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 - 7.7.3 Annual General Meeting: 2019-11-18 @ 17:30 in SE2 Council Chambers
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Please refer to attached materials.

Council Meeting
Monday, November 4th, 2019
Minutes

- Executives:** Danny Cameron – Chair, Aerospace Technology Campus
 Miranda Campbell – VP Student Experience
 Justin Cervantes – President
 Brin Farrell – Chair, Schools of Transportation, Construction & the Environment
 Raynen Jamieson – Chair, School of Energy
 L.T. Le – Chair, School of Health Sciences
 Adam Nguyen – VP Equity & Sustainability
 Steven Palfrey – VP External
 Louis-Philippe Rivest Giguere – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies
 Rose Salm – VP Finance & Administration
 Hunter Sones – Chair, School of Business
 Dawson Verboven – Chair, Downtown Campus
- Satellite Councillors:** Myka Gowler – Annacis Island Campus
 Ashley Obeck – Marine Campus
- Staff:** Caroline Gagnon - Executive Director
 Darla Williscroft - Administrative Coordinator
- Councillors:**
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| Muhammad Abdullah | Gary Moon |
| Kayla Arbez | Macus Ong |
| Ophelia Bar-Lev-Wise | Paige Purcha |
| Lloyd Carleton | Emma Raine |
| Evelyn Chan | Jordan Robinson |
| Adriana de Oliveira Lima | Felix Ruttan |
| Parm Dhaliwal | Grant Smith |
| Craig Goodison | Andrea So |
| Andrey Goryelov | Anika Tabaschum |
| Ruby Hsu | Monique Tan |
| Delaney Hunt | Kaitlyn Thompson |
| Cailo Kapronczai | Kay Yeh |
| Takeshi Keber | Hunter Van Dyke |
| Brianne Lee | Kai Zhang |
- Regrets:** Mina Arab Khedri

7.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chairperson, Justin, calls the meeting to order at 17:47 (42 voting members, including Chair).

7.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion:

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Justin Cervantes

Seconded by: Paige Purcha

Motion:

Be it resolved that item 7.4.3 *Club Sanctioning – Developer Student Club* be added to the agenda.

Moved by: Miranda Campbell

Seconded by: Felix Ruttan

39/0/2 Carried

Motion:

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as distributed and amended.

Moved by: Justin Cervantes

Seconded by: Paige Purcha

41/0/0 Carried

7.3 Acceptance of the Minutes: 2019-10-21

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Council minutes from 2019-10-21 be accepted as distributed.

Moved by: Justin Cervantes

Seconded by: Rose Salm

41/0/0 Carried

7.4 Old Business

7.4.1 Executive Updates

- As submitted, see attached.
- Adam: Multicultural Day Festival in February will have about 20 vendors, live performances, and free food. VanCity is interested in providing funding for initiatives of the Sustainability Development Committee.

- Louis: Working on LAN Party logistics recently & planning for volunteers; please let Louis know if you would like to join. Met with Dean and pitched ideas to address the lack of women in computing.
- Dawson: International Student Entry Plus program – Met with Program Head; had disagreement on whether students should be able to join the Set Rep program. Right now, they have a student mentorship program; will be connecting with mentors to join Set Rep program to bring in connections and ensure there is a transition with mentors. Clubs at Downtown Campus: Women in Computing event this week; competitive robotics club is in the works. Exams are now scheduled concurrently with Burnaby campus.
- Hunter: Increase awareness and engagement with SA services: Working to leverage connections with student leaders in clubs; developed a work-back schedule for event in January to connect services managers with club events. Objective continuity: Created an index where executives can post objectives and include pertinent contacts.

Discussion:

- What games are being played at the LAN Party?
 - League of Legends, DotA2, Fortnite. Sign up on EventBrite. Will also be board games and some console games.
- What kind of help is needed?
 - Will need volunteers to run brackets, help with tech setup, managing check-in, and directing participants.

7.4.2 Committee Vacancies

7.4.2.1 Sustainability Development Committee

- See attached.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the following councillors be a part of the Sustainability Development Committee: Lloyd Carleton, Adriana Lima, Felix Ruttan

Moved by: Adam Nguyen

Seconded by: Dawson Verboven

40/0/1 Carried

Motion:

Be it resolved that the following Executive be Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Development Committee: Danny Cameron

Moved by: Justin Cervantes

Seconded by: Rose Salm

41/0/0 Carried

7.4.2.2 Student Spaces Development Committee

- No one applied, seeking a volunteer to fill one vacant position.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the following councillor be a part of the Student Spaces Development Committee: Gary Moon

Moved by: Brin Farrell

Seconded by: Cailo Kapronczai

39/2/0 Carried

7.4.3 Club Sanctioning – Developer Student Club

- See attached.
- Council is provided an overview of the club mandate and the benefits of the club to the student body. Do not have a lot of Downtown clubs currently; they would like to work with students on the Burnaby campus.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Developer Student Club be a sanctioned BCITSA Club.

Moved by: Miranda Campbell

Seconded by: Lloyd Carleton

Discussion:

- This was reviewed by the Clubs Committee.
- Is there technical knowledge required to join?
 - They intend to keep it basic and entry level so all students can participate.
- Where is their executive team located?
 - They are between both the Burnaby and Downtown campuses.
- They want to focus on learning and teaching materials that are not taught in school. They may sometimes bring in Google experts to help; they are trying to avoid bringing them in so that it is not a "Google Club".
- Are there other opportunities for other people in the industry to work with them? They are partnered with Google specifically, not sure on their agreement.
- A lot of these students who join are probably looking for an opportunity to work with Google. What is the problem with a club like this becoming a Google-recruitment club?
 - They did not want to be called a Google club.
- What is the difference between this and the other Coding 4 All club?

- It was the specific connection with Google. Would imagine Coding 4 All is more specific to coding.
- Coding 4 All is targeted at the curriculum taught in class.
- Are there any issues in the bylaws with a company-sponsored club?
 - It has never happened before. A club has been sponsored by a non-profit before; this would be a first.
 - Believe it would be reasonable for a company to sponsor a club but would need to define what that relationship is.
 - Concern that Google would be using this as a direct recruiting tool. Need to know how Google intends to use this club. If they want exclusivity with these students involved, we need to know.

Motion:

Be it resolved that item 7.4.3 be tabled to 2019-11-18.

Moved by: Rose Salm

Seconded by: Grant Smith

Discussion:

- Where can questions for the club be sent?
 - To Miranda.
- What does tabling this sanctioning decision mean to the club?
 - They cannot have access to funding; they are still able to hold meetings and events otherwise.
- If we want to table this to determine what their relationship with Google we need to address the root cause or else we will end up in the same situation in the next meeting.
 - Do see concern and would like to determine how closely they are tied to Google. A discussion on speculation is not productive.
 - Need to answer the question of what happens when a for-profit company wants to sponsor a club directly. This would set the precedent for this moving forward.
- Is it possible to separate discussion on club activities and Google?
 - Are we encouraging clubs to look for sponsorships, but we do not want this club to be sponsored by Google?
- Should have a question you want answered before you decide to move forward with tabling this.

- Two weeks to be more prudent is nothing. Club has already had successful event without being sanctioned or funded. Google has a lot more money than we do. Need to check accountability in regard to this association between the two.
- Need to figure out what we want as students in the form of a club.

Motion:

Be it resolved that item 7.4.3 be tabled to 2019-11-18.

Moved by: Rose Salm

Seconded by: Grant Smith

17/20/4

Failed

Discussion:

- What do we want in a club? Good opportunity for students in this field.
- In support of this as a club; do not agree that there is an issue with the Google sponsorship of a club. We are inviting these companies in for hiring fairs.
- Many clubs already have sponsorships; clubs need to apply and notify the SA if they are to have sponsors. We will find sponsoring issues when these forms come in.
- If Google's involvement is not what we want, can we de-sanction the club?
 - Yes, clubs can be de-sanctioned.
 - Can we can suspend clubs if they are directly going against our bylaws?
- If this club will help students learn things outside of what is in the classroom, it can be very valuable for students to join.

18:35 Councillor leaves. Count is 41.

Calling the question.

Moved by: Rose Salm

Seconded by: Ophelia Bar-Lev-Wise

37/2/1

Carried

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Seconded by: Lloyd Carleton

37/2/1

Carried

7.5 New Business

7.5.1 Victoria Trip Update

- See attached.
- One of our strategic objectives is to engage satellite campuses. We directly invited each MLA to visit their local BCIT campuses.
- It was Agriculture week.
- When we lobby we need to represent the student voice. Please email Steven or your Chair things you care about as students so we can highlight these with government and external parties.

7.5.2 Annual General Meeting Agenda Items

- See attached.
- Next meeting is the Annual General Meeting; it is the annual shareholder meeting which you are all members of. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

18:43 councillor joins. Count is 42.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the following items be included on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting held on 2019-11-18:

- Report on Audited Financial Statements
- Auditor Appointment for 2019/2020
- President's Report
- Proposed Bylaw Changes

Moved by: Rose Salm

Seconded by: Grant Smith

Discussion:

- The agenda is closed; you will not be able to amend this agenda at the meeting.

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Moved by: Rose Salm

Seconded by: Grant Smith

38/1/2 Carried

7.5.3 Summary of Proposed Bylaw Changes

- See attached.

Discussion:

- They will be made available 2019-11-05 on the SA website along with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

7.5.4 Financial Literacy Session

- Will be holding two sessions for Council to attend and learn about the budget and how to read it. Great time to ask questions ahead of the Annual General Meeting.
- If you are worried about asking questions during the Annual General Meeting, please come learn.
- It is a good life skill for everyone to learn how to read financial statements. Will also learn about our investment portfolio

Discussion:

- Each session will go for about an hour.

7.6 Open Forum

- The Coast Mountain Bus company strike has been looming in the news for a while. What can we as a student association do? Do students care about the strike and what this means to the constituency you represent? If students are in support, we can write a letter with Coast Mountain Bus to implore that they continue negotiations to support students.
 - Very important that we support this strike; one of their main concerns is the drivers' personal safety and the safety of passengers. It is troubling however if you rely on the bus system to get around.
 - In support of most of the Coast Mountain Bus desires and especially the safety of everyone; feel that there are more effective ways they can strike. By terminating services to the public this can also decrease safety of those who rely on transit, leaving them stranded.
 - Instructors should not require students to have the same deadlines if the strike moves forward. Would like a letter to BCIT as well.
 - Sympathetic to Coast Mountain Bus, but we are here to represent the best interest of students. Students here are particularly vulnerable if the strike would cause students to miss their exams or deadlines.
 - What happens during midterms and a strike is in full force? It is unlikely they can be pushed back.
 - BCIT policy is to not cancel classes, and to speak with instructor directly.
- Need to hear a plan from BCIT should a strike really affect transit.
 - Support Coast Mountain Bus, yet it cripples our student's way of getting around. Would not expect school to change because of that, however.

- As a human, support Coast Mountain Bus; as a councillor support the end of this strike.
- Need to focus on the students at BCIT; should be putting pressure on BCIT to prepare and help students so they will not be penalized.
- What would a letter do? We should prepare students and give them a resource as BCIT life will continue as normal.
- As students in clinical, you need to figure out a way to get to your practicum even if that means you need to rent a car to do so as it was written in our contracts. Is this the same for all students?
 - It is very specific based on program.
- Encourage you to prepare for the worst. Unfortunately, there is not a lot we can do.
- Will we be sending a letter to both sides of the strike?
 - Recommend Advocacy and Policy Committee provide a stance on this.
- No places for instructors at the Downtown campus to meet with students outside of a classroom. Is there anything we can do?
 - Will be going to DTC planning committee meeting and will bring these concerns forward.
- Stand has extended hours until 16:00 on Sundays. It will be like this until the end of the term.
- Clubs need a better communication channel between other clubs. It makes it difficult to connect and work together on events and items around campus.
 - There is an objective in the works to address this.
- This is the most successful attendance and discussion we have had, thank you.

7.7 Reminders

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7.8 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 19:28.

Objective Updates - Nov. 4

Name	Position	#	Objective	Objective Update	Next Steps
Justin Cervantes	President	1	Explore opportunities for enhancing experiential learning on campus	Hackathon updates: I was not able to get the requested data on circulation statistics from the Vancouver Public Library, and so that planned challenge has been dropped. Requests for speaking appointments to all BTech students, all graduating T4 CST diploma students, 2nd year BITMAN students, and D3 students have been sent to program heads. I have booked speaking times with 4 core target audience classes to date. I have secured speaking time with the core T1 students who would be prime candidates for volunteers for this event to recruit. The Eventbrite page for volunteer registration is live and linked to: www.bcitsa.ca/hackathon . I am currently working with staff to navigate a sponsorship issue that has come up that may put this even at risk of not breaking even. I have written a template for main stage panel judge invitations and have requested a proof read by Shaleeta (head of the Link).	Follow up to ensure I get speaking time with each core target audience member, send invitations for panel judges, create a mailing list for all planned preliminary judges, and make sure the website is updated prior to the official marketing launch date of November 15.
		2	Reduce dependencies on student fees	I recently received a report from our executive director which was created by a member of AMICCUS-c (Association of Managers in Canadian College and Universities and Student Centres). I am currently in the process of reviewing the document and creating a focused discussion for the next executive board meeting for how we should interpret the results of the report on fees.	Create a list of questions which will stimulate discussion to hopefully address the question of: "Was the impact of opt-outs significant in Ontario, and should we care... Should Justin drop this as an objective?". Once discussion questions are made, they will be added to the November 12 Executive Board agenda for discussion.
		3	Create benchmarks and KPIs for understanding how we successfully we engage with students	Begun a monitoring system to evaluate the need and urgency for additional mental health resources on campus. A main consideration for me is whether we need to promote to a higher degree our Inkblot program, and if not, whether we should remove the service.	The KPI evaluations will primarily be worked on over the winter break. KPI measurements have been requested from the senior staff, so over the break I will be able to review and assess which questions we aren't asking that ought to be asked and measured. The next steps for the Inkblot program are to collect one more data sample, collect usage stats, then take the item for discussion at the next executive board meeting.
Rose Salm	VP Finance & Administration	1	Increase financial literacy of the Executive Board by conducting a basic info session in advance of the Annual General Meeting	The financial literacy session is approaching in a couple weeks! Will mention the dates and times during the upcoming Council meeting as Councillors are welcome to attend.	
		2	Conduct campaign in conjunction with Campus Print & Copy, faculty, and career-oriented associations to increase utilization of Print & Copy services around Industry Days and recruit seasons	No update.	
		3	Review bylaws surrounding Councilor and Committee selection processes	Met with Bylaw Committee on October 30th. Had a productive review of some of the Bylaws, which will be submitted in a report to Council. Processes around the reporting of Council selection and some Committee housekeeping issues were worked through.	
Miranda Campbell	VP Student Experience	1	Create a platform such as an interactive website for clubs to communicate with each other as well as the SA to do joint club events and share resources/events	No update	
		2	Create cross-campus connections that allows satellite campuses to feel just as connected to the BCIT culture just as Burnaby is. This includes events and competitions, or maybe even class projects that can be done with students from other campuses.	passed all progress on to new ATC chair with cross campus connections, next steps involve communicating with other campus chairs/councillors now that I'm out of the ATC role.	
Adam Nguyen	VP Equity & Sustainability	1	Bring Multicultural Day Event at the Great Hall	A meeting is scheduled between BCIT and SA staff to coordinate details	To follow up and be involved with all discussion
		2	Create a Sustainability and Equity Committee, and from there, working with a team to begin an initiative (an emphasis with future perpetuity)	Members are selected	Schedule a committee meeting
		3	To influence a change in at least in one BCIT policy (particularly concerning sustainability / equity)	No update	See what meetings and workshops are available to attend and lobby
		1	Facilitate the UPass Referendum + Investigate UPass Contract	Upass Referendum complete, U-Pass contract negotiation	Have part-time students complete the petition

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Name	Position	#	Objective	Objective Update	Next Steps
Steven Palfrey	VP External	2	Lobby to Government on a Municipal, Provincial, and Federal level with at least two trips to Victoria	Finished the first trip to Victoria, Planning November trip	Plan November trip
		3	Identify rezoning opportunities near BCIT Burnaby Campus	Identified parties to email	Follow-up with Terry
Hunter Sones	Chair, School of Business	1	Creating a method for Executives' objective continuity	no update	- Meet with Rose Salm with regards to objective continuity as it relates to SA bylaws
		2	Increase SA Services engagement among School of Business students	- Worked with Enactus and MA to create workback schedule for 'BIG IDEA' event - Started putting together an SA services description package for set-rep distribution	- Complete services package - Meet with career services, e-ship services, and health and dental to get feedback on the services description package
Raynen Jamieson	Chair, School of Energy	1	Develop a new framework for effective Set Rep meetings to be handed down to future chairs	Met with some chairs about their first set rep meeting to collect data	Organize/categorize data collected from chairs, then compare with Matt Hardwick's proposal for the updated set rep program to see where it failed or succeeded and if it needs to be tweaked
		2	Increase communication between students and faculty about capstone funding, increase capstone funding, and move EXPO to SW1	No new progress, still collecting data from students	Organize/categorize data collected from students, present to AD and decide which solutions are possible
		3	*Reserved for objective(s) created by Set Rep meetings*	Ran first set-rep meeting, scheduled meeting with SoE Dean to discuss issues that have been brought up at the first set rep meeting	Meet with the Dean, send out numerous facilities requests, set up meeting with TTED reps and career services
Louis-Philippe Rivest Giguere	Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies	1	Create a network to empower female tech students	Met with Dean of Computing and discussed how some of my ideas could fit within the school's strategic objectives. I was given several contacts I will reach out to and add to the conversation. Connected WiC students with CST graduates, and encouraged executives to speak at Diversity Circles at an upcoming panel.	Completing a draft business pitch for a recruitment event that would be led by SoCAS and share it with the Dean and other SoCAS stakeholders.
		2	Continue and improve existing SoCAS engagement and wellness events, specifically the Sun Run and the LAN Party	LAN Party update: registration is live. I am currently gathering volunteers and preparing a volunteer training session, as well as going over final logistics. Top tier of rewards have been set. There will no longer be any major changes, as the event is happening in 2 weeks. I am now working on communicating with all stakeholders in order to raise interest and registration numbers.	Details include finalizing sponsorship, gathering information about participating teams through surveys, ensuring all materials are available, creating our setup plan for the big day and rearranging room setup due to restrictive space. I will be going from classes to classes to pitch the LAN party and reaching out to more stakeholders.
		3	Facilitate student insight into industry through career-oriented connections	No major updates on this objective.	There will likely not be any progress towards this objective until the next objective update. Once other objectives have been cleared, I will hold a new meeting with Career Services to re-examine the possible avenues for completing this objective that we identified early this year.
L.T. Le	Chair, School of Health Science	1	Working with BCITSA objective 5: "Expand Student Mental Health Literacy", I would like to champion the creation of a peer to peer program supporting mental health and resiliency	Sat in on the first Wellbeing focus group for the new student center. Sent a follow up email to Canadian Mental Health Association to use some of their stories as samples for the Dear You letters.	I will do a mock Dear you booklet once permission from CMHA is given.
		2	Raise awareness and provide naloxone kits year round to students	Met up with Marina. She is happy to provide her email contact and work phone number on posters at Health Services. Met up with Geoff to discuss posters. I am waiting to get pricing back from Tajinder and work with Geoff on poster layouts.	I will be working with Geoff to do the poster graphics, print them, and distribute throughout campus
		3	Advocate for the creation of a BCIT Student Refugee Program	William (instructor at BCIT) meet up with the dean at the school of construction. Dean is on board with the SRP. Will be setting up a BCIT wide meeting with many of the deans from the school.	I will be writing up a report to present to the executive board about the student refugee program to pass as a motion
Brin Farrell	Chair, Schools of Transportation, Construction & Environment	1	Develop a strategy to enhance support and services for Applied & Natural Science students	-Sending invites out to Industry Employers for Natural Resources Career day	
		2	Develop a comprehensive program for the new Student Centre that refines space allocation and incorporates student and staff stakeholders in the planning process	Well-being zone focus group occurred to refine what wellbeing means in respect to the new building	- Validating results for a Well-being focus group with the Student Spaces Development Committee, attending a focus group for Entrepreneurship Zone on November 20th & Retail Zone on November 26th
		1	Help support the students in the ISEP program at DTC by making sure they have resources to succeed	I have a meeting booked on Nov 4th with the program head of ISEP. I have also recently agreed to sit on the DTC advisory committee thanks to Jenifer Figner	Sit down with Caroline and discuss the options for moving forward with more narrow spectrum support

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Name	Position	#	Objective	Objective Update	Next Steps
Dawson Verboven	Chair, Downtown Campus	2	Generate more clubs that are DTC oriented. Create a culture of clubs that transition between program years	WIC is having an event at DTC this week, I also have work we have 12 students creating a robotics club at DTC!	I'll talk with Carly about facilitating some storage space for clubs at the DTC, and in general how we can support these new clubs correctly
		3	Push for exam scheduling at DTC to be on par with the Burnaby campus. Exam schedules should be seamless between campuses.	fixed	fixed

Student Leader Reports

Name	Position	Report	Optional - Other Notes
Ashley Obeck	BMC Satellite Councillor		
Myka Gowler	AIC Satellite Councillor		

Committee Reports

Committee	Report by	Report	Optional - Other Notes
Finance	Rose Salm	Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled November 8th	
Student Spaces	Brin Farrell		
Bylaw	Rose Salm	Bylaw Committee Meeting was October 30th, report to follow in Council.	
Advocacy & Policy	Steven Palfrey		
Clubs	Miranda Campbell		
Board of Governors	Justin Cervantes	There have been no BOG meetings since our last council meeting. BOG activity has included my participation in the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards event where I had the privilege of introducing Michelle Wan, this year's recent grad honouree. As a minor speaking character, I spent most of the day on October 22 preparing for the event and spending time with the other event honourees.	Official meetings in relation to BOG duties have included meetings with Kathy Kinloch, Lisa Collins and James Route.
Education Council	Miranda Campbell		
Alumni Board	Steven Palfrey		

Club Sanctioning Application #1 – Developer Student Club (DSC)

Type: Academic/Educational Club

Classification: General Club - has all the rights and responsibilities outlined in the club's policies and BCITSA bylaws. General clubs shall also have full access to all Club Resources.

Club Mandate/Objective: Objective is to impact and empower students through spreading technical knowledge the DSC will host information sessions, hands-on workshops, and student-community collaborative projects centered around the latest and greatest in technology, all with the support of Google.

What they intend to accomplish upon sanctioning

Host monthly sessions starting in October (one has already happened, held at both Burnaby and DTC)

- Their plan is to host workshops on BCIT campuses to provide students with technical & non-technical development skills. Technical workshops will be on cutting edge technologies that are not taught at BCIT. Non-technical sessions will have a focus on soft skills that would help students in finding a job in the tech industry. In companion with these sessions, they will be having guest speakers from Google and Google Developer Experts team to enhance the content delivery quality.

Host collaborative sessions with CST instructors

- Collaborate with CST option heads to provide their students with high-quality educational content tailored to their option

Benefit to student life: Open to all students, not just CST. Students can learn about on-demand technologies that are used in the industry. Knowing these skills will make them outstanding candidates for job positions in the Software Development industry.

Promotional paragraph for BCITSA website: Developer Student Club (DSC) is a community group, sponsored by Google, for BCIT Computing students from any academic background in their undergraduate or graduate term. Our goal is to spread technical knowledge and empower students to impact their communities through technology.

More info

- Part of a google program (parent chapter)
- *Development Student Clubs* are running all over the world, including other campuses in area
- Team of 5 executives
- Already talked to term 1 CST students and have over 50 members in FB group
- When it comes to being a club at both campuses, they will keep up with students by hosting the same workshop at both locations. They did this with the first event in October, and if they must have it on the same day, they will split up the team so executives are at each campus.
- They have an excel sheet that they brainstorm topics they're going to talk about, as well as future event dates. it's mostly technical and most workshops will be introductory workshops. The agenda will be they'll introduce topic, go over topic and go forward from there.
- Going to get input from students on what they want
- With regards to spreading technical knowledge that is not taught at school. The team would teach, and Google provides guidelines on how to do so. If it's something that is too technical, they would bring someone else in.
- They have person who is a main contact for Google, each country has their own DSC and they have access to them. The club reports back to Google through Slack.
- For the most part people from google DGD are coming to Vancouver so they would tag onto those trips in order to bring those people in
- Google mentioned that they're open to support the club with resources such as technology to help them learn and share knowledge.
- The first session was about apps, and they had software such as firebase, raspberry pie, apscript, mobile development tool, flutter, and more.
- Google's benefit is they get the chance to promote Google technologies as well as possibly hire out of the club for future positions.
- The plan for the sustainability of the group is to find CST students, near the end of this education year, who are willing to oversee the club and refer them to DSC program coordinator at Google.
- Very active on social media
- Provide resources to students through Slack/Facebook

Miranda's Comments:

I would love for this club to help represent BCIT to google, especially if other schools in the area are already a part of this program. We informed the club that we wanted to make sure that it was not a 'google' club, but instead a club focused on learning material not taught in school. There is a consensus that tech students are really interested in this and in these opportunities.

Item 7.5.1: Victoria Trip Update

Our lobbying targets are as follows:

MLAs for the five campuses of BCIT (3 NDP, 2 Liberal), as we want them to think of BCIT students as their constituents and a cause worth championing.

Bowinn Ma MLA North Vancouver-Lonsdale (BCIT Marine Campus)

Supportive of front-end grants for students, was happy to provide advice on how to make that recommendation

Janet Routledge MLA Burnaby North (BCIT Burnaby Campus)

Supportive of front-end grants for students, was happy to provide advice on how to make that recommendation

Teresa Wat MLA Richmond North Center (BCIT Aerospace Campus)

Supportive of front-end grants for students, was happy to provide advice on how to make that recommendation
Supportive of transparent international student fee increases

The seven MLAs (4 NDP, 3 Liberal) of the BC Legislature's Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, to follow-up on their unanimous recommendation to include in Budget 2020 a review of up-front needs-based student grants, as recommended to them by SA and other student associations.

Doug Clovechock Columbia River-Revelstoke (Select Standing Committee)

The BC Green Caucus, specifically their leader (Dr. Andrew Weaver), because we'd like them to pressure the BC NDP to prioritize affordability for students in their governing agreements with the NDP – we also seek to learn from them about wielding their influence as a constructive third party, because that is the new role for the federal NDP, led by BCIT's MP Jagmeet Singh.

Dr Andrew Weaver MLA Oak Bay Gordon Head (Leader of Green Party)

Provided feedback on effective lobbying to third parties during minority governments

BC NDP Ministerial staff & BC Liberal critic MLAs covering strategic priority files such as advanced education, housing affordability, and childcare delivery.

Simon Gibson MLA Abbotsford Richmond (Education Critic)

Supportive of front-end student grants provided they are distributed to in demand sectors

Sam Sullivan MLA Vancouver False Creek (Education Critic)

Supportive of front-end student grants provided they are distributed to in demand sectors

Jane Thornthwaite MLA North Vancouver Seymour (BC Liberals)

Supportive of front-end student grants provided they are distributed to in demand sectors

Item 7.5.2: Annual General Meeting Agenda Items

- Report on Audited Financial Statements
- Auditor Appointment for 2019/2020
- President's Report
- Proposed Bylaw Changes

Item 7.5.3: Summary of Proposed Bylaw Changes

Four changes are proposed: updating the terminology of 'Housing' Student Councillor, bringing uniformity to the selection of Executives as vice-chairs for committees, providing additional guidelines for the executive reports to Council on councillor appointments, and making ongoing requirements more robust for executives regarding preparing transition documents and keeping them up to date.