that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimous Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm