

Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

- 14.1 Call to Order
- 14.2 Acceptance of the Agenda
- 14.3 Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- 14.4 Old Business
  - 14.4.1 Executive Objectives and Reports
  - 14.4.2 Year End Party Update - *Sergey B.*
- 14.5 New Business
  - 14.5.1 Research Project (*See attached brief*) - *Luli L.*
  - 14.5.2 Policy Review Process - *Tim C.*

*An overview of the process for reviewing policies that are recommended for approval by the Bylaw Committee.*

- 14.5.3 Downtown Campus Satellite Councillor Appointment - *Wafaa B.*
- 14.5.4 Be More Than a Bystander Event - *Spencer P.*
- 14.5.5 Upcoming By-Election Proposal (*See attached brief*) - *Tim D.*

*Suggested motion: Be it resolved that the by-election to be held in pursuant to section 14.5(b) of the bylaws for the positions of Vice President Campus Life and Chair of Aerospace Technology Campus be conducted at the same time as the already scheduled full election and that the successful candidate for each position be deemed both the by-election winner for the balance of the current Executive term and main election winner for the full Executive term beginning June 1st, 2018.*

- 14.6 Open Forum
- 14.7 Reminders
  - 14.7.1 Next Council Meeting – 2018-03-05 @ 17:30 in Council Chambers
  - 14.7.2 Council Mingler – Following this meeting (19+)
- 14.8 Meeting Adjournment

**Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Minutes**

- Executives:** Wafaa Barakat – VP Student Affairs  
Sergey Bukharov – President  
Timothy Cheng – VP Finance & Administration  
Christian Colquhoun – Chair, School of Business  
Timothy David – VP External  
Mark Malczewski – Chair, Aerospace Technology Campus  
Moshtagh Mohammadi – Chair, Schools of Transportation, Construction & the Environment  
Spencer Pollock – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies  
Adbiel Tabaco – Chair, School of Health Sciences  
Dean Tamboline – Chair, School of Energy
- Satellite Councillors:** Spencer Glodek – Downtown Campus  
Justin Lamarche – Marine Campus  
Robert Whitting – Annacis Island Campus
- Staff:** Caroline Gagnon, Executive Director  
Darla Williscroft, Administrative Coordinator
- Regrets:**
- Councillors:**
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| Ophelia Bar-Lev-Wise | Nikita Nayak      |
| Vivian Chen          | Max Omelianiec    |
| Riley Druskin        | John Perry        |
| Megan Euverman       | Justin Perry      |
| Kevin Hong           | Cory Pope         |
| Michael Hui          | Tenzin Sperl      |
| Mike Kostritsyn      | Konstantin Vassev |
| Luiza Leal           | Mariana Veras     |
| Philip Lee           | Matthew Vickars   |
| Luli Lowenstein      | Aiden Willis      |
| Alysha Mayenburg     | Katrina Wong      |
| Stephanie Mulder     |                   |
- Absent:** Julie Lee  
Meghan Tius
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| Candy Tran   |
| Winston Yuen |

#### 14.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Sergey, calls the meeting to order at 17:48 (36 voting members, including Chair).

#### 14.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed.

*Moved by: Spencer Pollock*

*Seconded by: Dean Tamboline*

**35/0/0 Carried**

#### 14.3 Acceptance of the Minutes: 2018-02-05

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that the Council minutes from 2018-02-05 be accepted as distributed.

*Moved by: Moshtagh Mohammadi*

*Seconded by: Christian Colquhoun*

**33/0/2 Carried**

#### 14.4 Old Business

##### 14.4.1 Executive Objectives and Reports

**Wafaa Barakat (VP - Student Affairs)**

- As submitted.

**Sergey Bukharov (President)**

- Followed up on Cascadia Corridor initiative with other schools that were involved in the discussions. They are not interested in pursuing this at this time.
- Mark Dale will come talk to Council in a month or so about the Campus Plan. He will let Council know about future campus developments.
- Updating executive position descriptions to ensure they are updated and ready for the next year.

**Timothy Cheng (VP - Finance & Administration)**

- As submitted.

**Christian Colquhoun (Chair - School of Business)**

- As submitted.

**Timothy David (VP - External)**

- As submitted.

**Caroline Gagnon (Executive Director)**

- Busy revising the Strategic Plan to advance the Association forward. Working on budget as well.

**Justin Lamarche (Satellite Councillor – Marine Campus)**

- Looking to get a new table for the student lounge as current one is a bit small to work on.

**Mark Malczewski (Chair - Aerospace Technology Campus)**

- Met with Glen Magel and spoke of parking issues and Impark. Spoke of the possibility of a student parking pass for the Aerospace campus. Next step is to create a proposal for YVR to implement this pass. Glen would like to keep in touch to improve communications.
- Changed the timing of Set Rep meetings for better attendance. Had final meeting today and saw improvement in attendance numbers.

**Moshtagh Mohammadi (Chair - School of Transportation, Construction and the Environment)**

- As submitted.
- Met with Architectural Connections club executives to set up design competition for the School.
- Introduces new Councillor, Aiden, from Civil Engineering.

**Adbiel Tabaco (Chair - School of Health)**

- As submitted.
- Open Educational Resources working group is moving forward, still in full support of student initiatives.

**Dean Tamboline (Chair - School of Energy)**

- As submitted.

**Robert Whitting (Satellite Councillor – Annacis Island Campus)**

- Awaiting a meeting with the Associate Dean.

**14.4.2 Year End Party Update**

- Met with Trina, Events Manager, to schedule boat cruise for 2018-05-26. The boat capacity is 400 people, will need 200 attending to break even. Ticket prices will likely be \$30 for early-bird pricing for BCIT students. Boat will have 2 DJs included in package. Looking into after-party club component.
- Cruise will depart for approximately 3 hours on the water. Looking into feasibility of having card dealers on board.

- Creating promotional schedule for Executive board and Councillors to ensure event is a success.
- Special promotion for Councillors: if they recruit 10 people to the event, the Councillor will receive their ticket for free.

**Discussion:**

- How long is the boat ride? What time does it start?
  - Believe it is 3 hours. Still figuring out times, likely about 18:00 to depart.
- Who do people contact to purchase tickets?
  - Will likely sell online as well as in the Stand.
- There is dinner included in the ticket price.
- Are drinks extra?
  - They were a little over priced at the last cruise, but not too expensive.
- Is this for 19+?
  - Will need to verify.
- Dress code is not enforced.
- When are tickets on sale?
  - Nothing set yet.
- Are we looking at prizing for casino aspect?
  - In the works to figure out the plan.

**14.5 New Business**

**14.5.1 Research Project**

- Working with instructor on research project. See attached poster. Looking to find how students with learning disabilities use technology to be successful in their studies. Will take results back to middle school students to help them in their learning.

**Discussion:**

- Are you working with the Disability Resource Centre?
  - Yes.
- When are you planning on doing interviews?
  - Whenever the participant is available. Can do this on weekends or when the term is over.
- Are you looking for people to promote this?
  - Looking for help to spread this message.
- How are you marketing this?
  - Was originally only for technology students, but it did not gain traction, so it is now open to any diploma student.
  - Set rep meetings would be a good place to speak at.
- When is the deadline for the interviews?
  - Will have to ask. They would like to start analyzing by the end of March but will still be working with them over the summer.

- Have you connected with the Learning and Teaching Centre?
  - That is the next step for this week.
- Is the 90-minute interview set in stone for the timing?
  - There is a script that the interview will follow, can take anywhere from 60-90 minutes, but it depends on the participant and their answers.
- It is hard for some to come forward and speak about a disability. Is there going to be an online survey to encourage these people?
  - Will bring it up with the lead researcher. There is a video component to monitor how people use computers and watching the gestures.

#### **14.5.2 Policy Review Process**

- Thank you to the Bylaw Committee. The policies are now coming to Council for approval. Council will receive policies two weeks in advance. If there are specific issues, we can separate motions to pass them.

#### **Discussion:**

- In the binder for the next meeting, are we going to have the new policies separated to keep them clear?
  - We will keep the items separate. What you receive outside of the agenda package will be for the following Council meeting.

#### **14.5.3 Downtown Campus Satellite Councillor Appointment**

- Had 6 applicants in interviews.
- Would like to congratulate Spencer, our new Downtown Campus Satellite Councillor.
- Spencer is taking the Network Administration and Security Professional program at the Downtown campus. Started the program a month ago. Would like to focus on wellness aspects on campus. Fun fact: rode a bicycle all the way to Cancun.

#### **Discussion:**

- How long did it take you to bike to Cancun?
  - Six months. Took a plane back home due to laziness.

#### **14.5.4 Be More Than a Bystander Event**

- Teamed up with the School of Computing and Academic Studies to have a competition to see which set can bring out the most students. The winner will receive a pizza party. There will be 6 or 7 events in the next two weeks, encourage everyone to come out.

#### **Discussion:**

- What is Be More Than a Bystander?
  - It addresses the silence surrounding violence against women, and all people in general. Backed by the BC Lions as an initiative.
- The School of Energy will be doing something similar.
- Where is the training?

- They will be on Burnaby, most starting at 17:30. There will be at least one session at the Downtown campus as well.

#### **14.5.5 Upcoming By-Election Proposal**

- Will have two vacancies on the Board, which need to be filled as a by-election.
- We do not want to badger students to constantly vote as it can get tedious and tiring. As an organization, we want to be seen as one with integrity.
- Proposing to combine by-election and regular election into one vote. It will safeguard integrity and streamline the elections process. Considering there will be a month or two left in the term, it does not leave value for the by-election candidate. By the time they are fully trained, their term on the board will end.

#### **Motion:**

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*Moved by: Timothy David*

*Seconded by: Robert Whitting*

#### **Discussion:**

- Are these two seats vacant until June?
  - As per the bylaws, we need to hold a by-election within 30 days of the resignations.
  - To further clarify, all the executive positions will be contested starting on 201-03-19, with the successful candidates for VP Campus Life and Chair of Aerospace Campus starting their roles immediately.
  - The 30-day period means that we will open the nomination period within 30 days of the resignation. Once the All Candidates meeting happens, the campaign period will open. Full election will be complete by the end of April.
- How does the Downtown Councillor fit this picture?
  - The three Satellite Councillors do not get elected in, as per Bylaws, they are appointed as they do not sit on the Board.
- Confused about the satellite roles.
  - The President, Vice-Presidents, and Chairs are elected in. The Satellite Councillor roles are appointed.
- Do the Education Council elections also get moved forward to match our elections?
  - Most likely, yes.
- Why is Aerospace Campus not appointed?
  - The 3 Satellites Councillors were added because of their School's focus and based on the size of their campus. At the time, the Aerospace Campus had enough

students. The position requirements are different for these Satellite Councillors when compared to the elected Board.

- These 3 do not sit on the Board of Directors and are not registered with the government. They are not as liable as the others.
- Robert's program, and many others at satellite campuses last 8 months, or rotate, or even shorter lengths, therefore we would be running election after election if they were a part of the Board. In the future, the Downtown Campus Satellite Councillor may change to a Chair role to match where BCIT has the core of computing programs.
- Are there any concerns that the two replacement candidates will reduce the number of people who will run for the positions?
  - We feel that we will have more input, considering the extended term as it will benefit the candidates through making them better prepared when the rest of the Board starts in June.
  - Will make it clear in the application process the details, so candidates know what they are signing up for.
- When are elections normally held?
  - In April.
- Will send election dates to Council.

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*Moved by: Timothy David*

*Seconded by: Robert Whitting*

**33/1/1 Carried**

**14.6 Open Forum**

- Will be inviting Glen Magel to Council. He oversees parking and maintenance for the school. This will help everyone's understanding of what is going on around campus.
- March's Power Hours features Dr. Julio Montaner, Director of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS; led the reduction of cases in half in the 1980's. He helped to create the HIV antiretroviral treatment. It is being held on 2018-03-08, please sign up quickly before space fills up.
- Open Educational Resources initiative: BC Federation of Schools reached out to have an executive join their panel event in March. Unfortunately, both Abby and Christian are in exams at that time. Looking for someone to sit in the panel to represent BCIT



students. Open educational resources include free educational textbooks that teachers can use in class. Kwantlen has 'Zed Cred' courses which use only free and open textbooks and materials; we would like to see the same here.

- Textbook Broke campaign found a student who spent \$2,000 on textbooks this semester. This initiative is to help teachers understand that there are free, quality textbooks available to use.
- Spent \$2,400 in first year on textbooks. Approached Coordinator for my program and looked for alternative free sources; spent only \$300 this year.
- Do open resources have online components like Pearson?
  - There are grants for instructors to make course materials. The hope is to encourage instructors to use these resources to replace high-cost materials like Pearson online with tools that they or fellow instructors create.
- What is the time commitment?
  - It runs the full day of 2018-03-06, but you are not expected to be there the whole time.
  - Are we incentivising teachers to create these online materials?
    - There are 5 grants available, from \$500 to \$5,000. A few teachers have made a decent amount of money through creating and sharing their materials.
- Was told that there was no textbook on campus so a classmate ordered it online from Amazon. They received it in a BCIT bag.
  - Had teachers ask class to buy textbooks that they wrote themselves. What would be the incentive for them to make it open?
    - Happens all the time because of academic freedom; as long as it is peer-reviewed they can use it.
    - Open Educational Resources group wants to get on to the policy level of school so it can be enforced.
- The bookstore makes money; they are not helping to facilitate open resources.
- Where is the funding coming from?
  - It is currently through a BCcampus initiative, funded heavily by the Hewlett Foundation.
- On 2018-02-22 there is the Indigenous Career Fair, open to all students. David Suzuki Foundation, BC Forest Projects and many more companies will be there. Come out and shake hands.
- On 2018-02-28 there is a Traditional Song Workshop hosted by the Indigenous Culture Club. An external teacher is coming in to teach traditional songs.
- On 2018-02-26 there is a panel event called "How to be a Superstar Entrepreneur" hosted by the Burnaby Board of Trade at the BC Tech Innovation Hub.
- Features a panel of entrepreneurs in the technology industry. The event is open to everyone and is free.
  - Do you need to RSVP?
    - Register online.

- LAN Party is 2018-03-02 at 17:30. Only 3 tournaments this time due to turnout and server issues last time. Tickets cost \$10 online. Will do a new bracket style, check out the Discord for more details.
- What games?
  - League of Legends, DotA2 and Smash Bros. MSI laptops will be used to run the League of Legends tournament.
- What do volunteers do?
  - Supervise the rooms and manage brackets to make sure the games run smoothly.

#### **14.7 Reminders**

**14.7.1** Next Council Meeting – 2018-03-05 @ 17:30 in Council Chambers

**14.7.2** Council Mingler – Following this meeting (19+)

#### **14.8 Meeting Adjournment**

It was moved by Stephanie Mulder and seconded by Matthew Vickars that the meeting be adjourned.

**32/2/1 Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:12.

## Objective Updates for February 19th

Name	Position	Position Update	Objectives	Objectives Update	Objectives Next Steps	Optional - Other Notes
Sergey Bukharov	President		Work to improve access for students to the SA's services and remove barriers to student access to those services.			
			Act as a true representative of the student body by collecting and bringing student feedback directly to the executive team.			
			Advocate for and assist the institute in focusing on excellence in instructional quality for students.			
Timothy Cheng	VP of Finance & Administration		Create a system for analysis budget easier for everyone (include information on line items)	No update	Setting up meeting for Feb and March	
			Oversee the policy creation & implementation this year with the bylaws committee, and complete all changes required	First set of policies that have gone through bylaw committee are now ready for approval from council	Work through clubs' policy	
			Promote SA & Peer tutor services, in hopes to increase student involvement.	Attended the peer tutor appreciation event, and volunteered to work additional earlier hours for learning commons according to student needs	Begin to actively recruit potential successor	
Wafaa Barakat	VP Student Affairs		Promote women equity and leadership at BCIT.	Written the marketing and sponsorship plans for the HeForShe and will meet today with the teams to ensure that things go as planned. Attended and was inspired by the Michelle Obama event where I was able to get some ideas of what we can do on our campus regarding HeForShe.	Continue planning the HeForShe; delegate some tasks to others at the SA. Present the initiative at the FSA member meeting and the D&I committee.	
			Advocate and create awareness of services for minority groups within the community.	Written a proposal for Bill Dow regarding inclusion on campus and shared it with few individuals to get some feedback.	Revise and send out the proposal to Bill Dow. Speak to execs to see the appropriateness of changing the "VP Student Affairs" to include "equity and inclusion."	
			Increase student wellbeing and provide them with skills to be successful through promotion of events and services.	No Update	Plan the "Panic Zone" with Tim C, which will take place during the exam period in May and will ensure that students have an area where their mental health is supported. Participate in and promote the Pink Shirt Day event happening on Feb. 28th.	
Sophia Romero	VP Campus Life		Promote and bring more services from the Wellness Department to satellite campuses			
			Involve myself with the International Student Centre to inform international students of all activities happening on campus and encourage them to join such, as well as SA services available to them as full time students.			
			Organize social events that bring students from different programs together			
Timothy David	VP External		Ensure the U-Pass Program continues with a reasonable price for students for this year and the next year moving forward.	Objective completed.	Objective completed.	
			Revive, prepare and plan TedxBCIT. Create a long-term, sustainable plan to ensure continuity of the Tedx platform on Campus.	Plan completed, discuss will be brought forward to the next executive meeting to discuss the approval of the budget for next fiscal year.	Once the board has reviewed the plan and its initiatives, it will be brought to the Council for approval.	
			Collaborate with Darshana Dave, Student Development Manager, in planning and executing the Leadership Conference on April 2018. To promote the leadership fundamentals and behaviours to an exclusive student base.	Met on Thursday, February 15 to discuss new deadlines. We have create the new logo and marketing material in preparation for the event. Giveaways and schedule was presented as well as the list of keynote and workshop speakers.	Due as of March 7th, I am to provide a sample certificate proposal for all completed candidates and the promotion schedule.	
			Reach out to prospect companies to increase employment opportunities for BCIT's student body. Collaboration with Career Services in employment events such as Big Business and Industry Days.	Met with Kiel Landrigan, TD Wealth Portfolio Manager to discuss his involvement with the next big business event and he has expressed he is willing to represent TD Wealth as well as a few other staff.	Continue to reach out and promote the Big Business initiative.	
Christian Colquhoun	Chair of Business		Work with the Chair of Energy and the Chair of ATC to improve the Set Rep program so students see more tangible value in participating.	No Update	Looking at various speakers to come in and present/lead discussion	
			Increase the use of Open Educational Resources in the School of Business - working in collaboration with Chair of Health Sciences and SOCAS	No Update	Open Ed Week planning starts this week.	
			Increase the sense of community within the School of Business by having the different programs meet each other, network, and attend Club events	No Update	Setting a meeting with business leaders.	
Dean Tamboline	Chair of Energy	Held the Set Rep meeting this past Thursday and had plenty of great discussions throughout the meeting. I also had a meeting with the Dean of the School of Energy during which we discussed Student Success in the school and how to better support Set Reps.	Promote advocacy within the School of Energy.	I've recruited a few students to help champion this cause and they have started to promote this service amongst their respective programs since I've had difficulties getting Robyn into classrooms.	Brainstorm some alternative methods to promote advocacy in the school that don't solely rely on BCIT Faculty.	
			Work with the Chair of Business and the Chair of ATC to improve the Set Rep program so students see more tangible value in participating.	My Dean and I discussed some of issues affecting Set Reps and what could be done to better support them in their role.	Forrest does have some plans to address these issues which he'll be bringing to my next Set Rep meeting to get their feedback.	
			Work with the Chair of TCE to create a stronger connection between trades students and the SA in order to increase engagement.	Met with the Associate Dean for the Machinist Program and communicated the variety of problems that students have been experiencing in their program. He is now going to work towards fixing these issues.	See if the students notice any improvements before taking any further action.	
			Work with the institute to provide the student body for a greater variety of food options on campus.	The selection process for a new Food Services provider is under way.	More meetings...	
Spencer Pollock	Chair of Computing & Academic Studies		Continue to help keep the LAN party at BCIT a great social outlet for student's school wide.	Microsoft is now a sponsor for the event. Will be on March 2nd.	Looking to get Tespa and HyperX as additional sponsors.	
			Improve student knowledge of services at BCIT as well as improve the knowledge in students about the BCIT executives and student elected positions.	None at this time.	Continuing talking to students about the executive roles at BCITSA. Looking into other ideas for promotion closer to elections.	
			Work with students to better improve the programs at BCIT and students experience through feedback, updates and interactions with students to keep the computing culture thriving.	None at this time.	Working with BCIT and the SA to improve the set rep program. Also looking to get more schools out to the Be more than a Bystander event.	
Abby Tabaco	Chair of Health Science		Increase interdisciplinary relations within the SOHS	Set Reps have expressed interest to holding a BBQ SOHS mixer in April the 2nd or 3rd week; will work towards planning that.	Planning mixer	
			Promote BCIT/BCITSA health and wellness services to increase physical/mental health and wellness of the student body	Distributed Free Breakfast at DTC with Andrea to help with Sophia's initiative	Next week will be working on the term of references for SWSC working group.	
			Increase the use of Open Educational Resources in SOHS - working in collaboration with Chair of Business and SOCAS	Meeting has been set to Feb. 19th; wil attend and keep update	Attend Meeting	
Moshtagh Mohammadi	Chair of Transportation, Construction & Environment		Have 2 big competitions for the Schools of TCE that requires participation from varieties of programs (this is to have more interactions between all programs in these schools). Also have smaller competitions that is a continuation of last year's design competition.	Upon further discussion, Game of Schools will be postponed to September	Meet with the president of Architectural Connections Club to discuss a partnership to host a competition	
			Work with the Chair of Energy to create a stronger connection between trades students and the SA in order to increase engagement.	No Update	Waiting for a few classes to begin so I can speak to their class	
			Work with BCIT to create a competitions fund for all students.	Distribution planning underway	NA	
			Create a more social environment for students at the ATC Campus.			

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Mark Malczewski	Chair of Aerospace Technology Campus		Create work experience opportunities for students to volunteer for local employers in their chosen industry and make valuable contacts to help them get a job when they're done school.			
			Work with Impark and YVR Airport to find a solution to overly expensive parking rates for students of the ATC Campus.			
			Improve set rep attendance for all the ATC classes so that our meetings are more complete.			
			Make ATC books available at the ATC Campus.			

## BCITSA 2017/2018 Reports From Other Student Leaders & Staff

Name	Role / Title	Report	Optional - Other Notes
Caroline Gagnon	BCITSA Executive Director		
	DTC Satellite Councillor		
Justin Lamarche	BMC Satellite Councillor		
Robert Whitting	AIC Satellite Councillor		
Justin Perry	Aboriginal Student Councillor		
Jessica Santos	International Student Councillor		
Megan Euverman	Residence Student Councillor		

## BCITSA 2017/2018 Reports From Committees

Committee	Report by	Report	Optional - Other Notes
Finance	Timothy Cheng	Setting up meeting for Feb and March	
Student Spaces	Moshtagh Mohammadi	No Update	
Bylaw	Timothy Cheng	First set of policies that have gone through bylaw committee are now ready for approval from council	
Clubs	Sophia Romero		
Board of Governors	Sergey Bukharov		
Education Council	Wafaa Barakat	Although the SA proposed changes for the faculty qualification policy were not embodied into the revised policy, the Policy Committee is going to be working on another policy that focuses on the post-hiring of faculty. The Chair stated that, since it is a priority for her, the policy will likely take shape next year.	
Alumni Board	Timothy David		
Student Centre	Dean Tamboline		

### **Item 14.5.1 – Research Project**

Research in learning disabilities. BCIT and the University of Regina are working in partnership to research how post secondary students with learning disabilities who are in technology-oriented programs use and modify technology to support their learning disability. The aim is to find adaptations to technology that have helped real students, so that they may be shared with middle school students who may be struggling with their learning disabilities. Participation entails a 60 - 90 minute interview at BCIT, and you will receive a \$15 gift card to Starbucks. Must have a learning disability to participate in the study. Poster follows.

### **Item 14.5.5 – Upcoming By-Election Proposal**

Vacancies are opening up for the positions of Vice President Campus Life, and Chair of the Aerospace Technology Campus. The Bylaws of the Student Association require a by-election to be held to fill these vacancies. However, as a practical matter, nominations for the main Executive elections open in March. It would be a major administrative challenge to run two elections so close to one another, not to mention the confusion that such back to back elections might create. All of this confusion, for a position that would be filled for less than two months, seems unwarranted. The following motion would combine the two elections, and allow successful candidates for Vice President Campus Life, and Chair of the Aerospace Technology Campus, to take office as of the first Council meeting following the announcement of results.

*Suggested motion: Be it resolved that the by-election to be held in pursuant to section 14.5(b) of the bylaws for the positions of Vice President Campus Life and Chair of Aerospace Technology Campus be conducted at the same time as the already scheduled full election and that the successful candidate for each position be deemed both the by-election winner for the balance of the current Executive term and main election winner for the full Executive term beginning June 1st, 2018.*



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## **PARTICIPANTS FROM TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED FOR RESEARCH IN LEARNING DISABILITIES**

We are looking for volunteers with learning disabilities that may affect mathematical performance to take part in a study aimed to explore how college and university students use technology. The findings will help us create more accessible designs of applications aimed to help post-secondary students as well as middle school students.

The study is called: *"The learner's perspective: Finding adaptations to technology for middle school students with mathematics learning disabilities through the emergent technological practices of post-secondary students with mathematics learning disabilities"*.

As a participant in this study, you would be asked to: participate in a videotaped interview about your use of technology in helping to support you with your learning disability. You will also be asked to demonstrate your use of technology so that we can better understand your use of it.

Participants in this study will self-identify as having a learning disability and no documentation is necessary.

Your participation would involve one session,  
60 - 90 minutes in length, at BCIT.

In appreciation for your time, you will receive a \$15.00 gift card for Starbucks.

For more information about this study, or to volunteer for this study, please contact:

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**This study has been reviewed and received approval  
through the Research Ethics Board, British Columbia Institute of Technology.**