

BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2013 - 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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2013 - 2014 STUDENT EXECUTIVES



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dylan Smith

2014 PRESIDENT

2013-2014 was a pivotal year for the growth of the BCIT Student Association. A referendum was passed that changes the organization operationally and financially for the better. It is exciting to inherit such early stages of this project for my term as President, and I would like to thank my predecessor and last year's Student Council for making this a reality.

Looking back, 2013 continued in the same strong vein as previous years, with robust engagement and events, as well as expansion of many departments, growing the organization to reach more of the community and impact students where relevant. BCIT's orientation used a new format, and it was fantastic to see how well the SA adjusted to ensure as comprehensive a service as possible. With Student Executives DJ'ing in our campus square, to countless vendors and tours happening simultaneously, it was a strong precedent for the year ahead. We launched the new student space in October, and the culmination of all this hard work was celebrated with a warm opening reception. We followed these up with a quick succession of strong events, such as the LAN Party, an impressive World Showcase Showdown where international students at BCIT really showed us their colours, and finally the Under the Tree craft fair where we felt the holiday spirit. All the while our programs

and services saw record numbers and increased traffic, which continued our tradition of student support.

Our ability to multitask has been one of our organization's strengths; our flexibility and adaptability to whatever opportunities are on the horizon is why we are in the shape we are today.

These opportunities really presented themselves in 2014, and after receiving feedback from Student Council and executives, a motion was carried to go to referendum for funding. This time it was to support the transition of students from BCIT to their careers. A proposal was put forward for BCITSA to break new ground in developing these networks and services. We went to referendum in January as soon as the students returned, and we were back into the swing of BCIT life again. The positive response by students to these opportunities confirmed our research: the need and want was there to develop career and part-time studies services. With this approval, we forged ahead with plans and continued to flourish in our operations. The year-end boat party was a fitting testament to the year's success, and was attended by hundreds of celebrating students.

Therefore, it is with much pleasure that I inherit this position, and I look forward to building on these excellent foundations.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Caroline Gagnon

DIRECTOR

If I were to describe the focus of this year, I would define it as a year of planning and dreaming of possibilities. With the adoption of our new strategic plan, we have reaffirmed our commitment to enhancing student life as our prime raison d'être.

Through a collaborative planning process, we have determined a road map for the next 5 years. The 2014-2019 strategic plan details five areas to best serve students: Advocacy and Governance; Student Services and Programming; Connection to Members; Revenues Centre; Employees and the Association. It is inspiring to see that a group of individuals with different backgrounds can come together to envision innovative ways for the association to meet its mission. The strategic plan will not only guide our actions, but assist us in our constant progress.

This year, we examined the possibility of expanding student services by offering BCITSA-run career services. As we know, a brilliant project can come out of a crazy idea, and the Career Centre is further proof of this. After months of research and connecting with the student body, Council approved going to

referendum to create a new career services department. This service will link students to employers. Concurrently, we identified what part-time students wanted most out of BCITSA. Not surprisingly, part-time students were interested in career focused programming. With the desire to create new career services, and the interest of part-time students, our members voted in favour of increasing student fees for establishing new career services starting September 2014.

The official opening of the SE2 second floor led to the reinvention of the BCIT Student Association Centre. The new space has been a great success with students. As such, we continued investing into capital projects which impact students. The downtown campus (DTC) student lounge was created in conjunction with BCIT, which was welcomed by DTC students. Council also voted in favour of redesigning the entrance of the 3rd floor, making the space more inviting while allowing for an increase of the 3rd floor programmable space. We began the 3rd floor programming to include BCITSA offices, Council Chambers, and a multi-faith room. As part of the renovations, we will redesign the Uconnect Resources Centre to include the new Career Centre. This new space will provide a more centralized area, where

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students can connect with these services. It is anticipated that these projects will start in 2014 and end in September 2015.

Operationally, our existing services remain sound. Our new Childcare Centre is now full with a 2-year waitlist; students have benefited from the new location of the Print & Copy Centre; the Link bi-weekly newspaper has now been moved to a monthly magazine; and students can now enjoy a better AV system in the Pub. These name just a few of our operational achievements.

It is remarkable to see that while we were focused on the future, the endless desire to provide a better support network and innovative services to students remained everyone's main purpose, while running parallel to our commitment to be advocates for students. The energy that everyone brings to the table is inspiring. I truly thank everyone involved in making BCITSA a great association for students, and a great place to work. Employees are the continuity factor that makes our aspirations a reality.



Above: Opening the new student space in SE2; Below: New BCITSA Pop Up Tents



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Above: BCITSA Student Study Rooms, photo by Jos Van Poederoyen; Below: Student Study Space Grand Opening



OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The 2013-2014 school year saw major steps taking place. From adding more student services to a ground-breaking referendum, BCITSA spent another year working hard toward putting student-centered plans into actions.

After much planning, the reinvention of our old office space into a large study area for students was finally launched this year with an opening ceremony followed by a fantastic reunion of former executives who were all integral in this renovation happening. The new space has been very warmly received and we are thrilled to be able to provide students with a modern, professional work environment with state-of-the-art equipment to aid them in their studies. Already the rooms have been solid with bookings and the response to more student specific space being made available on campus has been positive and sincere.

We held a major referendum in February, successfully acquiring the go-ahead to invest in part-time and career services. We look forward to bring these exciting developments over the summer and into the new term.

Our pub undertook major improvements updating the audio visual systems, including adding speakers on the patio for the first time. Food sales for the year were up 3% over the previous year, with a highlight of 74 XXXL Sasquatch burgers sold, with only 12 people completing the challenge. Our catering services expanded with dedicated chefs, which improved the quality of our retail offerings and in-house product range.

Student services continued to serve the BCIT student population and started extended hours at the Uconnect, opening later on Thursdays. In addition, we created a new Satellite Campus Coordinator position to better meet the needs of satellite students and to develop new ways to reach this population. We had another successful Peak Leadership year (89 students were accepted into the program), again with the generous sponsorship from the George Murray Tidball-Keg Restaurants Leadership Program Fund. We brought in 6 exceptional speakers and ran workshops to give participants a high quality co-curricular programme. Our newly opened Childcare Centre had all its spots filled, and continued to provide



Student Study Space Grand Opening

excellent service to children, students and staff.

Finally, we relocated the Advocacy office out of the Uconnect Resource Centre to have a better location for students, and it's worked well in filling their needs more efficiently and effectively.

The Marketing and Communications department pushed on with engagement from highly successful LAN parties, to a packed year-end boat party. Our sponsorship and sales department continued revenue growth, forging some excellent partnership such as Trev Deeley and Whistler Blackcomb, as well as continuing strong relationships with our existing supporters such as ASTTBC and the Burnaby Board of Trade.

We also improved our relationships with existing service providers such as HealthySmile (dental hygienist), getting more students served by them and promoting the service to increase preventative healthcare services on campus. With generous sponsorship and investment we also opened the Healthy Smile treatment room; now students can receive even more professional and dedicated treatment services. To that end, we provided a new service bringing in Pioneers Orthotics who served over 100 students in the first year with work-related orthotics, braces and compression socks. Our commitment to bringing more on-site services to students is paramount as we expand.

Last but not least, while all of these additions, renovations, and programs were taking place, BCITSA retail operations continued forging ahead. The Stand store in SE2 opened a new range of bubble teas, which have been a massive hit. We've worked to brand the packaging, and provided all stores with the range of teas. This addition has been a real success for the store, and we are a unique supplier as the only provider on campus.

It has been a highly challenging year with great changes afoot, and we've made substantial progress. This has led to more exciting opportunities, which we relish, and as always we remain committed to enhancing student life.



Above: Bubble Tea from the Stand Central, Below: World Showcase Showdown



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AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SPONSORSHIPS

AWARD	VALUE	RECIPIENT
President's Award	Non-monetary	Julia Boswell
Laurie Jack Award	\$500	Tareq Shobab

SET REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS	VALUE	RECIPIENT
School of Business	\$500	Emanuel Emmanuel
School of Computing and Academic Studies	\$500	Diana Cooney
School of Energy	\$500	Bob Nodelyk
School of Health Sciences	\$500	Howell Liu
School of Transportation, Construction, and the Environment	\$500	Tyler Farley

BURSARY	VALUE	RECIPIENTS
BCIT Legacy of Leadership Bursary	\$25,000	*
Sharing Costs Or Recognizing Excellence (SCORE) Endowment	\$2,360	7
BCITSA Bursaries (formerly known as Toon-In)	\$789	3
Student Society Emergency Aid Fund (\$5000 from the BCITSA matched with another \$5000 from the Ministry of Advanced Education)	\$10,000	17

*BCITSA's contribution to the BCIT Legacy of Leadership Bursary was dispersed among existing bursary funds and recipient numbers are unknown at current date.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MAY 31, 2014	2014	2013 restated
ASSETS		
Cash and other current assets	\$2,050,090	\$2,355,375
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,845,717	1,079,568
Assets under construction	39,730	519,605
Deferred charges	134,504	147,880
Prepaid rent	2,130,490	2,333,349
	\$6,200,531	\$6,435,822
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	\$1,214,955	\$1,299,338
Long term debt	1,731,329	1,840,032
	2,946,284	3,139,370
NET ASSETS, BY FUND BALANCES		
Capital Levy Fund	\$110,187	\$168,962
Medical Insurance Fund	598,160	517,399
Unrestricted	2,545,900	2,610,091
	3,254,247	3,296,452
	\$6,200,531	\$6,435,822

The financial information above has been compiled by the BCITSA and summarizes financial information from the draft audited Financial Statement for the year ended May 31, 2014. The finalization of the audit report by Smythe Ratcliffe Chartered Accountants LLP is subject to final approval of the draft financial statement by the board of Directors of BCITSA. 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 draft financial statements with explanatory notes which can be found at www.bcitsa.ca.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2014**

2014

2013
restated

STUDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND

Student medical fees collected

\$1,575,941

\$1,566,325

Medical insurance premiums paid

(1,384,001)

(1,410,362)

Expenses - wages, rent, G&A

(111,179)

(64,006)

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

\$80,761

\$91,957

CAPITAL LEVY FUND

Capital levy collected for student spaces

\$100,201

\$98,450

Contribution from Student Medical Insurance Fund

-

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Student spaces expenditures

(58,976)

(75,437)

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

\$41,225

\$23,013

OPERATING FUND

Business Revenues - Retail and Pub

\$2,729,127

\$2,691,225

Cost of sales

(1,362,986)

(1,367,145)

Wages, rent, G&A, amortization

(1,294,988)

(1,355,367)

NET BUSINESS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

71,153

(31,287)

OTHER REVENUES

Student fees collected

1,341,277

1,291,181

Capital levy collected - SE2 expansion

220,442

216,590

Childcare revenues

237,652

34,152

Other various revenues

466,023

448,729

Clubs - membership fees, fundraising, miscellaneous

142,051

107,839

2,407,445

2,098,491

TOTAL NET REVENUES

2,478,598

2,067,204

EXPENSES

Student governance

261,225

223,945

Program delivery - Student Services

540,235

499,360

Program delivery - Childcare

275,260

121,714

Administration

1,418,530

1,168,364

Club expenses

140,758

130,748

2,636,008

2,144,131

Operational Subtotal

(157,410)

(76,927)

Gain/(Loss) on investments and asset disposals

(6,781)

12,674

(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

\$(164, 191)

\$(64,253)

TOTAL EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

\$(42,205)

\$50,717

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