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BCITSA ADOPTS NEW EXTERNAL POLICIES

At our 2020 AGM held on November 30th, the BCITSA adopted a new by-law process for the adoption of external policy. All external policy will follow the recently adopted by-law procedures.

As of January 11th, the BCITSA Council moved to adopt the following External Policies drafted by the Advocacy and Policy Committee.

- Policy No: Ext-1: Student Affordability
- Policy No: Ext-2: Needs-Based Grants

The policies outlined will convey to the BCITSA membership and external stakeholders our stances on Student Affordability in relation to tuition cost and government funding as well as Needs-Based Grants. This will help to further ease any doubt the BCIT student body may hold towards the SA's priorities and lobbying intentions.

These policies align the BCITSA with other Student Unions and Student Associations across Canada as we work towards having a more active dialogue in the public discord and with government on the following areas of importance.

- The Post-Secondary Institution Funding Model
- The Tuition Limit Policy
- International Student Tuition Limits
- Student Debt
- Mandatory/Ancillary Fees
- Expansion of the British Columbia Access Grant
- Expansion of the Canada Student Grant
- General Financial Aid Eligibility.

The External Policies will be released to the BCITSA Website, please look to our [Policies and Bylaws Page](#) for further updates on the publishing of the recently adopted External Policies.

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