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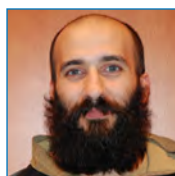
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nicola Gardner

PRESIDENT

The 2011-2012 school year was very exciting for the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA). It started off with a bang with Orientation Day, which was led by more than 100 student volunteers and featured a large showcase in the Great Hall supported by all of our clubs and the BCITSA student services team.

The year saw preparation for many great changes that will be taking place in the coming years, including the acquisition of the third floor of SE2 as well as the creation of renovation plans through consultation and cooperation with students. The result will be more space to work, study, and relax, allowing the BCITSA to serve the student body better.

With funding from a student levy approved by referendum in 2010 as well as an additional contribution from the student medical fund of \$150,000 approved by Student Council, the BCITSA was able to renovate

five student lounges across the BCIT Burnaby campus as well as one student lounge at the Great Northern Way campus. Renovations to the Great Hall and the creation of new student space at the Downtown campus are also planned.

The BCITSA also teamed up with the BCIT Alumni Association for the first of what we hope will be many successful events. Led by the BCITSA's Vice President of External Affairs, the BCITSA organized a Movember campaign that raised more than \$10,000 for men's health initiatives.

Championed by the Vice President of Finance and Administration, the BCITSA instituted a campus-wide food bank program, which provides struggling students with canned and dried food.

The BCITSA also teamed up with the province-wide, student-led Where's The Funding? campaign, which lobbied the provincial government for increased funding to post-secondary education.

The BCITSA's Set Representa-

tive program continued to grow and see great success this year with record attendance at many of the schools' "set rep" meetings, which are a forum for students to bring forth issues important to them and their peers.

The BCITSA also had a record turnout for its elections, with over 30 students running for the 11 executive positions — something that later contributed to a greatly increased voter turnout.

In addition to these great milestones, the Student Executive, Councilors, and staff continued to advocate for students, expand service and support programs, as well as improve outreach at our satellite campuses. The hard work and dedication of all of our members has allowed for our continued growth and success, and I cannot thank everyone enough for all of their great work over the past year.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Caroline Gagnon

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year was a real milestone for the BCIT Student Association. The BCITSA finalized an agreement with BCIT giving the Association access to the third floor of SE2, allowing the second floor to be used as student space. The goal of having a facility dedicated to offering student services and support has been in the works since the creation of the SE2 Student Centre in 1995. We are now realizing the vision of a group of students that believed that such a space was necessary at BCIT.

Another project that is finally seeing light is the construction of the BCITSA Childcare

Centre. For the past seven years, the BCITSA never lost its belief that such a service was needed for the BCIT community. As an operator of the service before its original closure, the BCITSA is pleased to be reopening its door in January 2013.

An initiative that was highly anticipated by students is the implementation of a universal transit pass at BCIT. Last year, students voted in favour of bringing the U-Pass BC program to full-time BCIT students meeting requirements. Of the over 8,500 qualifying students, 80 per cent of them are taking advantage of this universal bus pass program. This program enables participants to benefit from a low cost transit pass.

In the past three years that the Uconnect Resource Centre has been open, the number of students getting involved with our services increased dramatically. This increase in student engagement is not only witnessed at the Uconnect, but students are now getting involved with special events, student clubs, and governance and advocacy related issues.

Students have demonstrated over and over that they, too, can make a difference on-campus and their opinion and involvement is important to make BCIT a great institution.

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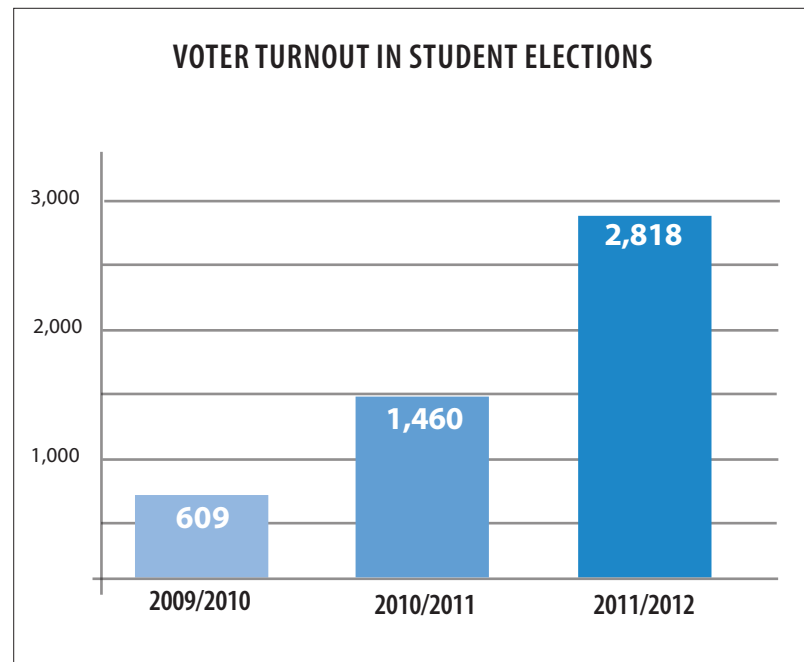
OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

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In addition to providing valuable programs and services to the BCIT student body, the Student Association spent much of the 2011-2012 fiscal year on working on engagement and expansion. The organization increased participation and interaction with students and also prepared to expand physically in order to better serve students' interests.

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement is always a top priority for student leaders and staff alike. Efforts to engage the student body in an attempt to — as the BCITSA motto goes — “enhanc[e] student life” have been effective. The effect can be seen throughout the organization, including increases in student election candidate and voter turnout, social media engagement, involvement in clubs, and usage of



student services. All these elements have experienced quantifiable increases during the fiscal year, in many instances breaking previous records. Levels of involvement are among the highest in recent memory.

Student election participation experienced a significant jump in candidate and voter turnout this year. Voter turnout nearly doubled

the previous year, growing from 1,460 to 2,818, thanks to outreach efforts on the part of outgoing student leaders and an extensive recruitment campaign.

Social media engagement as a tool for outreach was a priority this year. Social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter were used to provide information to students, build community online, and

OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

distribute prizes. The efforts were a success; the BCITSA's Facebook page membership more than tripled (growing from 395 members on May 31, 2011 to 1330 on June 1, 2012).

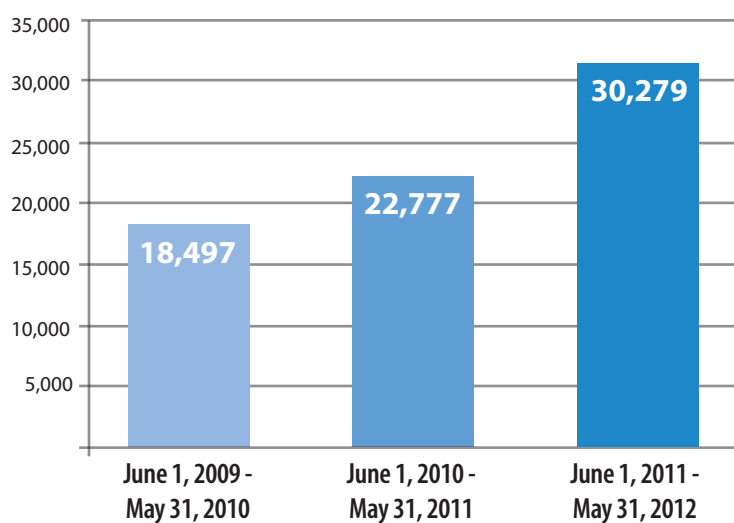
Club activity also increased this year. Clubs — particularly Business and Engineering clubs — were especially active, throwing more social events, hosting guest speaker

events, and organizing more fundraising events than had taken place in previous years. The number of clubs also increased, with eight new clubs being sanctioned.

The Uconnect Resource Centre continued to draw increasing levels foot traffic. Since its inception three years ago, the student services centre has grown with each passing year, up 23 per

cent in its second year and up nearly 33 per cent this year. The offices of the Clubs Coordinator, Health and Dental Coordinator, and the Advocacy Coordinator have continued to drawn traffic, as well as popular nutrition programs such as the Harvest Box fresh food delivery program and the Crash Course Cooking food preparation classes, both of which have experienced significant growth.

ANNUAL UCONNECT RESOURCE CENTRE FOOT TRAFFIC



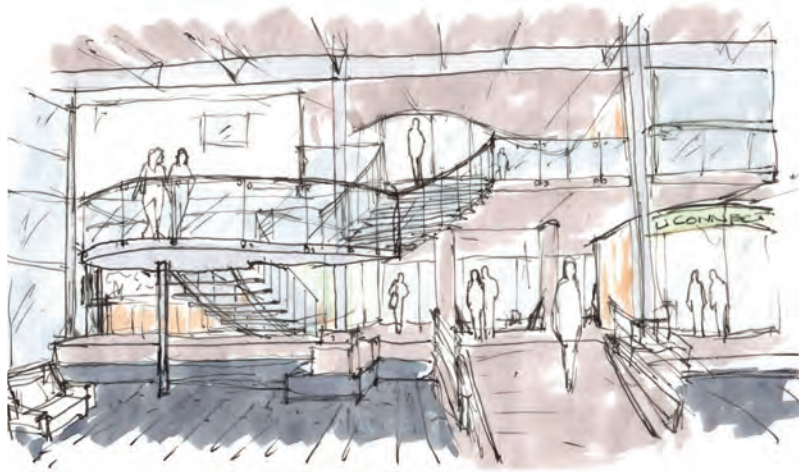
EXPANSION

While the BCITSA has continued to offer increasing numbers of services and programs, this year the organization prepared for physical expansions as well. After years of preparation, the Student Association finalized the addition of the third floor SE2 to its lease and established design and permits for the construction of a BCITSA-run childcare centre.

The original vision for SE2 was for the entire building to act as a student centre for those attending BCIT, but financial circumstances dictated otherwise until 2012. In order to best serve students, consultation was held after it was established that the BCITSA would be acquiring the third floor.

With the results of the consultation in hand, the BCITSA partnered with the School of Construction and had fourth-year Architectural Building Science students design the space, which will include eight new student meeting rooms, rooms dedicated for clubs and their associated storage, a treatment room, and new informal student space.

The project will eventually add a multi-faith room and additional multi-purpose rooms



CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF A NEW STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE THIRD FLOOR OF SE2. PLANS NOT FINAL.

BY BILLY KC LEE & SIMON VANGROOTHEEST

on the third floor. These renovations will truly reflect the vision for SE2 becoming the student centre for BCIT students. Construction is scheduled to start in November of 2012, while opening is scheduled for spring 2013.

The new on-campus child-

care centre will be built on the southeast part of Burnaby Campus. Set to open in January of 2013, it will provide childcare services to both BCIT students and staff members. The facility is designed to accommodate 25 children from 30 months and older.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MAY 31, 2012	2012	2011 restated
ASSETS		
CASH AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,002,077	\$2,560,295
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF DEPRECIATION	614,770	713,299
INVESTMENTS	490,955	476,014
DEPOSIT	1,122,275	
DEFERRED CHARGES	174,633	189,508
	\$4,404,710	\$3,939,116
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$1,158,975	\$809,058
NET ASSETS, BY FUND BALANCES		
CAPITAL ASSETS	614,770	713,299
CAPITAL LEVY FUND	337,737	84,697
MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND	420,544	640,707
UNRESTRICTED	1,872,684	1,691,355
	3,245,735	3,3130,058
	\$4,404,710	\$3,939,116

The financial information above has been compiled by BCITSA and summarizes compiled information from the draft audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2012. The finalization of the audit report by Smythe Ratcliffe Chartered Accountants LLP is subject to final approval of the draft financial statements by the Board of Directors of BCITSA. The reader is cautioned that the summary may not fully suit the needs of the reader and for more details the reader should review the full draft financial statements with explanatory notes which can be found at www.bcitsa.ca.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2012	2012	2011 restated
STUDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND		
STUDENT MEDICAL FEES COLLECTED	\$1,418,271	\$1,317,956
MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID	(1,420,524)	(1,227,038)
EXPENSES - WAGES, RENT, G&A	(62,489)	(48,231)
EXCESS OF REVENUES / (DEFICIENCY) OVER EXPENSES	\$(64,742)	\$42,687
CAPITAL LEVY FUND		
CAPITAL LEVY COLLECTED - STUDENT SPACES	\$100,471	\$84,697
STUDENT SPACES EXPENDITURES	(189,219)	-
	(88,748)	84,697
CAPITAL LEVY COLLECTED - SE2 EXPANSION	203,435	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$114,687	\$84,697
OPERATING FUND		
BUSINESS REVENUES - RETAIL AND PUB	\$2,711,598	\$2,678,105
COST OF SALES	(1,414,786)	(1,350,748)
WAGES, RENT, G&A, AMORTIZATION	(1,287,573)	(1,208,866)
NET BUSINESS SURPLUS	9,239	118,491
OTHER REVENUES		
STUDENT FEES COLLECTED	1,249,695	1,196,131
OTHER VARIOUS REVENUES	471,971	423,690
CLUBS - MEMBERSHIP FEES, FUNDRAISING, MISCELLANEOUS	131,303	101,163
	1,852,969	1,720,984
TOTAL NET REVENUES	1,862,208	1,839,475
EXPENSES		
STUDENT SERVICE AND PROGRAM DELIVERY	667,583	789,110
ADMINISTRATION	943,675	817,018
CLUB EXPENSES	142,727	108,283
	1,753,985	1,714,411
OPERATIONAL SUBTOTAL	108,223	125,064
UNREALIZED GAIN / (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(42,491)	80,846
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	65,732	205,910
TOTAL EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$115,677	\$333,294

AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SPONSORSHIPS

AWARD	VALUE	RECIPIENT
President's Award	Non-monetary	Don Wright
Laurie Jack Award	\$500	N/A

SET REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS	VALUE	RECIPIENTS
Aerospace Technology Campus	\$500 each	Dave Clark
School of Business	\$500 each	Yasamin Alami, Russ Brownlow, Rafael Zveibil
School of Computing and Academic Studies	\$500 each	Karen Blackwell
School of Energy	\$500 each	Oge Anoliefoh, Tae Jin Moon
School of Health Sciences	\$500 each	Kevin Chau, Daisy Lum
School of Transportation, Construction, and the Environment	\$500 each	Marcus O'Reilly, David Repsch, Marc Thorup

BURSARY	VALUE	RECIPIENTS
Save Your Ass Fund	\$25,000 total	Multiple recipients
Sharing Costs Or Recognizing Excellence (SCORE) Endowment	\$3,600	Multiple recipients
Toon-In Endowment	N/A	Multiple recipients
Student Society Emergency Aid Fund	\$10,000	Multiple recipients
Student Initiative Fund	\$15,000 (\$10,000 from BCIT)	Multiple recipients

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