

SETTING THE PACE

2015/2016 Annual Report





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DYLAN SMITH

June of 2016 marked the close of yet another banner year for the BCIT Student Association (SA). Looking back at years past, there seems to be a trend developing – one of significant growth and expansion by the SA. This trend ultimately translates into many bigger and better things for the students of BCIT, and 2015-2016 certainly delivered.

The year began with a bit of an election flavour. We developed a new elections framework intended to strengthen the integrity of our elections process. The proposal was passed by membership at the November AGM. The fall months also marked another first for BCITSA as we pulled off a very successful awareness campaign for the 2015

Canadian Federal Election. The culmination of this campaign took the form of a debate between the candidates of the local Burnaby South riding, and was held on the Burnaby Campus in Telus Theatre in SE6. I believe that these events marked the start of the good work to come in this arena as we grow our external advocacy portfolio.

As the year progressed, we saw the implementation of the new electoral process and the introduction of a new representation model for the satellite campuses. This new structure will help to ensure that students at all satellite campuses are getting the representation they deserve and will help the SA better serve them through improved identification of student issues and needs.



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In January, students voted overwhelmingly in favour of continuing the U-Pass program. This vote sends a strong message that students still want access to affordable transportation alternatives. 2015-16 also saw the SA initiate talks to include part-time studies students in the U-Pass program; a goal that we will continue to work towards.

Picking up from where 2014-15 left off, the SA also organized the second annual TEDxBCIT. The event was very well received by attendees, with the theme ‘Think Again’ really striking a chord. Carrying this momentum forward, we look to pivot to develop a concept that is more accessible for students in future years, but this endeavour was a great learning opportunity and showcased our ability to execute events at a very high level.

The closing of the year also saw the revival of the Year-End Boat Cruise. The event was tremendous success that saw over 200 students take to the water to celebrate the culmination of another year of hard work as students at BCIT.

Reflecting on the last year, I am incredibly proud of all of the amazing things that the SA accomplished and even more so of the amazing hard-working group of students, volunteers, staff and student executives that made it all possible. It was an absolute privilege to work with them in service for the students of BCIT. I am looking forward to handing the reins over and to seeing what great things the SA has in store for BCIT students in the years to come.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CAROLINE GAGNON

The 2015-16 academic year saw the SA continue to push forward during our second year of the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. The SA benefited from the return of our President, Dylan Smith, and four additional members of our Executive Team. Under the leadership of this enthusiastic and experienced group, and with the welcome addition of new members, the stage was set for a very productive year, and it delivered.

Projects that had been slated for 2015-16 commenced as the year unfolded, with renovation continuing in SE2, in line with our plan to better serve the student community. The Uconnect closed its doors for the last time,

and was transformed into the very modern and student friendly SA Centre. With the completion of the new staircase and SA Centre, focus shifted to planning for the upcoming year with capital projects being high on the list of priorities. The main capital projects to be pushed forward included planning the renovation of the SA offices on the third floor, as well as a complete renovation and rebranding of the pub.

Additionally, new positions were filled: a Government Relations Specialist, a second Advocate to enable the SA to continue to support students, and of course the Entrepreneurial Services Manager.



"the bar continues to be raised, year after year, as the team continues to develop"

2015-16 had some challenges that our team rose to accept and overcome, and some significant wins that we could celebrate as a team. It would appear that our Student and Career Services team knows only one direction, and that is to continue to move forward and introduce new programming and options to cater to the diverse needs of the many students. The bar continues to be raised year after year, as the team continues to develop efficiencies and capitalize on opportunities across all five campuses.

As we have continued to develop our programming and services, we also strive to develop our communications efforts, branding, and best practices in order to achieve the high

level of service that our students deserve. While we are excited at the growth and achievements of the SA over the past year, we are cognisant that this is made possible through our staff and the culture we all enjoy daily. Our staff continue to work to provide service to our student members, while our Admin, Accounting, and HR departments all continue to work behind the scenes to pull it all together and allow us to operate smoothly and efficiently. This is all enforced by the strong and committed focus and leadership of our Board of Directors.

On behalf of the SA, I'd like to thank the 2015-16 Executive who helped us to move forward in our Strategic Vision, and I look forward to continuing this work with our new Board of Directors.

OVERVIEW and HIGHLIGHTS

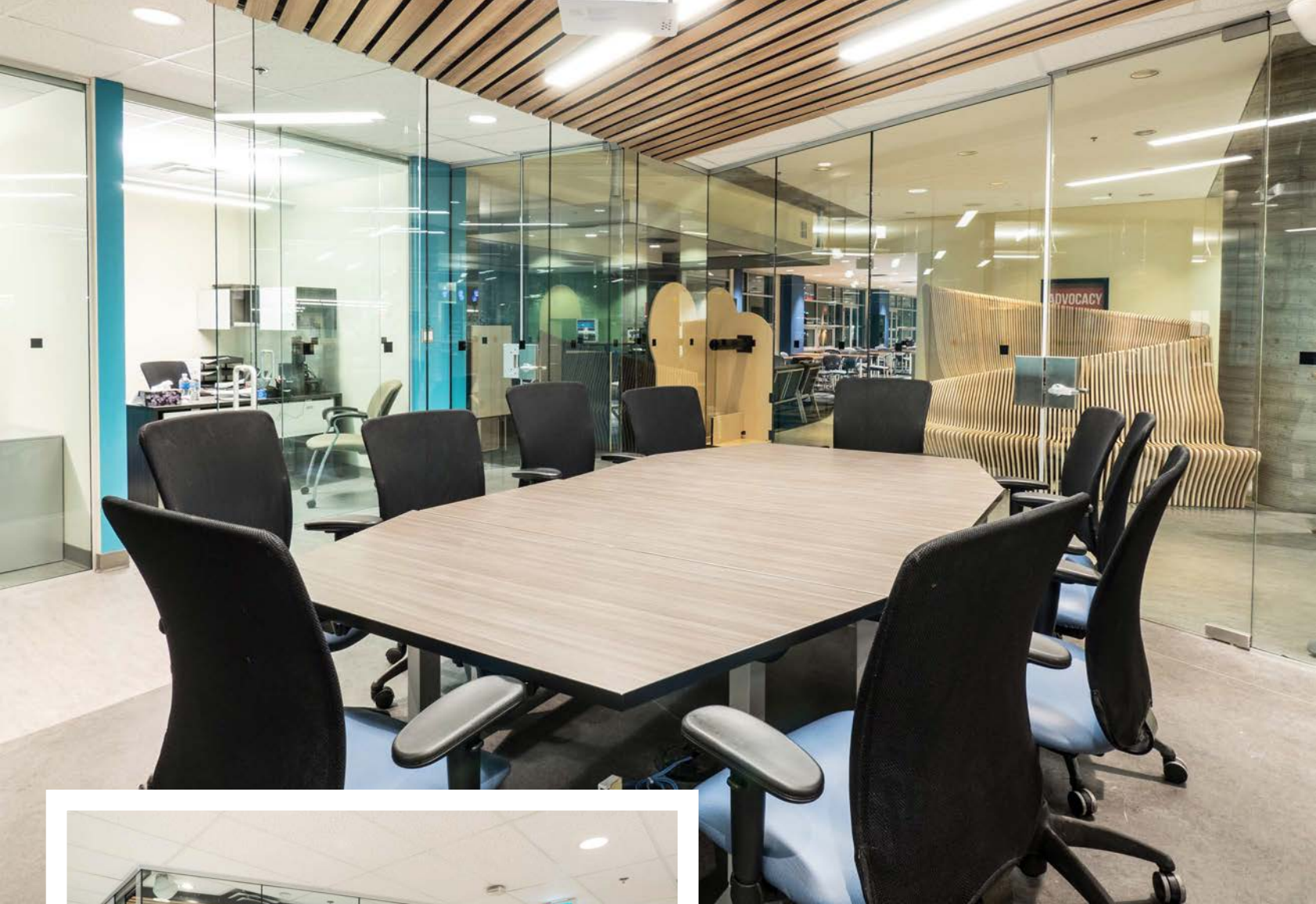
highly functional, modern beauty

Phase One of the third floor renovations was completed when the SA officially opened the new staircase that connects the second and third floor in the Great Hall, after much planning and a few revisions. These beautiful new stairs are not only highly functional, but also add a touch of modern beauty to the campus. The relocation of this staircase provided a welcoming new entrance to the third floor and allowed for the infill of the old staircase location, leaving a large footprint for the new foyer of the SA offices, slated for completion in the 2016-17 academic year.

Solitude from the busy student life at BCIT.

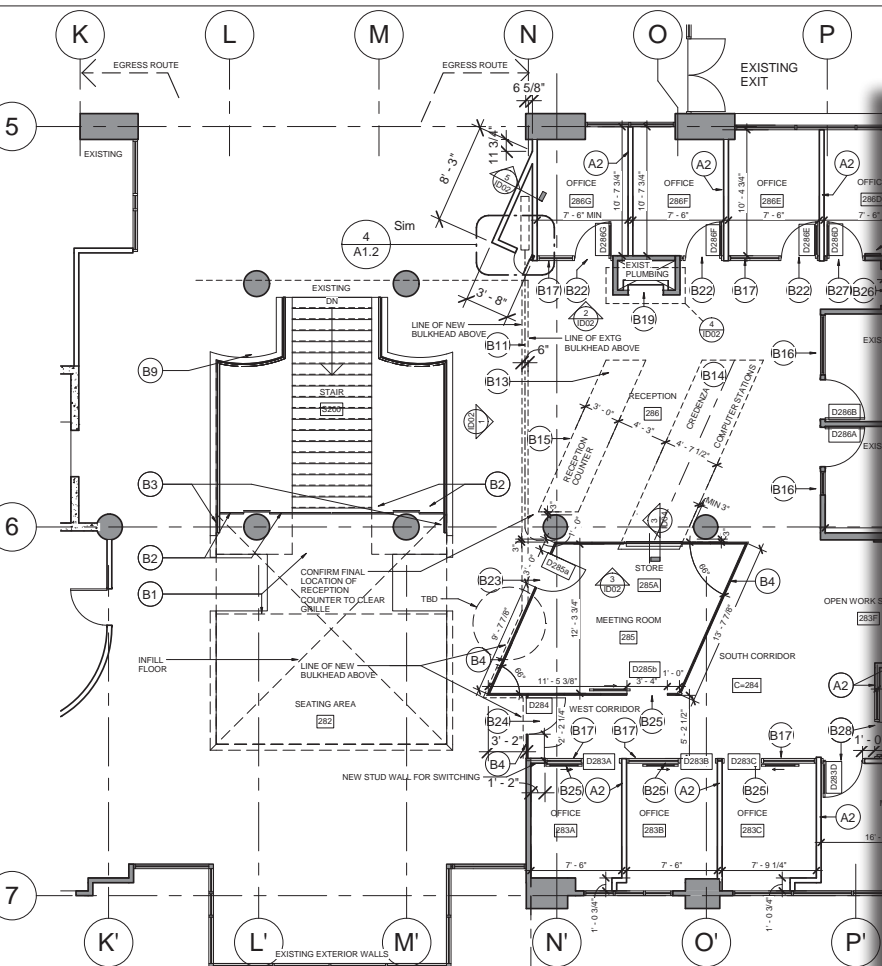
Based on student demand, a provision for a non-denominational prayer room was included in the previous referendum. This project was completed, along with the adjoining Ablution Room, both of which are located on the third floor. The room has been received very positively by students, and has seen use as a place for private contemplation and reflection; some solitude from the busy student life at BCIT.





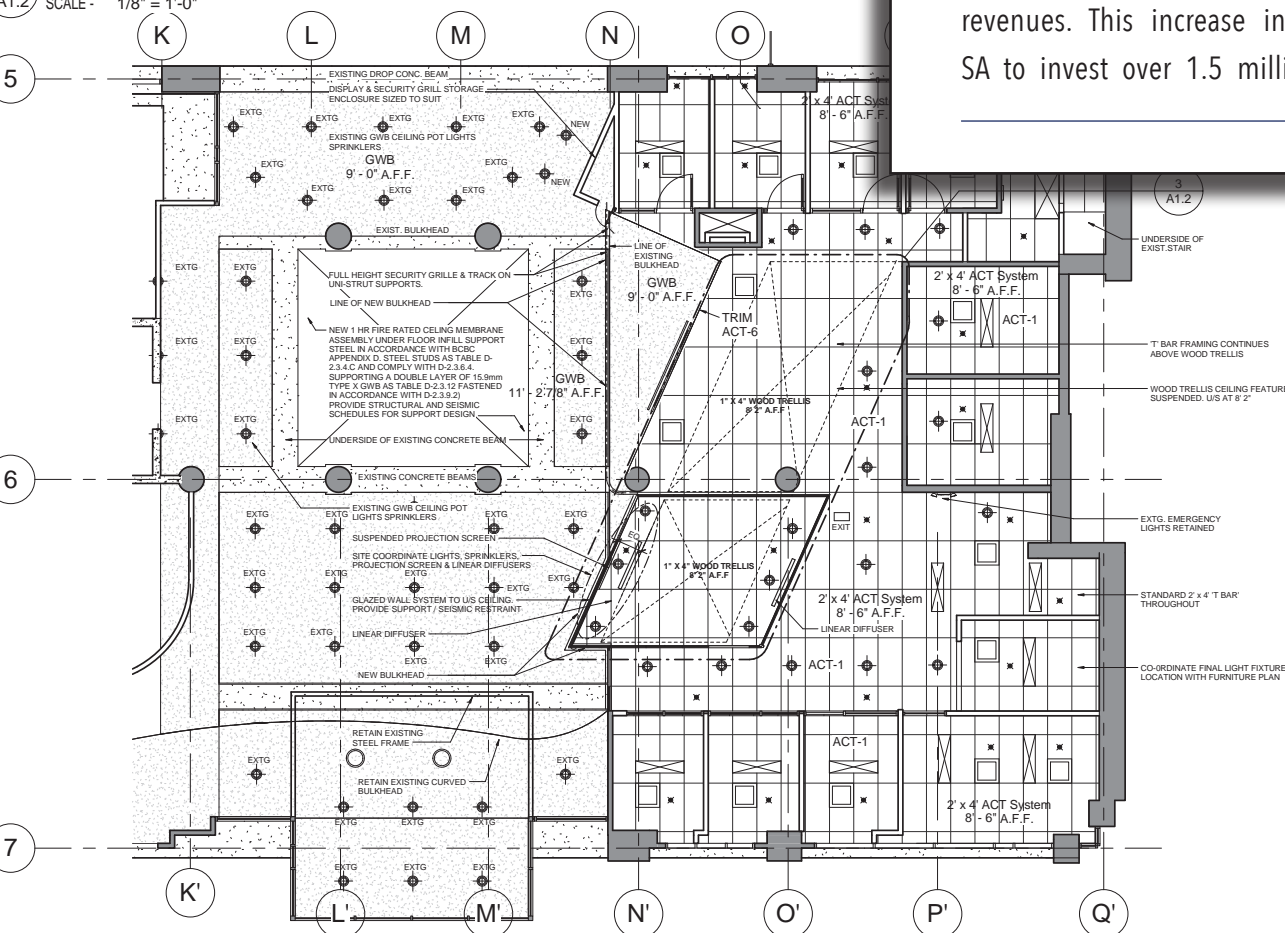
open for business

The other major renovation project completed was the very appealing and modern Student Association Centre, replacing its predecessor: Uconnect. The new Centre includes office space for Student and Career Services, a welcoming reception desk, as well as a job board for students. The Centre also includes a glass enclosed boardroom, with integrated A/V technology affectionately dubbed the 'fishbowl'. This space is ideal for staff and students alike, and has been heavily utilized since its completion.



PROPOSED 2ND FLOOR PLAN PHASE 3

SCALE - 1/8" = 1'-0"



PROPOSED 2ND FLOOR RCP PHASE 3

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Keynote Legend

A1 TYPICAL WALL - WIDTH TO MATCH EXISTING WALL OR OPENING OF RE-USED DOOR FRAME

evolving needs

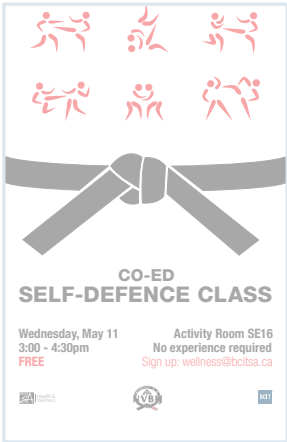
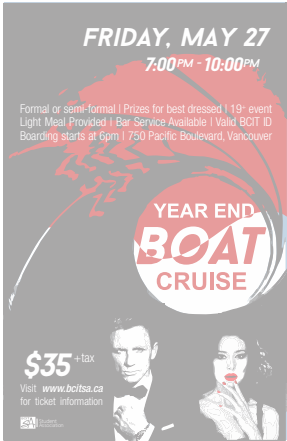
Other renovations at the SA included the relocation of Council Chambers to a newly constructed space on the third floor. The new Chambers include integrated audio-visual technology to accommodate the evolving needs of students, making this room ideal for council meetings and internal events.

All of these completed projects would not have been financially possible without the increase in student fees that was approved by the membership in the referendum on March 25, 2015. This change brought a big increase in student fees of 45% from 2.17 million to 3.15 million. The retail store group also saw an increase in revenues of 10.30% due to an ever evolving improvement to products and services. Campus Print & Copy also saw a 33% increase in revenues. This increase in revenues allowed the SA to invest over 1.5 million in the organization.



early wins

In addition to new resources and offices, the SA also saw the addition of some new positions. Our Advocacy team grew with one new staff member to help assist with the increasing demand placed on our Advocates by students, which speaks to the high level of service and positive reputation for the program. For the first time in SA history, we also introduced a new External Advocacy position, with a mandate to represent the SA to Government and other regulatory bodies to help with our goal of enhancing student life at BCIT. This role saw some early wins, including pedestrian safety improvements at AIC, in collaboration with the Corporation of Delta and Translink. Additionally, this position enabled our Board of Directors to lead our own Advocacy Week in Victoria, which addressed issues with the provincial government relevant to our students.



colour & culture

2015-16 saw the successful launch of Health & Wellness-inspired events hosted in the pub, including Brush it Off (Paint Night at the Pub), in support of mental health on campus and adding some colour and culture to our roster of pub events. Old favourites such as Oktoberfest and St. Patrick's day were well attended and will continue into the future.

new offerings

Our retail locations – **The Stand** stores and **Geared Up** – continue to evolve to meet the needs of students, in both the offerings available, as well as the hours of operation. Geared Up showcased some new offerings as well. Ugly Christmas sweaters, branded glassware, program related custom apparel and other items were quite popular, which resulted in increased revenues.

Campus Print & Copy continues to offer a high level of service to students, as well as increasing the offerings ranging from large-format plots to personalized business cards. This has helped to further increase demand for this convenient student service for. Additionally, the SA has been able to achieve efficiencies through the utilization of Campus Print & Copy for most internal print requirements.

accessing ideas

Our **Publications** department had a busy year with the monthly *LINK* magazine issues, as well as an updated version of the annual student agenda. *LINK* continues to focus on student participation and professional development through both content submissions as well as student editor positions within the department. The magazine distribution points were reassessed throughout the year, resulting in a total of 25 locations across all five campuses receiving new magazine stands in order to be more accessible for students.



Our services offered through the SA Centre continue to thrive.

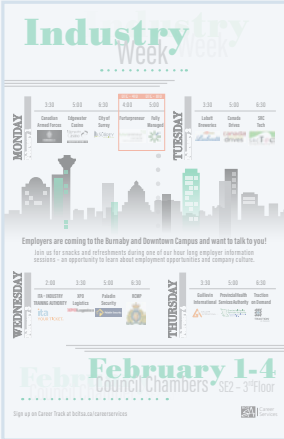
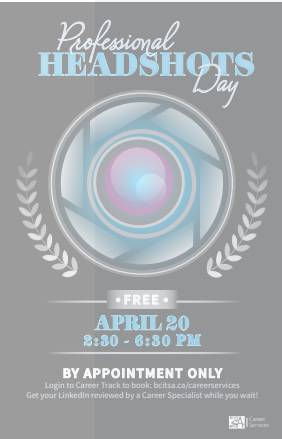
Health & Wellness programming reached over 3250 students through the various continuing programs such as Zen Lounge, Doggy De-Stress and Crash Course Cooking, to name a few. New programs such as the Student Breakfast Club, Fresh Fruit Fridays as well as some BCIT collaborative projects including the Nap Room and Self-Defence classes, were also offered.

Peak Leadership continued for another year in partnership with The Keg Spirit Foundation, and Mentorship expanded to include all academic programs at BCIT. This was reinforced with the addition of a variety of new seminars available to students, in what can be considered a successful year. 2015-16 also saw the revival of the Student Initiative Fund, which assisted over 50 students in their endeavour for professional development.

leaps and bounds

Career Services continue to move forward in leaps and bounds. Many great programs and services, such as the Career Workshops and Headshots event, expanded to better serve our satellite campuses in addition to increasing our offerings at the Burnaby Campus. Our Industry Days expanded in quantity, quality and reach, with just shy of 2000 students attending across the five events. We also saw the successful introduction of the new Industry Week series of events. The Career Services staff continue to attract leading industry employers and provide many opportunities for students to properly prepare for, and make connections relevant to, their education and career goals.

Planning was initiated for **Entrepreneurial Services**, with the hiring of staff to develop programming. This department and its services are scheduled to be available in the Fall of 2016. If Career Services is any indication of the SA's ability to provide relevant, professional and high quality service for students, then the bar has been raised quite high and the students and alumni of BCIT will certainly benefit in the years to come.





attracting investors

The past year also saw investment in various aspects of our technology infrastructure to better assist in communications with our members. This included updating the hardware for our digital displays in our retail outlets and SA Centre, allowing us a better mechanism for visibility of our ever growing services and events on campus.

Working closely with industry professionals to provide opportunities for our students is a critical tenet of our programing. Our staff continue to seek out and attract a very diverse range of highly reputable businesses and employers (ranging from the Canadian Armed Forces, Translink and The City of Surrey to name a few). Sponsorships are also indicative of our ability to attract and retain key industry partners, and during the 2015-16 year, the SA enjoyed continued partnerships with Destination Autogroup and ASTTBC, as well as forging new sponsorship arrangements with Steve Nash Fitness Clubs, Scotiabank, and Rona.

Thank you to our sponsors:



SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at May 31, 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets	\$1,608,872	\$2,210,638
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,185,343	1,668,817
Assets under Construction	232,007	417,337
Deferred charges	107,751	121,128
Prepaid Rent	1,724,682	1,927,586
	\$6,858,655	\$6,345,506
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	\$1,491,415	\$1,285,075
Long Term Debt	1,514,874	1,625,726
	3,006,289	2,910,801
NET ASSETS, BY FUND BALANCES		
Internally Restricted		
Capital Levy Fund	130,206	178,616
Medical Insurance fund	554,916	599,669
	685,122	778,285
Unrestricted	3,167,244	2,656,420
	3,852,366	3,434,705
	\$6,858,655	\$6,345,506

The financial information above has been compiled by the management of the Student Association of BCIT (BCITSA) and summarizes financial information from the draft audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2016. The BCITSA appointed auditors, Smythe LLP, CPA audited the Financial Statements and issued draft financial statements which are subject to final approval 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.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

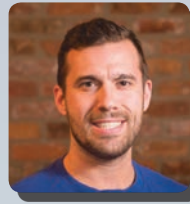
For the Year Ended May 31, 2016

	2016	2015
STUDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND		
Student medical fees collected	\$1,677,525	\$1,559,396
Medical insurance premiums paid	(1,550,625)	(1,385,185)
Expenses - Wages, Rent, G&A	(171,653)	(172,702)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	\$(44,753)	\$1,509
CAPITAL LEVY FUND		
Capital levy collected - Student Spaces	\$137,750	\$131,150
Expenditures - Student Spaces	(186,160)	(62,721)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	\$(48,410)	\$68,429
OPERATING FUND		
Business Revenues - Retail and Pub	\$3,059,413	\$2,843,223
Cost of Sales	(1,547,583)	(1,437,544)
Wages, Rent, G&A, Amortization	(1,530,314)	(1,480,750)
Net Business Surplus/(Loss)	(18,484)	(75,071)
Other Revenues		
Student Fees collected	3,140,774	2,170,553
Capital levy collected - SE2 Expansion	303,051	288,530
Childcare Revenues	278,536	278,283
Other Various Revenues - Net	510,034	455,496
Clubs - Membership Fees, Fundraising, Misc	182,922	149,621
	4,415,317	3,342,483
Total Net Revenues	4,396,833	3,267,412
Expenses		
Program Delivery - Student Services	561,607	483,063
Program Delivery - Advocacy Services	164,305	69,464
Program Delivery - Career Services	420,396	248,785
Program Delivery - Childcare Services	311,317	296,726
Student Governance	286,092	237,015
Administration	1,873,738	1,646,026
Club expenses	208,137	160,479
	3,825,592	3,141,558
Operational subtotal	571,241	125,854
Less Net Gain/(Loss) on asset disposal	(60,417)	(15,334)
Excess of Revenue of Expenses	\$510,824	\$110,520
Total Organizational Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$417,661	\$180,458

STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVES



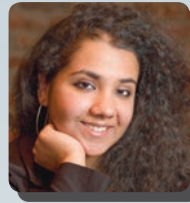
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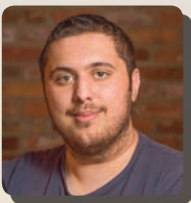
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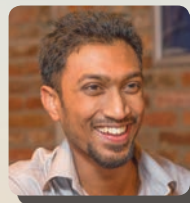
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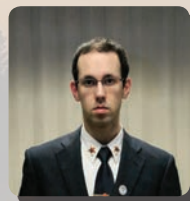
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