

**Executives:** Jimmy Wang – President  
Shervin Laghaie – VP, Finance & Administration - Interim  
Cora Bell – VP, External  
Xavier Delaney – VP, Student Experience  
Moksh Garg – VP, Equity and Sustainability  
Greyson Dubé – Chair, School of Business & Media  
Adam Matthews-Kott – Chair, School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment  
Russell Moy – Chair, School of Energy  
Jasmine Yang – Chair, School of Health Sciences  
Eric Chau – Chair, Downtown Campus  
Geoff Vinod Pittappillil – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses

**Councillors:** Bobby Davidson, Ho Yin (Pedro) Cheng, Alliah Almendral, Isabela Patarroyo Singh, Zion Chan, Erik Aloyan, Meehika Chadha, Denzel Mohamed, Margaret Van Essen, Yan Yiu Li, Vikram Gill, Ja Mu Ku, Avra Parent, Yachana Jangra, Oceaan Pendharkar, Khushmeen Kaur, Tijana Radovic, Marisa Price, Monica Sanchez, Bella McKimmie

**Staff:** Roland Gagel – Director of Finance; Interim Co-Executive Director  
Sameer Ismail – Senior Advisor, Strategic Policy; Interim Co-Executive Director  
Adam Beggs – Executive Assistant & Board Liaison

**Regrets (E.):** None

**Regrets (C.):** Wasawat (Matt) Joongjai, Avneet Kaur, Harjot Barsa, Prabjot Sabharwal, Oscar Gutierrez, Tyler Gravenor, Inez Yoon, Sina Faraj Poor

**Guests:** Soomin Jeong – Member  
Polina Omelyantseva – Member  
Joseph Yuruk – Member  
Fahad Doza – Member

### **10.1 Call to Order**

The Chair, Jimmy Wang, calls the meeting to order at 17:42 (29 voting members). Meeting start delayed due to not achieving quorum.

### **10.2 Territory Acknowledgement**

Adam Matthews-Kott acknowledged the territory the meeting was held on.

**10.3 Acceptance of the Agenda****Motion:**

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed.

*Moved by: Jimmy Wang*

*Seconded by: Greyson Dubé*

**23/2/4**

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Acceptance of the Minutes:****10.4.1 Council Minutes: February 10, 2025****Motion:**

Be it resolved that the Council minutes from February 10, 2025, be accepted as distributed.

*Moved by: Jimmy Wang*

*Seconded by: Moksh Garg*

**Amendment:**

Move “Eric Chau – Chair, Downtown Campus” from present to regrets.

*Moved by: Eric Chau*

*Seconded by: Xavier Delaney*

**Unanimous**

**CARRIED**

**Motion (amended):**

Be it resolved that the Council minutes from February 10, 2025, be accepted as amended.

**19/1/9**

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Reports:****10.5.1 Executive Directors’ Report**

*- Roland G. & Sameer I.*

The interim Co-Executive Directors provided a written report as submitted.

- The current waitlist for childcare is at 400.
- Link’s next issue will contain a student leadership focus to encourage more students to run in the general election.
- February was slightly for retail than anticipated. Stand South continues to be the strongest location.
- New furniture has been ordered.
- De-escalation training for staff will be taking place during spring break.
- Nominations for the general election have opened and will end on March 7. This year there is a larger campaign for nominations, which will also help increase voter turn out.

**10.5.2 Executives' Updates**

- Executives

The Executives provided verbal reports.

**Xavier Delaney – VP, Student Experience**

- First draft of the new Clubs Policy has been completed.
- Clubs Forum is upcoming on March 11.

**Moksh Garg – VP, Equity and Sustainability**

- Clothing Swap event is being moved to SW1.
- Implementing an award/bursary for international students that will be merit based. The criteria and budget of the award is being determined. Since BCIT has a needs-based bursary for international students, this will provide additional support in a different avenue.

**Adam Matthews-Kott – Chair, School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment**

- Student Spaces Development Committee has approved monies for replacing the chairs in Council Chambers. The piano replacement is close to being completed. The next project for the committee is upgrade the items in the student study spaces in SE2.

Zion Chan – Councillor joined the meeting at 18:00 (30 voting members).

Ho Yin (Pedro) Cheng – Councillor left the meeting at 18:01 (29 voting members).

**Jasmine Yang – Chair, School of Health Sciences**

- Shared her intent to resign by the end of this week and recommended Ja Mu as a potential interim.
  - If no interim is appointed by Council, then the winner in the general election can assume office after the ratification on April 14.

**Geoff Vinod Pittappillil – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses**

- There will be a career fair at ATC on April 8.
- For students graduating this year, there are awards offered by BCIT for graduating students. More information about these awards is available on BCIT's website on the Awards & Financial Aid page.

**Greyson Dubé – Chair, School of Business & Media**

- Set Rep meetings will be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Pub trivia is still under development. The event will run for six consecutive weeks starting on March 20, and following every Thursday until April 24. There are several topics from general to niche and each night will feature questions from four topics.

**Jimmy Wang – President**

- Attending a Board of Governors meeting tomorrow.
- Intending to start discussions about the new SA building soon.

**Shervin Laghaie – Interim VP, Finance & Administration**

- Sent a survey to Council about important issues they would like to see actioned. This will help him set the focus for his role on the Board.

**10.6 Old Business – None****10.7 New Business:****10.7.1 Clubs Discussion Item**

- *Xavier D.*

The Chair of the Clubs Committee, Xavier, provided a verbal update to Council on a recent incident perpetuated by the members of the Clubs Committee and its resolution. In late January two Computing clubs - Coding for All and the BCIT Computing Club - were suspended, due to allegations of violence and/or harassment, abuse of privileges, violation of BCIT policies, embezzlement, unapproved event execution, and discrimination. An executive from each club was present at the meeting to ask Xavier questions about the decision and to provide additional commentary. From this conversation it was revealed that due process was not followed for the suspension decision. The suspension was proposed by the former Vice Chair, Fiona Wong. She authored a report of complaints regarding the misconduct of a student executive involved with both clubs. This report, based on information from two DTC set reps, was presented to the committee along with a motion to suspend the clubs. Then, without reviewing the report, the committee voted in favour of her motion as the clubs policy doesn't offer other options for action the committee can take to discipline a club. The clubs weren't informed of the process. The new draft of the club policy, according to Xavier, seeks to lay out the process for formal investigations by third parties, appeals, and ensuring fairness to all parties. The decision to suspend was reversed only after the Executive Directors and the Director of Engagement were made aware of it. The process to suspend was unfair and no evidence to the alleged violations was provided.

Fiona resigned from her position as Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies on February 21, 2025.

Margaret Van Essen – Councillor joined the meeting at 18:22 (30 voting members).

One of the club executives asked about Fiona's inflammatory remarks about the clubs in public channels. Neither Xavier nor Eric - who was present when Fiona called the clubs a toxic environment - could explain or take accountability for her behavior as she has since resigned. The executive also inquired about the hackathon Fiona was planning before her resignation. The cancellation of it happened a few weeks prior to the suspension of the clubs. The internal team that was responsible for assisting the execution of the event didn't believe the event would be successful due to Fiona's difficulties in securing a data set and sponsors, as well as delays in creating necessary assets. Fiona indicated shortly before the drop-dead date that she would be unable to support it any longer, thus the decision was made postpone, which de facto canceled the Hackathon.

The project will be examined internally to determine if the scale of it is within the organization's capacity to execute. Sameer mentioned that he believes it is too large of a project to have an Executive lead or manage.

The same club executive asked if it would be possible to have the previously suspended clubs pick up the effort that was put into this event to organize their own hackathon. Roland and Sameer explained that one of the primary problems in setting up this event is that the internal team lacks the technical or industry knowledge required for a hackathon. While input from the Computing Clubs might help, it remains unclear if or at what scale the event can return, especially so late in the term.

**10.7.2 Clubs Committee Oversight***- Jimmy W.***Motion:**

WHEREAS Bylaw section 6.2(f) empowers Council to set aside the decisions of its Committees; and WHEREAS there is public commentary that raises significant issues about the decisions of the Clubs Committee to suspend the Computing Club and the Coding 4 All Club;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council, pursuant to Bylaw 6.2(f), sets aside all decisions of the Clubs Committee taken with respect to the Computing Club and the Coding 4 All Club since January 1st, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council pre-emptively sets aside all decisions taken by the Clubs Committee between now and May 31st which relate to the Computing Club and the Coding 4 All Club, other than any decisions to grant funding in the amounts requested by those clubs, provided said requests are within the prescribed limits and conform to the Policies and Procedures of the Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council will not rescind this motion until it is satisfied that most members of the Committee have completed BCIT's MOOC 0131 "Natural Justice and Academic Appeals" and the BC Ombudsperson's "Fairness 101: An Introduction to Administrative Fairness" free online courses.

*Moved by: Jimmy Wang**Seconded by: Marisa Price***21/3/6****CARRIED****Discussion:**

- The President learned of the clubs decision and reversal shortly after the reversal was made. He is presenting this motion due to a lack of confidence in the committee to make unbiased decisions.

## 10.8 Open Forum

### Joseph Yuruk – Member

- Raised a concern about Robert's Rules not being properly followed at the previous Council meeting. When the Kwantlen Student Association item was tabled on November 25, 2024, there was an amendment on the floor. Per Robert's Rules, when the item returned to Council for further discussion on February 10, 2025, the amendment should have been the first item discussed. This was not the case and the final decision to pass the resolution never included a vote on the amendment from November 25. He recommended a retraction of the motion as it did not follow due process.
  - The appropriate course of action would have been to raise this concern during the meeting in which this motion was being discussed. Since no members of Council raised this point during the meeting, the final decision made by Council is considered binding. Since a two-thirds majority passed the final resolution, it is impractical to return to this motion.

### Bobby Davidson – Councillor

Shared a reminder with Council that student seats on BCIT's Education Council and Board of Governors are also available for students to run for. A student can only run for an Executive Board position or a BCIT Student-at-Large position.

The Councillor prompted the Board and other attendees with some questions for discussion:

*Has the Board convened every other Monday since the New Year and conducted business?*

- The Board meeting following the January 27, 2025 Council meeting was cancelled, but all others have proceeded as scheduled.

*Can Executive Board minutes from January 1, 2025, onwards be released to Council?*

- Yes.

*Is there confidence that the Board will be able to continue the work of governance and internal matters can continue to be worked towards until the end of May?*

- The President has full confidence in the Board.
- There is some tension, but the Board is still able to come to resolutions.
- The Board is continuing to put the students first.

*In consideration of history (including previous years of student government), are there concerns of the conduct and procedure at Council meetings?*

- What history is being referred to? – If students have previously been on Council they can reference that.
- There is a clear divide between the Executive Board members. Is mediation still something that the Board is pursuing? – Yes, the Board is still in agreement about continuing with mediation.
- There is nothing inherently wrong procedurally, Council meetings are at their best when there is a fulsome discussion. There are no violations of Bylaws during Council meetings. A primary conflict is that of leadership styles.
- This is an effective question for a productive discussion. Council members would like more time to think about their answer and return to this discussion at the next meeting.
- The meetings have been smoother recently, though perhaps the quieter atmosphere is due to regular departures. Just because things are feeling smoother, it does not mean that the circumstances have improved.

Are there ideas for creating more accountability in our student government?

- Recording meetings and publicly sharing the video. This would help with hearsay arguments and recollection of behaviors and statements. It would ensure that the student leaders are always on their best behavior. It also has value as an accessibility tool.
  - The Council would like more information on the feasibility of recording and publishing meetings.
- A Code of Conduct will ensure accountability by creating clear standards and avenues for addressing issues.
- Councillors play a critical role in oversight of the Board. They are encouraged to speak up and scrutinize the decisions being considered.
- This is an effective question for a productive discussion. Council members would like more time to think about their answer and return to this discussion at the next meeting.

The Chair called a recess at 19:16.

The meeting reconvened at 19:27.

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that the meeting be extended by 10 minutes.

*Moved by: Greyson Dubé*

*Seconded by: Moksh Garg*

**10/12/8**

**REJECTED**

**10.9 Meeting Adjournment**

It was moved by Jimmy Wang and seconded by Greyson Dubé that the meeting be adjourned.

**VOTE**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:31.

**Minutes Recorded by**

Adam Beggs & Roland Gagel

**Approved by Council on:**

March 17, 2025