

Executives: Joshua Luu – VP, Student Experience
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
Vrishank Prabhu – Chair, School of Energy
Daniel Wong – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses

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

Councillors:	Alexander Bridgeman	Fiona Wong	Parisa Saqib
	Andrea Martin	Kobie Smith	Quoc "Minh" Nguyen
	Aruzhan Basbulat	Will Ondrik	Dennis Phan
	Cora-Lynn Bell	Kyla Cruz	Fahad Ahmed Doza
	Su Yamin Tun	Daniel Mah	Monika Monika
	Andrea Obnamia	Xavier Delaney	Jasmine Yang
	Bobby Davidson	Jadon Matthias	Jaspreet Bhuller
	Morgan Peltier	Ho Yin Cheng (Pedro)	Muhannad Ahmad
	Andrew Pham	Matt Kilpatrick	

Regrets: Charlene Steeves – Chair, School of Health Sciences
Simran Anand – Chair, Business + Media
Councillors: Elaine Huang, Megan Jewell, Edward John Gatchalian, Owen Rains

17.1 Meeting called to Order

Mia calls the meeting to order at 5:35 pm (35 voting members of the Council).

17.2 Territory Acknowledgement

Matthew read the territory acknowledgement.

17.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to amend agenda – remove “17.7.1 Governance Review - Update and Interim Recommendations”

Mia first Shelby second

Yes: 17 No: 10 Abstain: 3

Item was discussed between Mia and ED, it was decided the item is not ready for this meeting



- Today – it’s not ready
- It was on previous agenda as well, last time it was only info note, which was different
- Not enough time to present it last time
- This one is very modified
- Since this is Stewart’s last council meeting, Jimmy wants to have this item on agenda today

Q: What makes Mia say that it’s not ready for this meeting?

- It was not presented to Mia and Roland in a timely manner
- Provided on super short notice, not enough time to review

Cora - Q: What do they mean by not enough time to create reports (Mia, ED)?

- “with respect to the provided recommendations”
- Delayed already
- Can still have a discussion without voting on any parts of it

Vrishank – thanks Stewart for putting it together

- A lot of information all at once, too much on late notice
- Agrees with discussing topics, but not voting or making decisions until next meeting

Joshua – agrees to at least discuss it.

Jimmy – notes that motion is worded in a way that allows some leeway (?)

Roland has no capacity to report on this

- Will be super busy until May 6
- There’s a lot of info, can’t go through it quickly – it won’t do it justice
- Doesn’t want to spend 30 minutes on it just to not have any actual outcome

Stewart is fine either way.

Motion to accept amended agenda

Mia first, Justin seconds

Jimmy motions to remove the agenda item, Matthew seconds

Justin reminds committee that this is the process that has been in place since September.

- Budget approval is the last step
- if we don’t do it at this council meeting – this process gets pushed back and we potentially lose the candidate, and lose the search fee to Boyden
- There’s no harm in hearing the presentation that the committee has put together
- As long as the candidate info remains confidential
- Discussion can be in camera, the motion and decision cannot be in camera

Jasmine Q: If this will cost the SA, why were we not provided the information regarding this agenda?

- "I also don't understand what is the point of getting the council to do a final vote when council members do not really have a say in the process."
- Roland Wasn't sure if this item should be in camera
 - o If in camera – couldn't send out private info

Cora agrees that councillors should have been informed on the details beforehand

- Can't just vote on the spot with info sprung on them
- A lot of effort to figure out what can be shared and what can't
- If major adjustment to the budget needs to be done – it should go to council
- A lot of responsibility, feeling is that job is not done well

Jadon reminds people to refrain from personal statements, should act more professional

- Agrees that Council should be notified and provided relevant documents ahead of time
- Wants this discussion moved in camera

Justin – could not disclose details due to confidentiality

- Could discuss in camera
- Complicated process, a lot of people collaborated to make this work

Joshua – wants the decision note discussed

- There is no formal process in place for this

Mia reminds people that it would be beneficial to at least hear out the presentation

Vrishank – reminds people that ED position is very high level

- ED and the exec board collaborate and bring issues to council
- Council should take high level perspective of this presentation

Shelby agrees that there should have been info prepared in the meeting package for councillors

- Justin clarifies that \$50k was not related to the motion or the ED position presentation itself.

Q: Are there 2 councillors on the executive ED search committee?

- There are 2 executives on there, no councillors

Jimmy points out that there's no consistency in the way questions are addressed

- Feels the ED search is rushed
- Content has been changed, not provided ahead of time

Councillors urged to listen to presentation to get clarity on the process

- Getting info ahead of time IS beneficial
- Decision might feel too rushed

17.5.2 Executives' Update

Justin – hackathon on Friday, March 8th, 180 participants

- Councillors are volunteering
- Dinner will be provided to volunteers
- Figured out the waitlist glitch to streamline registration process for Hackathon

Vrishank – presented the Set Rep program at the joint BCIT/SA meeting

- They were very much on board – president + 3 VPs from BCIT
- Would help to have support from BCIT leadership

Joshua – Clubs update

- Meeting with other clubs to get input on policy
- Collaboration was helpful to understand grievances

Matthew – BCIT brought up:

- Need base financial support for international students
- U-pass for flexible learning
- Systematic issues with BCIT
 - o Hard to define what's a full time student or part time student
 - o Is it BCIT can't define it? Or the language in the contract itself?
- Food insecurity/food pantry – BCIT president would look into more innovative means to support this
- Program review on how to decolonize classrooms

Mia –

- BMC is not merging into ATC (just rumors)
- Affordable food options on campus, especially after hours
- Lab equipment problems should be escalated to program ahead.

Jimmy reports on joint executive and BCIT meeting

- BCIT staff interested and willing to keep open mind

17.6 Old Business

17.6.1 Governance Review - Update and Interim Recommendations

Stewart has a presentation that goes along with the information note and the provided recommendations

- It's his last council meeting, people want to hear it

Q: Would it be beneficial to have some kind of “knowledge transfer” document to have an updated document?



- Council can't make a motion to force an employee to finish work
- Exec board would like to have continuity and follow through, so the next "Stewart" can take over smoothly

Q: What is best strategy to incorporate the recommendations provided by Stewart, considering there's turnover?

- Feature these in transition report
- Committees do transitions and reports that go to council
- Should be developed before June 1

Jimmy Q: What is expected from board directors when it comes to this? And reports?

- By start of April we'd have an idea of the new exec board members
- Will start training early on, execs will get paid for orientation

Would be beneficial for new execs to attend BCFS training

- Good idea, but some programs have co-ops etc that could take them away

"Execs need to find their replacements when they leave"

- There should be more clarification on the rules

Motion to extend meeting till 8pm

Mia first, Joshua second

Yes: 21 No: 7 Abstain: 0

17.7 New Business

17.7.1 Budget review for new Executive Director

Shelby has a presentation

- Motion removed, only presentation on candidate profile remains

Normally the annual budget is presented and approved by the council

- Budget for ED salary rolls into the full annual, no detailed breakdown
- Doesn't matter who council hires as the ED, council needs to approve the budget (like up to a max amount) that would be allocated to ED salary.

A lot of people are new, lots of turn over

- It would help to have someone stable for continuity (new ED)
- If the council doesn't go forward with this candidate fast enough – they might not be able to get him, he might lose interest or get other offers
- The board approved a conditional contract, motion for that passed

Q: What would the council need to vote on?

- The money to fund the contract, looking for budget approval

Q: How much more money is going to the new ED this year compared to last year? What are the councillors asked to vote on? What's the increase to the budget?

- No budget was allocated before.
- The question has not been appropriately brought forward yet

17.7.2 BCITSA Elections - Nominations

Stewart has a presentation on the election process and importance of recruitment

- Elections are run by BCIT

17.8 In camera

17.9 Open Forum

Shelby would like to make a motion, then have the discussion

Jimmy says council voted not to vote on this, so we can't vote on it

- Technically in open forum anyone can bring up any motion

Mia Motions to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, to end the meeting at 8:30 pm

Shelby seconds

Yes: 12 No: 17 Abstain: 1 No further extension

*The proposed cost (the salary range, up to a max), is comparable to what the previous ED will have made if they had stayed

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Student Association budgets a total compensation cost of \$230,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the role of Executive Director.

Motion tabled for next time as we're out of time.

17.10 Reminders

17.10.1 Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 25th @ 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

17.11 Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Jimmy and seconded by Vrishank that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimous Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm