

Executive Meeting Wednesday July 25, 2012

Executives: Dan Huh, President
Geoffrey Smith, VP Finance & Administration
Sophia Coulter, VP Campus Life
Mike Hanson, VP External
Brian Harvey, Transportation, Construction & the Environment Chair
Minoru Nakano, Computing & Academic Studies Chair
Dave Clarke, ATC Chair
Ross Wamboldt, Business Chair
Denis Dobrozdravich, Energy Chair
Zac Der, Health Sciences Chair

Absent: Caroline Gagnon, Director
Marwan Marwan, VP of Student Affairs

2.1. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Dan Huh, calls the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2.2. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Mike Hanson Seconded by: Dennis Dobrozdravich

2.3. Acceptance of the Minutes from June 26, 2012 meeting

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Geoffrey Smith Seconded by: Dennis Dobrozdravich

2.4. Progress Reports: Executives

Dan

- **Vancouver Island Visit:** Visited Vancouver Island in order to observe the operations of other student associations at post-secondary institutions. Met with other student associations and made many contacts with other executive members.
- **DT Chair:** Met with coordinator of ISEP and visited campus. ISEP students are almost segregated. More research to be done as to what would be the best means to implement the position. There was an idea to have the position be modeled after ATC. Brian commented that ATC had its own government before the idea of a chair was implemented. There currently are no set reps at DTC.
- **UPASS:** Had meeting with auditor. Kwantlen rep commented that they might not get the answers they want by performing an audit of Translink. The BCIT Student Association is not supporting an audit of Translink on the basis that it would be too risky. Negotiator for students and institutions have sat down and prioritized requests for new contract. Dan is pushing for ISEP students to be included in the UPASS contract.

Geoff

- **Outreach Representation:** Been working to better gain representation for satellite campuses. DTC has microwave and vending machine and would benefit from more services.
- **Volunteer Registry:** Working with Michael Berg to compile the volunteer registry.

Drop down menu available on the BCITSA website and working on gaining names of volunteers.

Sophia

- **Froshfest:** Beer garden a go for the first Friday in September. \$4 Beers, \$10 ticket gets 2 beers and burger. Looking for bands that represent BCIT students. Solo acts have come forward but were hoping for more of a band. Wanting diverse group of students and am hoping to get support from all schools. No re-entry. Brian mentioned that it might be a good idea to gather sponsorship other than consumables (i.e. ASTTBC, etc.). Sophia requested the help of the chairs to connect with possible sponsors.
- **Orientation:** 109 volunteers to date. Still looking to meet goal of 150 volunteers. Looking for help from Chairs to gather names. Organizing where the executives will be and what their jobs will be for the day. Merchandise is ordered (shirts and what not). August 23rd and 30th for training days 5:30-7pm. Going to have a tour loop in order to guarantee that all key locations are visited.

Dave

- **Chopper Challenge:** The event was held and went off really well. Great support from the BCIT Burnaby campus. After the event there was plenty of interest in clubs from ATC and not sure how funding would work. Will investigate further.
- **Maximum Altitude:** Has tickets to Abbotsford Air Show for \$20. The club is always looking for more members.
- **Merchandise:** Catherine Warren gave condoms and lube and is working on retail. Two shirts will be stocked at ATC as well as lanyards with Aerospace on them.
- **Health and Dental:** Fiona making regular visits.
- **Financial Aid:** Start a petition to get financial aid to come to ATC. Currently, a conversation via video conference is the only way to discuss face to face while students are attending classes at ATC.
- **Self-powered glider:** Interest from instructor to get a self-powered glider or team for SAE competitions (usually in south USA). Welcome to all students.
- **Colour printer:** Colour printer in the library installed.
- **Lunch food improvement:** Students running pilot project to order food in every second Friday.

Minoru

- **Bursaries:** Part time student having issues with courses and Minoru had been talking to program head and working on organizing bursaries focused on part time students. The BCIT Student Association was asked about setting up a financial aid program. Part time students have to be enrolled in a program, not just courses, in order to be eligible. Dan asked if it was School of Computing only or whether it was all of BCIT. Minoru was not sure on scale of program and would investigate further. There was a comment that there could be a small portion stipulated for part time studies.
- **Coop Programs:** A student commented that the coop program is not functioning the way it should be. Coop programs are not increasing intake as per demand. A comment was made that a Financial Management coop program is in the works (First year of 6 or 7 students and developed from the first pilot year).

Ross

- **Vending Machines:** Talking to Vince soon about vending machines. Looking to have a vending machine in the Ehpod and looking to change food choices.
- **Renovations in Media Centre:** Getting a microwave.
- **Product Design/Build/Market Initiative:** A UBC Alumni said that there was a course offered where marketing students and engineers could pair up to bring a unique product to market place. Ross stated that he was going to look into the course a little more to see if we could possibly implement a similar course at BCIT.

Brian

- **Lounges spaces:** Toured the BCIT Burnaby campus taking photos of possible lounge spaces. Needs to contact Wesley Wollin (Instructor, B. Tech. Arc. Sci.) to see if he is still interested in continuing as student project.

2.5. Old Business

2.5.1.Exec Retreat

Executive team building activity decided to be paintballing. We were able to obtain a good deal via Groupon. Drivers to Whistler are yet to be determined.

2.5.2.DTC Representation

Mentioned in progress reports.

2.6. New Business

2.6.1.Where's the Funding?

Increase awareness of government funding issues with post-secondary institutions and are hoping for big push this year. The group is a non-partisan group. It is a new move for the BCIT Student Association to be involved in political pressure. Not specifically asking for anything. Action for this year is in introductory stages of planning. Dan and Geoff commented that they are not too sure about splitting costs of meetings evenly. Specified that the BCIT Student Association is not legally obligated to participate and commit to the group. Dave commented that there should be a presentation by the WTF about their group and that the important people to contact are the people financing student's education (i.e. parents).

2.6.2.Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)

UBC is holding a conference in August. It is to be based around the idea of Leaders Hall. The main focus is on leadership and meant to be very speaker oriented. UBC wants it to be based more around workshops and round table and planned to be for 16-19 of August. Meant as a means to bounce ideas off other student unions and based on best practices. Mike commented that Leaders Hall was really worthwhile.

2.7. Next Meeting – Whistler Retreat

2.8. Meeting Adjourned The meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm.