



**Executive Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Minutes**

Executives: Rebecca Davidson, President
Brad Johnson, VP Finance & Administration
Yasamin Alami, VP Campus Life
Mike Hanson, VP External Affairs
Eirene Cloma, VP Student Affairs
Ramiza Rafeeq, Transportation, Construction & the Environment Chair
Hung Le, Computing & Academic Studies Chair
Daniel Sumano, ATC Chair
Jay Jung, Business Chair
Tariq Shobab, Energy Chair
Alicia Parayno, Health Sciences Chair
Emilio Da Silva, DTC Chair

Staff: Caroline Gagnon, Director

Guest: Craig Sidjak, Director of Campus Planning

1.1. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Rebecca Davidson, calls the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. (11 voting members).

1.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Yasamin Alami

Seconded by: Eirene Cloma

12/0/0 Carried

1.3 Goard Way Development Presentation: Craig Sidjak, Director of Campus Planning

BCIT introduces the Goard Way renewal project. BCIT has received some funds to investigate how this main artery of the campus will be redeveloped. A team of consultants presented the first finding and early concept of this project.

BCIT is looking for preliminary feedback before going out to the larger community for further consultation. The plan focuses on a pedestrian section, while further investigating how this section of the campus could be.

Student Executives are asked to answer the following questions. Rebecca will compile and forward directly to Craig.

1. What is not on this campus?
2. Where can you meet and socialize? Where would you want to meet and socialize?
3. How can we revision the square? How can the SA create more function out of that space?
4. How can we connect with the students? What is the best way to gather their input?
5. How can we make the Great Hall/ Goard Way spine a more functional space?
6. What are we missing on this campus?

1.4 New Business

1.4.1 Election Dates

Rebecca was asked to set dates for the 2014-2015 elections. She proposed new dates with a shorter nomination period (5 days instead of 2 weeks). Following candidates' recommendations, she proposed that the campaigning and voting period should be shortened to 5 days (Monday to Friday). Seven days was too long and had a negative impact on candidates. Students' loose interest in the elections. She is also waiting for feedback from BCIT regarding EdCo and BOG elections as they are run at the same time.

Comments/ Questions:

- Elections should include one weekend day to the schedule to accommodate students attending part-time student.
- What about candidates promising things that are not possible? Could the CRO or election team look into it?
- Are the dates affecting mid-terms? A lot of thought was put into the dates, tried the best to accommodate most students.
- The campaigning period may change because of the way people vote.

1.4.2 Executive Training

Planning of the August training session is well underway. Everyone is to send ideas to Rebecca about what they would like to receive for training. For the exception of one executive, it will be new for everyone. The dates are August 23 to 26 (Whistler) and August 27 and 28 on campus

1.4.3 Naming of Building

BCIT asked the SA about the possibility of renaming the SE2 building. BCIT is in the process of going out in the community to partner with potential donors/sponsors? How do we feel about renaming the SE2 building?

Comments/ Questions:

- Would the SA be legally linked to the donor? Probably not. The potential donor would have an agreement with BCIT not the SA.
- Would that require remodelling of the building? No. Signage would be added to the building.

- Would the SA receive any compensation for it? Yes. It is still to be negotiated.
- Would it be multiple donors? Not sure at this point.
- Time frame? Not certain. With the reorganization of the BCIT External department, it might slow the process down.
- Do we have negotiation power? The SA can disagree with the concept of renaming the building therefore BCIT would probably find another building to be named instead.
- Could we retract from going forward if Council does not approve of the organizational values of the potential donor? BCIT has a strong policy about naming their buildings, therefore if a potential donor does not have acceptable organizational value, it could be assumed that they would not meet BCIT's values either.
- As long as the company is reputable, it is perfectly find.
- It would make our school more attractive.
- The Board of Governors have the final approval for naming the building according to the policy.
- If the SA would keep their building unnamed, it may not be good in a long run.
- Do do we want to bring uniqueness to the campus by staying unnamed.
- This is an opportunity to help BCIT become better.

A summary of the comments will be emailed to BCIT to allow the process to move forward.

1.4.4 Orientation Update

Yasamin inform the Executives that the September Orientation will be a little different this year. The gym portion of this event has been cancelled since it is no longer beneficial to register students as they are using the on line services. Students will now show up to their specific program orientation and then volunteers will pick up them up for the campus tour. The tour will end in the Great Hall and Campus Square. Yasamin would appreciate if executives could volunteer during this day, especially as a tour guide. Further more volunteers are needed for Froshfest on Friday September 7.

Comments/ Questions:

- Is it possible for Chairs to talk to their respective programs as it was done in the past? Because of the new set up, it might be challenging for the Chairs to be able to do so. If Chairs want to do tour specific to their program, Yasamin will try to accommodate.
- Beside tour guides, what are the other volunteer positions available for students? Information booth to answer general questions; the SA booth regarding SA services; help with set up and the BBQ. It is a good opportunity to invite students from the ATC campus to get involved.
- What about Orientation at the other campuses? Yasamin will get back to the group.
- The best way to meet people is to do the tour. Very personal touch.
- It might be a good idea to set a booth specific for each school. Yasamin will look into it.

1.5 Director's Report

- **Construction:** SE2 will be completed by the end of July. Staircase project still at the feasibility study stage. DTC Lounge should be completed this summer.

- **Announcement:** BCIT has made some changes at the VP level. VP External Relations was let go. BCIT President search is in progress, Mike Hanson will be representing the SA on selection committee.
- **Operations:** Pub will be closed for 3 weeks in July. Ctrl - P has moved to new location, and going through rebranding, stores completed inventory at year end, everyone is working on strategic objectives.
- **Staff Changes:** Catherine Warren, Student Services Manager, has now left on maternity leave. Julia Boswell, Retail Services Manager, will take over Catherine's duties, while Sandra Kulezic, Store Supervisor, will take over Julia's responsibilities.
- **Policy Manual:** First draft is completed. To be reviewed by Council in September for approval.

1.6 Governance and Responsibilities

Basic board training is provided to board members in anticipation of the official board training scheduled for last week of August.

1.7 Next Meeting: TBA

Next meeting will be scheduled for July. Rebecca will send an invitation next week.

1.8 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:44 pm. **Carried**



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- 1.1 Meeting called to order
- 1.2 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 1.3 Goard Way Development Presentation: Craig
- 1.4 New Business
 - 1.4.1 Election Dates: Rebecca
 - 1.4.2 Executive Training: Rebecca
 - 1.4.3 Naming of Building: Rebecca /Caroline
 - 1.4.4 Orientation Update: Yasamin
- 1.5 Director's Report: Caroline
- 1.6 Governance and Responsibilities: Caroline
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