





2009-2010 BCITSA President



Looking back on the past year, I am proud to have been part of so many great accomplishments activities, and developments. This year's student council was a passionate and lively group. Because of key communication, great dialogue between student groups and an active student body council passed many student-focused motions.

The dedication and sense of ownership that BCIT students feel towards their school is amazing. This year we had an all time high in voter turnout for our Student Executive elections. It is always exciting to see the next generation of student government, and I am proud to know that in the past, and going forward, student needs on campus are heard and acted upon through progressive forward thinking.

The amazing staff of the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA) have supported and facilitated all of the great ideas that have come out of student council and without them, the BCITSA wouldn't be what it is today. Thank you for the great student focused programming that comes out of the Uconnect, the delicious food that is served in our pub, the quality printing and graphic design students receive from Ctrl P, the hot and fresh coffee served with a smile from our many convenience stores, the helpful service from our Geared Up store, the informative Link Newspaper, and for the knowledgeable and inspiring help from the professional staff of the Student Association that help the Student Executives on a daily basis!

Thank you to this year's student council, the BCITSA Staff, and to the BCIT Staff and Administration for being partners in our success.

Christine Ramage
2009-2010 President

2009-2010 BCITSA Student Executives



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A Message From the BCITSA Director



During the 2009-2010 school year, the BCITSA continued to build a strong and vibrant community life for students across all of the BCIT campuses.

One of the most successful programs of the year was the Computing and Academic Studies Mentorship Program, a pilot project that we carried out in conjunction with the BCIT Alumni Association. Pairing students with industry professionals who can give them industry insight is one of the most valuable tools that we can offer students. The program was a huge success and we are happy to be able to expand it to other schools and programs moving forward.

In order to raise student engagement, we enacted an Outreach Program and hired an Outreach Coordinator who is responsible for expanding our events and programs across all of the BCIT campuses. Because of the success of the Outreach Program, we are more in touch with students than ever and will be able to offer more programs and events in the future.

The 2009-2010 school year also saw the passing of a capital levy to fund the upgrading of student spaces across all of the BCIT campuses. Adding to this, we were able to upgrade The Stand stores in SE12 and NE1, as well as the Uconnect Resource Centre.

This year's enhancements and future developments will further enhance BCIT student's resources and has reaffirmed our commitment to making BCIT a great place to learn.

Caroline Gagnon, MA, MBA, CHRP
Director

BCITSA Overview

The British Columbia Institute of Technology Student Association (BCITSA) is a non-profit student services and advocacy organization for the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), the largest post-secondary institution in British Columbia. A board of directors composed of 11 elected Student Executive members and Student Councilors from each of the different schools of BCIT governs the affairs of the BCITSA. The BCIT Student Association supports and enhances the quality of student life for the over 45,000 BCIT full-time and part-time students across BCIT's five campuses.

Uconnect

The Uconnect Resource Centre offers students programs and services that enhance the quality of student life.

Advocacy

The Advocacy Office helps students navigate through the policies and procedures laid out by BCIT.

GEARED UP

From pens and water bottles to calculators and USB's, Geared Up sells all sorts of supplies for students.

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THE STAND
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The Stand convenience stores offer a variety of snacks, sandwiches, warm and cold drinks, and other on-the-go items.

Link

The Link student newspaper is written by students for students. It offers BCIT and community news as well as other fun entertainment and opinion features.



Outreach Program

Over the years it has been a goal of the BCITSA to try and resolve this struggle of student engagement. In order to do this, an Outreach Program was put into place to ensure the expansion of BCITSA events and programs across all of the BCIT campuses. Because of the many campuses that need to be serviced, we were able to hire a full-time Outreach Coordinator that would visit the campuses on a regular basis to ensure the needs of all students were being met. Aside from creating awareness of all services available to BCIT students, the Outreach Coordinator, Events Manager, and Advocacy Coordinator, were able to successfully offer various fun-filled events across all campuses that brought students a wider sense of community.

The Outreach Program also encompasses a mobile student health plan office in which the BCITSA's Student Plan Coordinator travels to each campus to answer health and dental related questions and help students fill out the appropriate forms in order to set up their plan or opt-out.

Because of the success of the Outreach Program, we are more in touch with students than ever and will be able to offer more programs and events in the future.

Mentorship Program

The 2009-2010 school year was the first year that the Mentorship Program was enacted. In conjunction with the BCIT Alumni Association, the BCITSA was able to introduce Computing and Academic Studies students to industry professionals who offered guidance in successful business and academic strategies. Some of the program goals include helping students make a successful transition from the academic world to the work world, providing an orientation on the industry, discussing strategies for attaining career goals.

Because of the success of the Mentorship Program, we will be able to expand it to other schools and help more students successfully determine and reach their career goals.



The event above is the Water Cooler Wright Brothers Flying Extravaganza held annually at the BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC). Students create aircrafts using supplies such as rulers, file folders, erasers, etc., and then launch them from the balcony of the ATC hub. Various prizes are awarded for achievements such as aircrafts that fly the farthest and most innovative design.



2009-2010 BCITSA Highlights

New Clubs

The 2009-2010 school year was also a busy year for student clubs. Seven new student clubs were created this year including Business Information Technology Management (BITMAN), Mechanical Engineering Student Society, Christian Fellowship Club (CFC), Geomatics Student Society Club, BCIT Media Club, BCIT Skate, and Zero-One Union Student Club. Student clubs are an essential part of campus life and contribute immensely to the student experience.

Events

In an effort to continue building community around campus, the BCITSA was happy to offer another year of student centered events. One of the most successful events of the year was the Latex Luau party geared at presenting students with harm reduction strategies such as responsible alcohol consumption, drink spiking, safe sex, perceived peer consumption, personal safety, and travel insurance. The Great Hall on the Burnaby campus was transformed into a Hawaiian luau with reggae music and leis galore, gearing students up for the excitement of Spring Break.

Based on student feedback and the success of other events, we were able to add another event to our repertoire: the Zen Lounge. This is a wellness event for students, created to relieve stress during high intensity periods. Students can sign up for free massage treatments or swing by for some complimentary tea and healthy snacks. The Zen Lounge was offered twice during the 2009-2010 school year and both samplings saw an enormous turnout of students seeking sanctuary from their heavy backpacks.

Capital Levy

The BCITSA held a referendum for students to vote on a capital levy, where the proceeds of the levy would go towards the improvement of informal spaces for students to meet and study across all BCIT campuses. The capital levy was passed by the student body and upgrades to informal student spaces are slated to occur within the next year.



During the Latex Luau event, a student falls off the tricycle after reaching a high speed wearing beer goggles. Although funny at the time, students learned an important lesson about the consequences of drinking and driving.



Students receive massages during Zen Lounge to help de-stress during the stressful final exam period.



2009-2010 BCITSA Highlights

Renovations to The Stand stores at SE12 & NE1 and the Uconnect Resource Centre

As we continue to grow and expand our services and programs, we renovated some of our existing businesses as well including The Stands in SE12 and NE1, and the Uconnect Resource Centre. The Stands have been organized to maximize offerings available to customers as well as slightly redesigned to accommodate growing customer traffic. The Uconnect Resource Centre renovations included turning the old Coffee Shop into a meeting room for both students and staff, and creating new offices to accommodate our new full-time Outreach Coordinator.

Pub Profitability

Over the past several years, the Professor Mugs Pub & Grill has run at a deficit. With significant changes to the pub management and day-to-day processes, we are pleased to have 2009-2010 be a profitable year.

Performance Review Program

Up until to and including 2009-2010, the BCITSA staff have partook in a program called Managing For Achievement. For 2010-2011 and onward, a similar but new Performance Review Program was created to help staff with a means of translating the strategic plan into work plans, actions, and behaviors for the year. The new program is also designed to help staff meet strategic plan goals as well as provide the opportunity for both the employee and their manager to initiate and participate in performance discussions, give and receive feedback on progress toward operating objectives, business development objectives, personal development, and effort assessment in relation to the strategic plan. This new plan will take effect in 2010-2011.

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Thank you to all of the BCITSA Sponsors and Donors for enhancing the quality of student life.

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BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended May 31, 2010

	2010	2009
Business Revenues - Retail and Pub	\$2,384,921	\$ 2,350,731
Cost of Sales	(1,202,585)	(1,207,383)
Wages, Rent, G&A, Amortization	(1,121,604)	(1,157,793)
Net Business Surplus/(Loss)	<u>60,732</u>	<u>(14,445)</u>
Other Revenues		
Student Fees Collected	\$1,104,780	\$1,039,617
Other Various Revenues	403,777	495,864
Clubs - Membership Fees, Fundraising, Miscellaneous	71,873	82,013
	<u>1,580,430</u>	<u>1,617,495</u>
Total Net Revenues	<u>1,641,162</u>	<u>1,603,050</u>
Expenses		
Student Service and Program Delivery	\$759,828	\$598,914
Administration	759,917	752,849
Club Expenses	88,634	113,713
	<u>1,608,379</u>	<u>1,465,475</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<u>32,783</u>	<u>137,575</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - As at May 31, 2010

Assets		
Cash and other current assets	\$1,938,577	\$2,036,179
Capital assets, net of depreciation	702,473	611,295
Investments	880,463	825,892
Deferred charges	201,385	214,761
	<u>3,722,898</u>	<u>3,688,127</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$1,003,686	\$1,042,563
Student Health Plan excess	598,020	557,147
	<u>1,601,706</u>	<u>1,599,710</u>
Net assets, by Fund Balances		
Capital Assets	\$702,681	\$611,295
Unrestricted	1,418,511	1,477,122
	<u>2,121,192</u>	<u>2,088,417</u>
	<u>\$3,722,898</u>	<u>\$3,688,127</u>

The financial information is a summary compiled from the Audited Financial Statement prepared by the SA auditors, Reid Hurst Nagy, Inc. , Certified General Accountants. The reader is cautioned that the summary may not fully suite the needs of the reader and for more details the reader should review the full financial statements with notes which can be found at www.bcitsa.ca.

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