

17:30 – BCIT Tuition Fee Increase Notice

18:30 – Council Meeting

- 9.1 Call to Order
- 9.2 Territory Acknowledgement
- 9.3 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 9.4 Acceptance of the Minutes:
 - 9.4.1 Council Minutes: January 26, 2026
- 9.5 Old Business – None
- 9.6 New Business – None
- 9.7 Reports:
 - 9.7.1 Executive Directors' Report *- Roland G. & Sameer I.*
 - 9.7.2 Executive Updates *- Executives*
- 9.8 Open Forum
- 9.9 Adjournment

Executives: Cora Bell – President
Adam Matthews-Kott – VP, Finance & Administration
Pratham Pannu – VP, Student Experience
Shervin Laghaie – VP, External
Huy Tuan Tran – VP, Equity and Sustainability
Ethan Van Dyk – Chair, School of Business & Media
Abdul Aziz Ansari – Chair, School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment
Ja Mu Ku – Chair, School of Health Sciences
Nina Lu – Chair, School of Energy
Polina Omelyantseva – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies
Elena Jou Luo – Chair, Downtown Campus
Marisa Price – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses

Councillors: Kurt McCormack, Sukhi Dhindsa, Jessie Grewal, Jody Xu, Andrew Maxwell, Grina Sumal, Adam Fortin, Erik Aloyan, Miukee Yip, Eisha Mumtaz, Andy Ries, Taiyo Hara, Ninorah Mendes, Avra Parent, Danny Yoo, Magda Kalmar, Kelly Nguyen, Bhavnoor Saroya, Lacie Turner, Aarshdeep Vandal, Van Luu, Rodrigo Sanchez, Simone Chiang, Savanna Hamilton, Hannah Trimble

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

Regrets (E.): None

Regrets (C.): Shub Sohal, Anita Huang, Janek Basi, Michael McKay, Emma Ordonna, Sean O'Donaghey

Guests: Christopher Yan – Lawson Lundell, Lawyer

9.1 Call to Order

The Chair, Cora Bell, calls the meeting to order at 18:30 (37 voting members).

9.2 Territory Acknowledgement

The VP, Equity & Sustainability acknowledges the territory on which the meeting is held.

9.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed.	
<i>Moved by: Huy Tuan Tran</i>	<i>Seconded by: Marisa Price</i>
Amendment: To strike item 9.6.1 – “Vote of Non-Confidence Against the VP, Student Experience”.	
<i>Moved by: Adam Matthews-Kott</i>	<i>Seconded by: Shervin Laghaie</i>
19/15/3	CARRIED
Motion (Amended): Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as amended.	
27/8/2	CARRIED

Discussion:

- Concerns were raised regarding a lack of an attempt to resolve the issues through other methods before a vote of non-confidence.

Motion: To call the question.	
<i>Moved by: Bhavnoor Saroya</i>	<i>Seconded by: Marisa Price</i>
Unanimous	CARRIED

9.4 Acceptance of the Minutes:

9.4.1 Council Minutes: January 26, 2026

Motion: Be it resolved that the Council minutes from January 26, 2026, be accepted as distributed.	
<i>Moved by: Ja Mu Ku</i>	<i>Seconded by: Marisa Price</i>
Unanimous	CARRIED

9.5 Old Business – None

9.6 New Business – None

9.7 Reports:

9.7.1 Executive Directors' Report

- Roland G. & Sameer I.

The Co-Executive Directors provided a written report, see attached.

- Continuing union bargaining on February 13.
- Conducting strategic planning workshops with colleague-level employees this week. Operational managers will be consulted next week along with the senior management. February 21st and 22nd will be the Executive Committee's workshop to build the strategic plan.
- Hosted a Superbowl viewing party at Habitat on Sunday, February 8. The success of the event is proof of concept for opening the pub outside of school days.
- SIF is a joint project with BCIT, so the eligibility for the funding is not only determined by the Association. Typically, if funding is requested for a course that is part of a certificate or course within another program then it will be denied. The intended use is for professional development related to the student's program, not for certifications.
- The timeline for the completion of the new longhouse façade is not yet determined. The meetings are open to those who wish to participate in the feedback process. Council will be informed of future developments with the project.

9.7.2 Executives' Updates

- Executives

The Executives provided written reports, see attached.

Marisa Price – Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses

- Student Spaces Development Committee approved funding for repairs to the ATC pool table and a new pool table at BMC.
- Exploring potential for a hearing test at ATC.

Shervin Laghaie – VP, External

- Simon Fraser Student Society reached out to request the Association to join their federal lobbying efforts. It was decided that the Association would not support their efforts due to unclear objectives and a lack of support from other student societies.
- Interviewed by the Vancouver Sun to discuss the job market from the perspective of BCIT students.
- Developing supports for Iranian students with the Wellbeing Manager.
- Reviewing federal bills with the VP, Equity & Sustainability that could cause international students who protest or express views to receive repercussions for doing so.

Ja Mu Ku – Chair, School of Health Sciences

- Meeting with Councillors, Set Reps, and other volunteers for the upcoming Health Sciences Expo. They are still recruiting volunteers are open to including those outside of the Health Sciences school.
- Collaborating with The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for a Valentines' event.

Huy Tuan Tran – VP, Equity and Sustainability

- Discussing a potential award with the Accessibility Services team.
- Discussing a potential award with the Respect, Diversity, and Inclusion team as well as Indigenous Initiatives.

Pratham Pannu – VP, Student Experience

- Attended several club events.

Elena Jou Luo – Chair, Downtown Campus

- The Selection Committee has completed interviews for the Decision Review Board positions. The confirmation of the selected students will be done soon. Election and Appeals Committees applications are now open.

Cora Bell – President

- Continuing the club investigation. Staff have been appointed as investigators.
- Meeting with Senior Director, Student Success (BCIT) to discuss Accessibility Services.

9.8 Open Forum

Concerns were raised about parking on Burnaby campus. The Association is aware of the limited parking and this is a reoccurring concern raised. It is unlikely BCIT will be willing or able to make meaningful changes to parking in the short-term.

The draft code of conduct is being developed by the Bylaw committee. When the first draft is completed it will be shared with Council for feedback.

9.9 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:32.

Minutes Recorded by

Adam Beggs

Approved by Council on:
February 23, 2026

Participant Name	9.3 To strike Item 9.6.1 Motion of Non-Confidence Against the VP, Student Experience from the agenda.	9.3 To accept the agenda as amended.
Kurt McCormack	No	Yes
Jody Xu	No	No
Eisha Mumtaz	No	Yes
Bhavnoor Saroya	No	No
Pratham Pannu	Yes	Yes
polina	No	No
Van Luu	Yes	Yes
Andy Ries	No	Yes
Shervin Laghaie	Yes	Yes
Grina Sumal	No	Yes
Sukhi Dhindsa	No	No
Rodrigo Sanchez	Yes	Yes
Lacie Turner	Yes	Yes
Hannah Trimble	Yes	Yes
Savannah Hamilton	No	Abstain
Magda Kalmar	Yes	Yes
Aarshdeep Vandal	No	No
Marisa Price	Yes	Yes
Adam Fortin	No	No
Andrew Maxwell	No	Yes
Jaskirat Grewal	No	No
Miukee Yip	Abstain	Yes
Avra Parent	Yes	Yes
Ja Mu Ku	Yes	Yes
Taiyo Hara	No	No
Elena	Abstain	Yes
Huy Tran	Yes	Yes
Simone Chiang	Yes	Yes
Danny Yoo	Yes	Yes
Erik Aloyan	Yes	Yes
ninorah mendes	Yes	Yes
Adam MK	Yes	Yes
Cora Bell	Yes	Yes
Ethan Van Dyk	No	Yes
Nina Lu	Yes	Yes
AA Ansari	Yes	Yes

Executive Directors' Report for Council Meeting – February 9, 2026

Executive Directors/Director of Finance/Organizational activities of note

- Bargaining On Friday February 6 – small progress
- T4 for 2025 had been processed and successfully uploaded to CRA website;
- T4As for 2025 are in a making; planning to distribute them next week;
- 2025 Donation Tax receipts had been sent last week;

Engagement Group

Events Funding Referendum:

- The dedicated webpage is now live, allowing students to reference information and learn about voting (bcitsa.ca/referendum-2026)
- The Notice of Referendum email will be sent on Monday to inform all BCIT students, with a follow-up email just before voting begins
- Print and digital assets have been created, finalized, and distributed across our channels
- Info Session and messaging Training Session for for staff on Feb 5

Marketing:

- Instagram Giveaways
 - We've been running two Instagram giveaways to encourage engagement on our channel. This has resulted in a followers increase:
- Before the Contest: 6081 (*Jan 14*)
- After the Contest: 6151 (+70) (*Feb 2*)

	Views	Likes	Comments	Shares	Profile Activity	Saves	Comments
Canadian Grocery Gift Card (recorded Feb 2)	3579	97	70	12	38	5	97.6% Followers and 2.4% Non-followers
Nursing Scrubs (recorded Feb 2) Targeting School of Health & Science	3893	44	160	26	50	5	76.8% Followers and 23.2% Non-followers

- Retail Features
 - February product features in The Stand & Geared Up stores are now live
- Lunar New Year Celebration:

- We will be celebrating Lunar New Year with a Calligraphy Workshop and traditional Chinese snacks.
- Join us on February 19 at BBY Campus and on the 17 at DTC.
- Student Experience Program – Hiring
 - We are currently hiring a Photographer under the Student Experience Program. Students are encouraged to apply.

Events:

- We have had over 30,000 students attend our events since September, well on our way to our goal of 50,000 student interactions
- January events were a big success with over 1050 students at Clubs Day & 1250 at Thrive!
- Our ongoing partnership with nwPlus is seeing continued success with 115 BCIT students participating in the nwHacks Hackathon.
- February is a huge month for events! Here are some of the highlights:
 - Recharge: Giant Games & Free Hot Chocolate - February 11 - 11-2PM, Great Hall, SE02, Burnaby
 - Pints & Valentines - a new pub party - February 13 - 4-8PM, Habitat Pub, SE02, Burnaby
 - Recharge: Pop Up Arcade - February 17th - 11-2PM, Tech Collider, DTC
 - Recharge: Animal Exhibit from Wild Education + Crafts - February 25th 11-2PM, Great Hall, SE02, Burnaby
 - A new Game Night pilot in Habitat featuring Board Games + Mario Kart and Smash Bros - February 24th & March 3rd 3-6PM
- The Events team is hard at work laying the foundation for the 3-day Spring Carnival event, coming in late April.

Publications:

- The Spring issue of *Link* is in the final stages of design and will be on shelves by mid-February, as anticipated
- The Leadership issue of *Link* is in the content planning stage. This is a special issue that will feel more like a guide for students interested in leadership, with helpful information on opportunities and available services.
 - It's intended to complement the student elections season and encourage folks to get involved in the SA!
 - We'll also connect with students and alumni for a special feature on entrepreneurship in the School of Business + Media.
- *Link* magazine stands:
 - The magazine stand toppers have been redesigned and are scheduled for printing and installation across all five campuses in late February, along with minor repairs to extend the lifespan of the existing stands until replacements are needed

Clubs:

- Clubs is having its annual forum on February 11! This is an opportunity for club leaders to come together over lunch and discuss strategies and solutions as a group. Topics will include events, sponsorship, membership growth, and more.

Student Services Group**Advocacy:**

- **Case Information:**
 - Jan 21-Feb 3 (2 weeks):
 - Number of new cases opened: 7
 - Total number of open cases on Feb 3: 24
 - Number of walk-in cases: 4
 - Primary reasons for requesting support (new cases):
 - Admissions/Registrar's Office
 - Personal Concerns
 - Academic Issue/Appeal.

Career Services: Headshots and LinkedIn Drop-In Sessions at Downtown Campus

- Career Services hosted a headshot and LinkedIn drop-in sessions at DTC on Jan 28. 92 participants had professional headshots taken, and 36 students received LinkedIn profile feedback.
- **Upcoming Career Fairs Preparation and Employer Recruitment**
 - Career Services is actively preparing for the upcoming Career Fairs—two at the Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC) and two at the Burnaby Campus. Employer recruitment efforts are well underway to ensure strong industry representation at all events.
- **Special New Workshop in partnership with the Alumni Association**
 - Career Services is planning a special new workshop to support BCIT alumni and current students facing uncertainty in their career planning.
 - Event: *From Uncertainty to Action: Create a Career Strategy that Works*
 - Date: March 4, 2026 Location: BCIT Burnaby Campus (TownSquare A/B)

Entrepreneurship & Leadership:

- **Student Initiative Fund:** We have completed 3 of 6 intakes. The updated processes are functioning well, but we are distributing less funding than projected. We just met with the Engagement team to discuss logistics of the Student Work Experience Program ('street team'), which we expect will help increase awareness of SIF for the remaining 3 intakes.

- **Peak Leadership:** We are in week 4 of this 6-week program. Things are running smoothly; we are preparing for the teamwork challenge on Feb 12 and our annual Evening with Leaders event on Feb 19, both of which will offer opportunities for Peak Leaders to connect with industry experts.
- **Entrepreneurship support:** Our pilot project in collaboration with the BCIT Library to bring entrepreneurship support to Trades students is going well. After meeting with a group of Cabinetmaking instructors (SOCE), we received very positive feedback and are now working to roll programming out to students in the coming months.
- **New Webinar Series in partnership with the Alumni Association:** We are working with the Alumni Association to share founders' stories with BCIT students and alumni. Two webinars are planned: March 11 & April 15.

Wellbeing:

Activities and Events Delivered and Program updates:

- **Food Pantry:** Weekly attendance has been ramping up the last two weeks with **132** students served in week three and week four (an increase of 20% from week two in January). The Wellbeing Team will be attending ReCharge with Events team and collaborating with a Food Pantry pop up on Feb 17th. This meets immediate food security needs and will drive referrals to Wellbeing Appointments resulting in potential use of Emergency Food Funds (EFF), referrals to Quest Grocery Exchange or other community supports.
- **Community Fridge:** Thanks to the advocacy, generosity and ongoing support from many students, staff and faculty at BCIT and the Student Association, we are expanding food support. A second community fridge is opening February 18th in SE16 (Recreation services). The Campus wide Food Security Committee will host a small gathering to celebrate the opening of a second community fridge at BCIT. This idea grew from the Food Security Committee and has had many champions along the way including student leadership. Maintained by the SA, this fridge is a shared responsibility among all of the BCIT community that will benefit the 1 in 4 students on campus who experience food insecurity. Our 'event program' will include a land acknowledgement, brief remarks from the SA and from Amanda Unruh, Chair of the Food Security Committee. There will be light refreshments, a 'carrot cutting' and a chance to connect with one another. VP Equity and Sustainability has been invited.
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- **Wellbeing Appointments:** In the second half of January the total number Wellbeing Appointments ended at 27.
- **Standard Operating Procedures** and program review: Wellbeing begins the review of the Food Pantry SOP this month to optimize the student experience and efficiency through making use of

technology with support from the Business Systems Team. Outcomes will include more information on food pantry users and support data driven decision making for the weekly menu.

- **Hearing Testing:** Registration is underway for the Hearing Testing Events at BMC (February 10th) and AIC (February 25th). So far 19/27 spots are filled at BMC with expectation that once cadet interview times are confirmed, more students will book. Campus Chair Marisa and Wellbeing staff are in contact with site staff and faculty. Wellbeing staff will have food hub information, snacks and materials for SIF and Geared up on hand to flesh out the experience. At AIC, registration is at 4/16 spots. Staff will continue to promote the event, and the campus coordinator is supporting with promotions.
- **Days of Significance:** Wellbeing Team will be collaborating with marketing for Lunar New Year (Feb 19th) in a pop-up calligraphy event with culturally significant treat bags. 300 students are expected. Promotions will begin soon the start of Ramadan with snack items provided in the contemplation room. The Muslim Student Association has advised on menu offerings including dates which are traditional.
- **Mental Health Peer Supports:** Wellbeing staff met with the BC Crisis Centre for more information on mental health offerings. Confirmation is pending from the Crisis Centre on facilitator dates with consideration for council chambers availability and other events and breaks. Earliest possible day is March 4th followed by April 8th.
- **Support for students from Iran** or part of the diaspora community: In addition to the supports provided by BCIT, the Wellbeing team is planning to support a response as advised by VP, Shervin Laghaie. This may include support from HR and the EFAP provider Homewood Health.
- **Massage Outreach Clinic:** A site visit was completed with Westcoast College of Massage Therapy. A quote is being prepared by the college to offer a 'pop up' massage event towards the end of this term with consideration for regular programming beginning in September 2026. Capacity would be 4 massages per hour for 6 hours for students at no cost to the student

Childcare

- The meeting with BCIT on January 26 regarding the new play structures for the 3–5 rooms in the new centre went well. We have asked them to revisit the selected climbers to see whether customization is possible and what the associated costs would be. We are scheduled to meet with them again on February 9.
- We have also inquired about a built-in climber option for the toddler room and are awaiting their response. We are not sure if there would be room in the small yard.
- All rooms across the centres are currently at full capacity.
- A request will be submitted to P&C to hire additional on-call staff, as some current on-call staff have very limited availability. This is in preparation for July and August, when many staff will be on holiday and additional coverage will be required.

- As expected, school supplies sales have slowed down in the second part of January, and clothing sales in both Geared Up stores are dependent on many factors year to year and month to month, such as the timing of custom orders and department purchases, and overall purchasing power and budget limitations of individual customers and departments.
- **Stand South** store continues to experience increased customer volume due to Tim Hortons closure. It is anticipated that this will continue throughout February.
- **Stand Central** store continues to support all applicable internal catering events with coffee/ tea and baked in-store pastries. In addition, this location has been experiencing a higher customer volume than last year, which is reflected in their sales.
- **Printshop** has been working on many projects, including the following:
 - Printed posters and menu for Super Bowl Sunday.
 - Referendum posters have been completed in all sizes.
 - Table toppers have been completed but require to be reprinted and refinished.
 - 500 referendum flyers have been printed.
 - Posters have been printed for the upcoming Drag show.
 - Recharge materials have been printed and finished.
 - Printed/ finished six large posters for the School of Construction.
 - Printed food labels (840 total) for Rose's Kitchen Society.
 - Printed and finished materials for Pints and Valentine event.
 - The focus in the next few weeks is to complete all required materials for the Referendum.

Executive Reports to Council 2025-2026			Monday, February 09, 2026
Name	Position	Topic	
Cora Bell	President	BCIT Liaising	
		Miscellaneous	
Adam Matthews-Kott	VP, Finance & Administration	BCIT Liaising	
		Bylaw Committee	
		Finance Committee	
		Miscellaneous	
Pratham Pannu	VP, Student Experience	BCIT Liaising	
		Clubs Committee	
		Miscellaneous	
Shervin Laghaie	VP, External	BCIT Liaising	
		Advocacy & Policy Committee	
		External Liaising	
		Miscellaneous	
Huy Tuan Tran	VP, Equity & Sustainability	BCIT Liaising	
		Equity & Sustainability Committee	
		Miscellaneous	
Ethan Van Dyk	Chair, School of Business & Media	BCIT Liaising	N/A
		Set Reps	First set rep meeting of the semester, 41 students in attendance. Marcus Tang gave a presentation on how to promote the Set Rep position on resume and LinkedIn, and Delaney Kamstra gave a presentation on the February Events Referendum.
		Miscellaneous	Finance Committee met on Thursday, Feb 05th, with guest from Vancity to talk about BCITSA's current investment portfolio and strategies.
Abdul Aziz Ansari	Chair, Schools of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment	BCIT Liaising	
		Set Reps	
		Student Spaces Development Committee	
		Miscellaneous	

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Name	Position	Topic	
Ja Mu Ku	<i>Chair, School of Health Sciences</i>	BCIT Liaising	
		Set Reps	Will be having Set reps Meeting on Feb 11 with guest speakers (David Ospina and possibly Delaney Kamstra).
		Miscellaneous	In collaboration with IEEE and JDC West Clubs for Valentine's Day Event on Feb 13 at Student's Housing.
Nina Lu	<i>Chair, School of Energy</i>	BCIT Liaising	Hosted a smaller set rep meeting for those available to discuss the School of Energy Industry Tours planned for January 16th. Our focus was on developing a sustainable, student-supported model for organizing tours. Set reps will help identify interest and act as the initial point of contact, while logistics, approvals, and communication with instructors or companies will be supported by the Executive Chair. The goal is to make this leadership role approachable by setting clear expectations and providing strong support structures. I am also collaborating with IEEE to host workshops and tours with BC Hydro and Pacific Powetech, and have already met with both companies to begin planning.
		Set Reps	Our second Set Rep meeting of the year took place on February 4th. Delaney Kamstra joined us to present on the 2026 Referendum, and two club executives shared updates on recent and upcoming events. We covered a wide range of new and ongoing items. Students raised significant concerns once again regarding the current state of BCIT facilities, emphasizing the need for more consistent maintenance and infrastructure review. On a positive note, Zig Day, the Christmas Party, and Winter Orientation were all successful. We now look forward to upcoming events, including Valentine's activities and the RC Classic.
		Clubs Committee	The Clubs Committee met on January 29th. I plan to host a follow-up meeting soon to begin drafting the new clubs policy.
		Miscellaneous	Glad to see the 2026 Referendum posters appearing across campus; they're helping build visibility. However, the promo on the BCITSA homepage could be strengthened to match that level of reach. Many students I've spoken with still aren't aware of it.

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Name	Position	Topic	
Polina Omelyantseva	<i>Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies</i>	BCIT Liaising	
		Set Reps	
		Committees	
		Miscellaneous	
Elena Jou Luo	<i>Chair, Downtown Campus</i>	BCIT Liaising	
		Set Reps	
		Miscellaneous	
Marisa Price	<i>Chair, Specialized Transport Campuses</i>	BCIT Liaising	
		Set Reps	
		Miscellaneous	