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Campus Events

This Calendar column is open for notices of events on all BCIT campuses. Submissions can be faxed to 431-7619, sent by campus mail or dropped off at *The Link* office in the SA Campus Centre (down the corridor between the video arcade and the SA copy centre)

Wednesday, April 25

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Saturday, April 28

Two day golf Lesson: second day. Contact the Rec & Athletics for info.

Ocean Kayaking. Contact the Rec & Athletics for info.

Tuesday, May 1

Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript for all Term B courses.

Electronic Engineering Technology: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript for all Term B courses.

Wednesday, May 2

BCIT Quinthalon. Contact the Rec & Athletics for info.

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Saturday, May 5

One Day Golf Lesson. Contact the Rec & Athletics for info.

Ocean Kayaking. Contact the Rec & Athletics for info.

May 7-11

Nursing All Levels: Exam Week

Monday, May 7

SA Council Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre (SE2). 5:30pm.

Tuesday, May 8

Technology Entry: Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).

Technology Entry: Last day to apply for course credit (exemption) or change status of registration to audit

Wednesday, May 9

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Thursday, May 10

Recreation Council Social.

Monday, May 14

SA Council Meeting-Special meeting to debate the revision of the SA constitution. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre (SE2). 5:30pm.

Wednesday, May 16

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Thursday, May 17

Rec & Athletics' Drop-in Program ends.

Friday, May 18

Group Fitness ends.

Monday, May 21

Victoria Day - BCIT closed.

May 22 - 25

Exam Week for most Technologies.

Saturday, June 2

Winter Term Technology Grades available on the BCIT website.

Wednesday, June 20

Spring Awards Ceremony.

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Students will lose out if they're not counted in on the Canada census

It is critical that we are all "counted in" in the National Census of Population, which will take place in May. This is especially true for students, who were the most undercounted segment of BC's population in the last census, in 1996.

Conducted every five years by Statistics Canada, the Census has a significant impact on students for a number of reasons.

Census information is used to determine federal transfer payments to the province which include funding for post-secondary education. For every person in

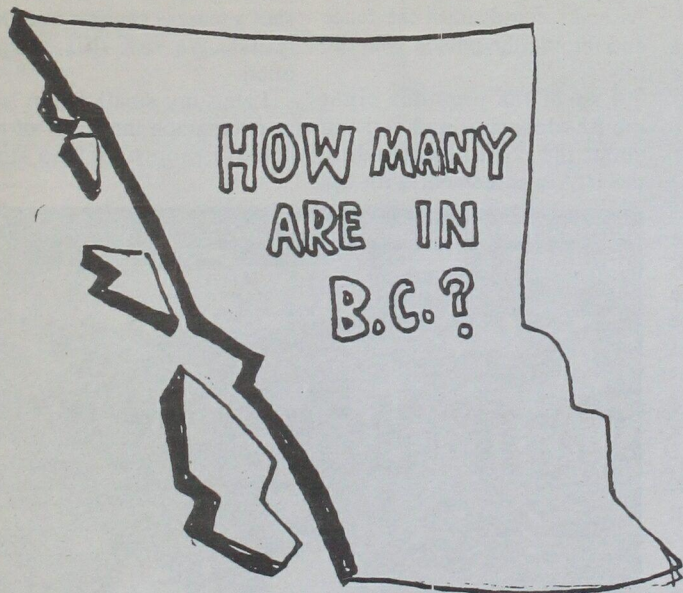
B.C. not counted in the Census, the province loses \$1,000 per person per year. This can add up to millions of dollars lost for sectors like education.

"For every person in B.C. not counted in the Census, the province loses \$1,000 per person per year."

The Census is also used to plan services used by students, including public transportation, housing, employment centres, and a range of community services.

For instructors and students, census data are the primary source of detailed socio-economic information on populations for both large and small geographic areas.

All students should be included on a census questionnaire, including students on visas. Students should ensure that they are counted on either a census questionnaire delivered to their residence, apartment or house, or on a questionnaire delivered to their parents' home, if that is their permanent address. All Census questionnaires should be completed and mailed in by May 15, 2001.



Proposal to eliminate parking passes opposed

SA Council Notes

Paul Dayson

SA director Caroline Gagnon informed council, at their meeting on April 23, of a proposal by BCIT's Parking Committee to eliminate monthly parking passes and have parking purchased solely through ticket machines on a daily basis. The proposal would also raise rates from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Gagnon said the committee was proposing to direct the additional funds in the short term towards improved lighting and security. In the long term, the committee is hoping to have a parkade built in which parking would be \$6.00 per day.

A large number of executives and councilors felt these proposals were unacceptable. While most did not object to the increase in parking rates nearly all who spoke felt monthly passes should continue to be available. Objections ranged from the discount provided by prepaying for a monthly pass to the convenience of not having to contend with lines for tickets and broken machines. The idea that the increase is a way for the administration to skirt the current provincial tuition freeze was also raised.

- BCIT student Megan Allen raised the idea of establishing a Women's Centre on campus. She said, it could provide support and services to female students, by providing them with a safe space, resources and workshops. Allen said, she had spoke to BCIT vice-president of Student Services Gerry Moss who, she said, while agreeing it was a good idea, directed her to approach the SA regarding space for such a centre.
- The revised version of the SA Constitution will be put to a vote by council at a specially scheduled meeting on Monday, May 14. It appears in full in this issue of *The Link* and will appear again in the next issue.
- SA president Brian MacNeil said, he had received no feedback from chairs and tech reps regarding the new four block exam schedule that was tried as a pilot project during the School of Business' spring exams and is now slated for expansion to the all technologies for final exams.
- The SA voted to increase the wages it pays under the government's Summer Career Placement Program from \$10 to \$12 per hour. In total, the SA employs six people during July and August under the program: the Campus Life coordinator to work on orientation, the vp of PR and Marketing to organize Shinerama, either the vp of Finance and Administration or the president as a special events coordinator, a summer staff member for *The Link*, and two students to work with support programs. The government pays the minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour for the positions, and the SA makes up the difference.
- Electronics/Electrical chair Damien Zamatta, reported some second year students are upset after learning that the program option they are enrolled in does not bridge to university. This despite a BCIT electronics program pamphlet that states all options do so.
- Council discussed a letter signed by a number of students expressing concern about the increases in honouraria for next year's executive that were approved in March. MacNeil said he would draft a reply to the student explaining the reasons behind the increase. Both letters appear in this issue of *The Link* on page 7.
- The SA passed a motion to send three executives and two staff members to the Congress of Canadian Student Associations in Calgary this summer at an estimated cost of \$6,000.
- Education Council student representative Chris Thomas informed council that at its last meeting EdCo unanimously passed a motion granting the SA an ex-officio (non-voting) seat on EdCo.
- The SA is looking for volunteers to work on the Alumni Association's 3rd Annual Phone-a-thon on May 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Downtown Campus call centre.
- First year student volunteers are needed for a BCIT student photo shoot. Volunteers would receive a \$50 honouraria and their photos would appear in publications such as the BCIT calendar and on program brochures.

The next SA council meeting will be held on Monday, May 7 at 5:30pm in the SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre. Another council meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 in the same location solely to debate the new constitution.

A Generation that Knows the Taste of Tear-Gas



One of the many tear gas canisters that littered Québec City's streets.

"The darkest and deepest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of moral crisis refuse to take a stand."
-Dante, The Divine Comedy

"We want to make sure that every citizen has an equal opportunity to live in dignity."
-Prime Minister Jean Chretien, from his address to the Summit delegates during the opening ceremonies.

I spent three days on the front lines immediately outside the controversial three-metre high security barrier in Québec City during the Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting. I drove with a group of friends from Toronto, and spent 15 hours each day running between the indie media station and the areas of direct action protest, known as the red zone. I wielded nothing but a camera and threw only ideas. I filed eyewitness accounts of the action for a conservative talk-radio station in Toronto. I have a journalism background and was aiming for objectivity with my words. This was impossible after what I'd seen and felt the previous days.

Teargas dodgeball

The chaos began Friday, when the wall came down fast. Tear gas suddenly provided ambience to the entire city. I breathed it for the first time, and gagged. I breathed it through my bandanna for most of the weekend and was myself gassed point-blank more than twenty times, carrying nothing but a water bottle, and often far away from violent clashes.

Most T.V. cameras stuck to the main action, and therefore only had one chapter of the story. I spent hours running

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along the perimeter, sometimes far away from violence, sometimes at ground zero.

The images of the green zones, supposedly designated (by protest groups) for peaceful protest, are unforgettable and an affront and an assault. A good friend, who came out from Victoria to peacefully protest, was gassed particularly bad early on, while we were watching the action from a parking lot, blocks away from the perimeter for a few moments of peace. She was already incapacitated, gagging and sobbing when police lobbed two more canisters into the parking lot, just to make sure we got the point. Blind and unable to move, she gripped my hand tight and was force to hold her face in a filthy snowdrift for several minutes while the second round of gas cleared. My face felt singed behind the barely effective children's swimming goggles and bandanna I was wearing. At this moment, I felt hatred. I wished I could storm the fence and throttle the person who did this.

I spent the previous eight months learning and writing about the issues surrounding the FTAA agreement with my

work in the student press. I had many opportunities to use my knowledge to engage people in the streets-protesters and locals-on the issues, and see what they felt. On one such occasion I stood well over 100 yards away from the wall with a group of seniors (including a woman well into her seventies) who'd driven from Maine to express their disapproval for the trade agreement. They said they wanted to lend grey haired credibility to the younger protesters, who are often stereotyped by the mainstream media as ragtag anarchists. We stood for a moment in disbelief as two tear gas canisters suddenly bounced into our midst. We scrambled away with eyes clenched tight around the corner of a building where fellow protesters calmed us and washed our eyes.

"This is what democracy looks like."

A friend took a photo sequence of a small unarmed group of protesters sitting on the street showing the peace sign. Police shot a teargas canister into their midst. We saw this happen often.

Later, my small group tried to photograph the arrest of two solitary protesters who stood

Protest marchers make their way through the streets.



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BACKGROUND

The following package represents the governing policies of the Student Association of the British Columbia Institute of Technology. The package contains several sections: Introduction, Constitution, Bylaws and Policies.

The backgrounder states the purpose of the document. It contains terms of reference to the above-mentioned elements of the student governance package.

The constitution outlines the guiding principles of the organization. It describes the fundamental characteristics of the BCIT SA and includes its statement in principle.

The By-laws of the Constitution describe the specific activities and responsibilities the organization should undertake in order to fulfill the mission set out in the Constitution.

Finally, the Policy Statements refer to the specific policy the BCIT SA must take in regards to the actions of members and/or affiliates. These policies shall be taken into account in following the procedures set out in the By-Laws, in the theme of fulfilling the mission set out in the Constitution.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following definitions shall be used in the interpretation of the attached By-Laws:

BCIT - shall refer to the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

BCIT SA - shall be the authorized identification abbreviation of the organization, Student Association - British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Council - shall refer to the BCIT SA student representatives acting as such, made up of 10 Executives and approximately 20 Councilors.

Executive - shall refer to the BCIT SA Executive acting as such.

Member - shall refer to any registered student at British Columbia Institute of Technology paying activity fees.

Quorum - shall mean the simple majority of sixty (60) percent of the Executive or Council members in attendance to officially conduct business.

Clubs - shall refer to clubs and societies that have been recognized by the BCIT SA pursuant to the procedures set out in by-law 15.

CONSTITUTION

- The name of the Society shall be the Student Association of the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Hereinafter referred to as the Association.
- The object of the Association shall be to promote, establish, and control a balanced program of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and to act as an agent in bringing student problems before the administration of the Institute.
- The operations of the Society are to be carried on chiefly at the British Columbia Institute of Technology at the district of Burnaby, in the province of British Columbia.

BYLAWS

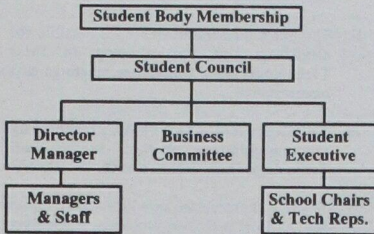
BYLAW 1 - MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall be comprised of active and honorary members.

- The active members shall be comprised of all students including full-time day students and career program students, who have paid the required student activity fee for the current year.
- The Honorary members shall be comprised of all persons upon whom honorary memberships may be conferred by the Association or its governing body. Honorary membership will be conferred upon those that have shown outstanding service to the Association.
- The rights and obligations of the members of the Association shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Association.
- All members shall be considered to be in good standing until:

- A member ceases to be a registered student of BCIT.
- Or by a resolution of a two-thirds majority of the Association's governing body.

BYLAW 2 - ORGANIZATION CHARTS



BY LAW 3 - GOVERNING BODY OF THE ASSOCIATION, MEMBERS & ELIGIBILITY

- The name of the governing body of the Association shall be the Student Association Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.
- Council members shall consist of the following elected and appointed representatives:
 - The elected members on Council shall consist of:
 - President
 - VP Student Affairs
 - VP Public Relations & Marketing
 - VP Administration & Finance
 - VP Campus Life
 - Chair of Business School and Health Sciences School
 - Chair of Electrical and Electronics School and Computer Information School
 - Chair of Transportation School and Construction School
 - Chair of Manufacturing and Mechanical School and Processing Energy and Natural Resources School
 - The appointed members on Council shall consist of:
 - Councilors from the Business School
 - Councilors from the Health Sciences School
 - Councilors from the Electrical & Electronics School
 - Councilors from the Computing and Information Technology School
 - Councilors from the Construction School
 - Councilors from the Transportation School
 - Councilors from the Manufacturing & Mechanical School
 - Councilors from the Processing, Energy & Natural Resources School
 - Councilors from the Trades School

Duties of Council shall be:

- Act as the governing body of the Association.
- Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and its Bylaws, the Council shall have full control of all activities under the Association, have the power to recommend amendments to the Bylaws by special resolution of its members concerning powers and duties of the Association, all officers, committees and clubs and shall have the power to prescribe matters of procedure which are not provided for in the Constitution, or in the Societies Act.
- To conduct all meetings of the Association according to Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.
- Receive, administer, and have audited all monies that may be placed in the custody of or may become the property of the Association.
- To oversee all services offered by the Association to its members.
- To be able to alter, modify, or set aside any action of officers, committees, or clubs to whom powers of which may have been conferred by the Constitution or any of its Bylaws.
- To review the student activity fee on an annual basis and if changes are recommended to follow the procedural guidelines as stated in

the Institute Act.

- Any Council Member shall be entitled to one vote on any motion coming before Council.

BYLAW 4 - DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- Duties of Councilors:**
The Councilors shall:
 - Review the student activity fee on an annual basis and if changes are recommended to follow the procedural guidelines as stated in the Institute Act.
 - Shall be entitled to vote on any motion coming before Council.
 - Provide direct communication between the Association Council and their respective Schools.
 - Assist other Council Members in the performance of their duties.
 - Sit on at least one Association or Institute committee as requested, and attend all Council meetings.
 - Receive a monthly honorarium.
 - Submit a reasonable request in writing to their Chairperson prior to a meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence from that meeting.
 - If a Councilor fails to be in full attendance at any two regularly scheduled meetings (per school term) without submitting a reasonable request in writing, and approved by their Chairperson, then their Chairperson shall have the right to replace them, and may have his/her honorarium revoked as per Bylaw 4.2.4
- Duties of Executives:**
The Executives shall:
 - Assume office on June 1st until May 31st of the following year.
 - Meet at the call of the Chair, six members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - Set an example for Council; therefore, they shall be in full attendance at all regularly scheduled Executive and Council meetings.
 - The Executive Member must submit a reasonable request in writing to the Chair prior to the meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence or early departure from the regular meeting, or be subject to an automatic 50% honorarium deduction for the next month. The Chair shall then submit the request to question. If the question is defeated by a majority of the voting members, the Controllor shall be authorized by the Chair to deduct 50% of the delinquent Executive Member's honorarium for the next month. The deduction shall be recorded in the minutes.
 - Be subject to any Bylaw, and or Regulations.
 - Exercise to one's best abilities all or any part of the powers, authorities and discretion's vested in the Council, save and except the power to enact Bylaws or to amend Bylaws enacted by the Council.
 - Allow for the employment during the summer months (June to August) of the following Executive Members:
 - President or VP, Finance & Administration
 - VP, Public Relations & Marketing (specifically to organize Shinerama)
 - VP, Campus Life (specifically to organize Orientation)
 - Be issued a copy of the Constitution by the Vice President Administration & Finance, by no later than April 30th of their elected year. The Executive shall be expected to have a working knowledge of the Constitution.
 - Executives shall, if possible, meet at least once per month over the summer.
 - Executives must meet one week before school begins (out of towners exempt).

- Executives must attend all Orientations as scheduled by the Association Director.

- It is expected that the Executive would curtail any extracurricular activities that interfere with Executive duties, or cause the Executive to fail to be in full attendance at all scheduled Executive and Council Meetings

The Duties of Executive Members of Council:

- The President of the Association shall:**
 - Preside at meetings of the Association Executive.
 - Act as ex-officio Member of all committees.
 - Perform all other duties of a President as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.
 - Present the Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting.
 - Make sure that the performance of the Executive Members is of the high quality expected, according to their duties outlined in this Constitution.
 - Have the power to recommend to the Executive that appropriate action be taken in cases where the Executive Member is not fulfilling his/her duties in accordance with this Constitution.
 - Sit on, or be represented on, all committees struck by the Association, Administration, Staff and Alumni where it is deemed of importance to students. If an invitation is not extended by outside groups to sit on such committees, it will be the President's duty to negotiate for such representation.
 - Be available to Executive membership and general population on a regular basis during accepted working hours.
 - Coordinate and assign all responsibilities to the Executive, the representatives, and appointees, as he/she deems necessary, except as defined in this Constitution.
 - Be the official spokesperson for the Association.
 - Liaise with Ministry and Government officials regarding issues, which affect BCIT.
 - Act as one of the student co-signatory's on the Association cheques.
- The Vice President Administration & Finance of the Association shall:
 - Assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.
 - Act as Parliamentarian at all Association, Council and Association Executive meetings.
 - Be responsible for arranging Council/Executive meetings and notifying the membership of such meetings.
 - Ensure that minutes are kept of all Association Council and Executive Meetings.
 - Be responsible for the reviewing of the minutes of all meetings under the jurisdiction of the Association for the purpose of ensuring that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association are not violated and they are kept up to date.
 - Preside as Chairperson of the Constitution Committee and Business Committee (See Bylaw 7).
 - Be responsible for assisting the Chairs in their responsibilities.
 - Be the Executive Member responsible for all Association employees. He/she will also be responsible to call special Executive meetings to deal with business, employees and/or management related issues.
 - Be responsible for the operations of the Association Committees and to provide any assistance to them that they may require.

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- x. Call for submission of budgets from all applicable Association departments as per Bylaw 12, for no later than the end of the last week in April.
 - xi. Prepare and submit to the Council for approval in May the budget of the Association for the ensuing year, and shall provide for any operating margin of at least five percent (5%).
 - xii. Obtain and evaluate a monthly financial report for each department and Association sponsored functions.
 - xiii. Be responsible for the closing of the fiscal year.
 - xiv. Read the Annual financial report at the Annual General Meeting.
 - xv. Be responsible for the disbursement of all funds.
 - xvi. Act as one of the student co-signatory's on Association cheques.
- 4.3.3 Vice President Public Relations & Marketing shall:**
- i. Be responsible for student organized events, fundraising and charities on and off campus and specifically responsible for Shinerama.
 - ii. Promote good public relations between the BCIT community, municipality, and industry.
 - iii. Be responsible for liaison with BCIT Alumni Association.
 - iv. Be responsible for organizing a fundraising event for the Student Assistance Fund.
 - v. Be responsible for any conferences to take place on and off campus, and should handle inquiries from other student unions in consultation with the Executive and/or Council.
 - vi. Must be informed of all off campus events put on by the Schools, Technologies, Clubs, etc.

- 4.3.4 Vice President Student Affairs shall:**
- i. Coordinate and provide assistance to all political, social, and school club activities and report to the Executive and/or Council.
 - ii. Liaise with the Administration on all matters affecting student life at BCIT.
 - iii. Be appointed as a member of the Institute Educational Council, attend their meetings and report back to the Student Executive and/or Council.
 - iv. Be appointed as a member of the Institute Harassment & Discrimination Committee. Attend their meetings and report back to the Student Executive and/or Council.
 - v. Be appointed the Association representative on the Ministry's student loan appeal committee.
 - vi. Act as the Association representative on the marks appeal committee(s).
 - vii. Act as an Ombudsman in dealing with student complaints and concerns.
 - viii. Be responsible for organizing Alcohol Awareness Week.

- 4.3.5 The Vice President Campus Life shall:**
- i. Work with the Director of Campus Recreation and Athletic Services to coordinate intramural sports, clubs, and activities and report back to Executive and/or Council.
 - ii. Meet with the Campus Recreation Committee at least once a month and keep minutes of such meetings, and report back to council.
 - iii. Keep students informed, through representatives of sports programs, timetables, etc.
 - iv. Serve as Orientation Coordinator for the September intake.

4.3.6 Chairperson of the Business School and Health Sciences School
 Chairperson of Electrical & Electronics School and Computer Information School

Chairperson of Transportation School and Construction School
 Chairperson of Manufacturing and Mechanical School and Processing, Energy and Natural Resources School shall:

Each position will be responsible for:

- i. Conducting elections for the first year Technology Representatives by the end of September.
- ii. Holding and chairing Technology Committee meetings at least once a month.
- iii. Coordinating and assigning responsibilities to the Technology Committee as he/she sees fit.
- iv. Acting as a liaison between the Executive and their respective School.
- v. Expressing the viewpoint of the Schools at Student Executive or Council meetings.
- vi. Providing direction to Technologies in the following areas:
 - a. Instructor difficulties
 - b. Access to Administration
 - c. Access to Student Executives
- vii. Soliciting and appointing Councilors from the student body of their respective School and submitting the list of Councilors to the Vice President, Finance & Administration by the end of September.
- viii. The Councilors shall consist equally of 1st and 2nd year students.
- ix. In the event of an uneven number of Councilors, the Chairperson of that School shall decide if the "extra" person will be from the 1st or 2nd year.

4.3.7 The Chairperson for the Trades will be responsible for:

- i. Holding and chairing Trade Committee meetings at least once a month.
- ii. Coordinating and assigning responsibilities to the Trade Committee as he/she sees fit.
- iii. Acting as a liaison between the Executive and their respective School.
- iv. Expressing the viewpoint of the Schools at Student Executive or Council meetings.
- v. Providing direction to Trades in following areas:
 - a. Instructor difficulties
 - b. Access to administration
 - c. Access to Student Executives
- vi. Soliciting and appointing Councilors from the student body of their respective School and submitting the list of Councilors to the Vice President, Finance & Administration by the end of September.
- vii. Working with other Chairpersons on all issues having to do with Trade students:
 - a. Health and Safety issues
 - b. Harassment & Discrimination

BYLAW 5 - TECHNOLOGY AND TRADES REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 Technology and Trades Committee

- 5.1.1** One Committee will be formed for each technology and each trade:
- i. The committee will consist of:
 - a. All members in good standing
 - b. Technology Representatives or Trade Representatives
 - c. Set Representatives
 - d. Recreation & Athletic Representatives
 - ii. Shall be chaired by a second year Technology Representative or a Trade Representative (if applicable).
 - iii. Shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, but at least once a month.
 - iv. Shall select a second year student(s) to sit on Advisory Committees.
 - v. Representation to the Executive shall be made through the office of the Chairperson of the School.

5.1.2 Duties of the Set Representatives:

- i. One representative shall be selected from each set or trade by their peers.
- ii. The Set Representatives reports to the Technology/Trade Representative.
- iii. The Set Representatives will fulfill duties as designated by the Technology/Trade Representative.
- iv. The Set Representatives are responsible for attending and participating in their Technology/Trade Committee meetings as a representative.
- v. Set Representatives shall present any recommendations of their set to their Technology/Trade Representative.
- vi. The Set Representatives will verbally report any pertinent activities, problems, resolutions, etc. to the perspective student bodies.
- vii. The Set Representatives shall establish and maintain communications between the student body, Council, Technology or Trades Representatives.

5.3.3 Duties of the Technology Representatives and Trades Representatives:

- i. Reports to the Chairperson of the School.
- ii. Responsible for attending and participating in their School meetings as a representative of their Technology or Trade.
- iii. Responsible for retaining minutes of the School to the meetings to pass on to the incoming Representative.
- iv. Verbally report technology and trade activities at their Technology meetings.
- v. Present any recommendations from their Technology or Trade Committee to their School.
- vi. Fulfill duties as designated by the Chairperson of their School.
- vii. To inform their student body of upcoming activities sponsored by their School and the Association.
- viii. Establish and maintain communications between their student body, Technology or Trade Committee, respective School and Faculty.
- ix. Provide direction to the student body in the following areas:
 - a. Instructor difficulties
 - b. Access to Student Executive
 - c. Access to Administration
 - d. Access to Deans
- x. Make himself/herself available to the Technology or Trade Committee and student body as a resource person.
- xi. To ensure the election of Set Representatives in the Technologies by the end of September.
- xii. Conduct elections for the incoming second year Technology Representative.

BYLAW 6 - MEETINGS

- 6.1** Attendance at meetings:
- 6.1.1** Councilors must submit a reasonable request in writing to their Chairperson prior to a meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence from that meeting.
- 6.1.2** Council quorum shall not be less than sixty-five (65) percent of total Council membership; if Council quorum is not met, then the meeting will be considered an Executive Meeting as long as a majority of sixty (60) percent of Executives are in attendance.
- 6.1.3** The Executive Member must submit a reasonable request in writing to the Chair prior to the meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence or early departure from the regular meeting, or be subject to an automatic fifty (50) percent honorarium deduction for the next month. The Chair shall then submit the request to question. If the question is defeated by a majority of the voting members, the Controller shall be authorized by the Chair to deduct 50% of the delinquent Executive Member's

honorarium for the next month. The deduction shall be recorded in the minutes.

6.2 Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings of the Association:

- 6.2.1** The Association shall hold one Annual General Meeting, which will be held either in October or November.
- i. Not less than fourteen (14) days notice of the Annual General Meeting specifying the date, place, hour of the meeting and signed by the Vice President, Administration & Finance of the Association shall be given by posting such notice on notice boards and by publishing such notice in the Official Association newspaper. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be closed and pre-determined by Council.
 - ii. At the Annual General Meeting the Vice President of Administration & Finance shall read a report on the audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year and announce the appointment of the auditors for the current year. The President shall make a report on the Association activities for the current fiscal year.

6.2.2 Special General Meetings:

- i. Not less than fourteen (14) days notice of a Special General Meeting specifying the place, the day, the time of the meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting, shall be given by posting the same on notice boards. Such notice shall be signed by the Vice President, Administration and Finance, provided that, the Council always may, be resolution, from time to time provide such other manner of giving notice, as it may deem good and sufficient.
- ii. Shall be called by the President
 - a. Upon the request by Council or,
 - b. Upon a written request duly signed by thirty (30) Members of the Association and approved by the Council or,
 - c. Upon a written request duly signed (with student ID numbers) by ten (10) percent of the members of the Association, without approval of Council.
- iii. Such Special General Meetings shall be held within three weeks of approval by Council or membership
- iv. At these Special General Meetings, no business may be discussed or transacted except that for which the meeting has been called. All questions brought to vote will be pre-determined by the Council and posted in the Association newspaper.
- v. At these Special General Meetings the President of the Association will be the Chairperson.

6.3.3 Active Members only may vote at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Association. Honorary Members may not vote but may participate in discussion. Voting by proxy at meetings of the Association shall not be allowed. The show of hands shall be used at all meetings of the Association. An active Member of the Association shall perform voting by secret ballot at a meeting on specific request. This request must be upheld by a majority vote.

- 6.3.4** Never less than ten (10) percent of the members of the active membership of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any Special General Meeting of the Association. A decision of the Association may be brought about by a majority vote of the active Members present, unless as otherwise stipulated in the Constitution and its Bylaws.

BYLAW 7 - BUSINESS / SERVICES COMMITTEE

7.1 The following outlines the Businesses of the Association:

- 7.1.1** The Association recognizes the importance of its businesses and the employees and therefore includes these bylaws to help govern the businesses and its relationships within the Association.
- 7.1.2** The Policy and Procedures Manual shall govern the management and non-management employees of the Association.

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7.1.3 The Policy and Procedures manual should come up for revision on a yearly basis by the Policy and Procedures Manual Committee.

7.1.4 The Director has an employment contract, which comes up for automatic revision every three (3) years.

7.1.5 Following the organization chart (see Bylaw 2) included in this constitution, all employees report to their immediate manager, the Director and/or the Vice President, Finance & Administration.

7.2 The following outlines the Business Committee:

7.2.1 The objective of this bylaw is to officially spell out the line of authority between the Association and the Council of the Association.

7.2.2 The Vice President Finance & Administration, shall chair the Business Committee.

7.2.3 The Business Committee shall be the only official body to contact the Managers of the Association and shall be the contact through which the Managers officially contact the Association.

7.2.4 The committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis (every two weeks) to discuss any business related problems/opportunities. At which time, necessary policies or actions will take place by the Committee or the most appropriate member.

7.2.5 The Committee shall work by co-operation and consensus and not by vote, and when a resolution cannot be made at the Business Committee level, the Council should be asked to make the necessary decisions.

7.2.6 The Vice President Administration and Finance, and/or the Director, will report at Council Meetings, any appropriate information.

7.2.7 The Committee shall be made up of the Vice President Administration and Finance as the Chairperson, the Director, and two council members as designated by the Chairperson.

BYLAW 8 - MARKETING COMMITTEE

8.1 The following outlines the Marketing Committee:

8.1.1 The objective of this bylaw is to officially spell out the line of authority between the Association Marketing committee, the Business Committee and the Council of the Association.

8.1.2 The Marketing Committee shall create the marketing strategies of the businesses and services of the Association and oversee their implication.

8.1.3 The Marketing Committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis (every two weeks) to discuss the marketing of the Association and its related businesses. At which time, necessary policies or actions will take place by the Marketing Committee or the most appropriate member.

8.1.4 The Committee shall work by co-operation and consensus and not by vote, and when a resolution cannot be made at the Marketing Committee level, the Council should be asked to make the necessary decisions.

8.1.5 The Vice President Public Relations and Marketing, and/or the Director, will report at Council Meetings, any appropriate information.

8.1.6 The Marketing Committee shall be made up of the Vice President Public Relations and Marketing as the Chairperson, the Director, and two council members as designated by the Chairperson.

BYLAW 9 - ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

9.1 Elections

9.1.1 The elections of the Association Executives shall be initiated by the last school week of March.

9.1.2 The Vice President, Administration and Finance shall serve as the Chief Returning Officer, hereinafter referred to as the C.R.O.

and shall be responsible for the administration and conduct of the elections; a decision by the C.R.O. concerning the interpretation of the electoral Bylaws shall be considered final;

9.1.3 The C.R.O. shall appoint the following to assist in conducting of the elections;

- Deputy Returning Officer
- Polling Clerks
- Other officers as deemed necessary

9.1.4 The Notice of Elections shall be posted at least two (2) weeks prior to the opening date for nominations in the official Association newspaper;

i. The date of the elections and the hours during which the polls will be open.

ii. The location(s) of the polls.

iii. The opening and closing dates for nominations, where the nomination forms may be obtained and to whom they must be submitted.

iv. The positions of the Executive for which nominations are being called.

v. The date and location of a general meeting of the members of the Association for the purpose of hearing campaign speeches.

vi. The election shall be secret ballot, with only active members being eligible to vote.

vii. The candidate who receives the largest number of valid votes shall be declared elected.

9.2 Nominations

9.2.1. All nominees must be members in good standing of the Association with a minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) previous term standing, and an approved form letter of recommendation from the Department Head of the nominee in question.

9.2.2. Nominations must be submitted to the C.R.O. on the form provided for this purpose. The nomination shall be considered invalid unless the information called for is complete in all respects, (printed or type-written) to with:

- a. Name of the nominee
- b. Position on Executive which the nominee will contest
- c. Signature of a least fifteen (15) members of the Association in good standing of which one must be incumbent of the office in question and the candidate's department head
- d. Signatures of Nominee and Campaign Manager
- e. Date of nomination
- f. A copy of tuition fee receipt for the current term
- g. A copy of transcript from the previous term

9.2.3. Any member of the Association may sponsor only one (1) candidate for each office except the incumbent of the office in question. Signing a nomination form shall not be considered a pledge of support in the ensuing campaign, except for the Campaign Manager, who has stated their intentions.

9.2.4. A Candidate wishing to withdraw must do so no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the opening of the polls by tendering his withdrawal, in writing, personally, or through their Campaign Manager, to the C.R.O. at the offices of the Association.

9.2.5. If he/she was the sole candidate for the office in question, the office shall be left off the ballot and a special election shall be held no earlier than two weeks following the general election.

9.3 Elected Executive posts shall be as follows:

- a. President
- b. Vice President Administration & Finance
- c. Vice President Public Relations & Marketing
- d. Vice President Student Affairs
- e. Vice President Campus Life
- f. Chairperson of the Business School and the Health Sciences School
- g. Chairperson of Electrical and Electronics School and Computer Information School
- h. Chairperson of Transportation School and Construction School
- i. Chairperson of Manufacturing and Mechanical School and Processing, Energy and Renewable Resources School

9.4 Any member of the Association is eligible to run for any Executive or Council position if, and only if, they are attending a full time program with a minimum course load of 60%, or 40% for those students who have a disability as assessed by the BCIT Disability Resource Centre, for a minimum of 75% of the term of office and they are willing to make a commitment to fulfill their Executive duties until the term of office has expired.

9.5 Campaigning

9.5.1 The last full week plus the school days prior to elections shall be designed by the Vice President, Administration & Finance as "Campaign Week". No manner of campaigning shall commence until 5:30pm on the day prior to the first day of balloting.

9.5.2 The use of lewd, indecent, or suggestive material, or the defamation of campaign materials, irrespective of the form they may take is prohibited. A candidate using such materials or acting in such a manner shall be disqualified upon the decision of the C.R.O. and shall not be eligible to run for office in the Association for the full academic year subsequent to the offense.

9.5.3 Each candidate for office shall be required to obtain the services of a Campaign Manager. Candidate and Campaign Manager shall be jointly responsible for the campaign.

9.5.4 Campaign speeches of a spontaneous nature may be made at any location either by the candidate or the Campaign Manager on their candidate's behalf. The speaking time allowed to each candidate at the Campaign speeches in the Great Hall shall be determined by the time allotted by the C.R.O. for the meeting.

9.5.5 The campaign expenses incurred by any one candidate must not exceed seventy-five (75) dollars. The use of club funds or Association funds is prohibited. All campaign expenditures are to be accounted and submitted to the C.R.O. after the date of the elections.

9.5.6 All campaign material shall be printed on either recycled or reused paper. All campaign materials must be taken down from all buildings by 5:30pm on the day of school prior to the first day of balloting.

9.7 Polls and Voting Procedures

9.6.1 The elections shall be by secret ballot and a single "X" shall be the system of voting employed. This procedure will be posted on each ballot slip.

9.6.2 Candidates will be identified on the ballots in random order.

9.6.3 The Polling Clerks shall present the ballot for inspection. The Deputy Returning Officer or Chief Returning Officer shall inspect the ballot boxes before and after the casting of ballots.

9.6.4 The ballot boxes shall be constituted of metal or wood, and shall be equipped with a lock and an appropriate seal.

9.6.5 Each voter must satisfy the C.R.O. that he/she is a member of the Association. Each member of the Association shall have one vote only. The voter shall mark the ballot, fold it, and place it in the ballot box him or herself.

9.6.6 A voter who inadvertently spoils their ballot shall return it to the Polling Clerk in exchange for a new ballot. The clerk shall immediately destroy the spoiled ballot.

9.6.7 While voting is in progress, access to the polls shall be limited to the following:

- i. Chief Returning Officer
- ii. Deputy Returning Officer
- iii. Polling Clerk
- iv. Staff Advisors to the C.R.O.

9.6.8 Official polling hours will be 8:30am or 4:00pm or as otherwise set by the C.R.O.

9.7 Counting Procedures

9.7.1 Immediately following the final closing of the polls, the Deputy Returning Officer shall convey the ballot boxes to the area wherein the counting of ballots is to take place. The C.R.O. will personally unlock and unseal the boxes.

9.7.2 The C.R.O. shall decide on the validity of all

ballots and once a ballot has been declared invalid, it shall remain as such. Ballots shall be declared invalid for the following reasons:

- i. If any mark other than "X" is used to show choices.
- ii. If more than one candidate is marked for a single office being contested.

9.7.3 The following and no other shall be allowed inside the area and once inside no one will be allowed to leave until all ballots have been counted:

- i. Chief Returning Officer
- ii. Deputy Returning Officer
- iii. Polling Clerk
- iv. Campaign Managers
- v. Staff Advisors to the C.R.O.

All the above except the Campaign Managers shall participate in the counting of the ballots.

9.7.4 Results of the elections shall be made available to the members of the Association through:

- i. Posting on the Association bulletin board
- ii. A Public Service Announcement in the Association newspaper
- iii. Public Announcement after ballot counting is completed

9.8 Newly Elected Officers

9.8.1 The newly elected officers shall attend all regular meetings of the out-going Executive and Council and familiarize themselves with their new offices with the guidance and advice of the current office holders. They shall be entitled to participate in the deliberation of meetings but shall not be entitled to vote. The newly elected Executive must attend the entire Association Executive orientation as scheduled by the Director.

9.9 Chair of Trades

9.9.1 The Chair of Trades will not be an elected position. However, Council will appoint this position. This position will be open on a rotating basis and must be filled by a Trades Student only.

9.10 Councilors Section

9.10.1 The students of the eight Societies listed in Bylaw shall be represented on the Association Council according to the following method based on enrollment figures as of September 15th of that academic year:

9.10.2 Each School shall be represented by one Councilor from that School.

9.10.3 Each Councilor shall be selected by the School Chair and is responsible to them. It is intended that the selection of Councilors if possible reflect the make up of students within the School they are chosen from.

BYLAW 10 - CONDITIONS OF OFFICE & IMPEACHMENT

10.1 The officers of the Association shall be required to resign from office under the following conditions:

10.1.1 If the officer or officer elect fails to pass the academic term.

10.1.2 If the officer fails to be in full attendance at any two regularly scheduled meetings (per school term) of the Executive and Council without approval of the members.

10.1.3 If at any meeting of the Council, a vote of non-confidence is moved against an officer of the Association and the motion is carried by a two-thirds majority of those voting.

10.1.4 If an officer fails to fulfill his/her duties and the motion carried by two-thirds majority of those voting.

BYLAW 11 - REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

11.1 In the event of resignation, death or impeachment of any officer of the Association, the following procedures will be followed:

11.1.1 In the event of the resignation or impeachment of the President, the Vice President

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Administration & Finance shall assume the office of the President on a part-time basis, until the Council selects a new full-time President. This must be by two-thirds majority of Council and the selection should be made within one month of the office becoming vacant.

11.1.2 In the event of the resignation of the Vice President Administration & Finance, or their being selected to the office of President, a new Vice President Administration & Finance shall be elected by the Council from the members of the Council.

11.1.3 In the event of the resignation of the Vice President Public Relations & Marketing, the Vice President Student Affairs, or the Vice President Campus Life, the Council shall elect a successor from the members of Council.

11.1.4 In the event of the resignation of any other officer, a successor shall be elected according to the following priority

- i By and from the Councilors of the Schools directly associated with the office in question
- ii By the Council

11.1.5 In the event that a successor cannot be found from the members of Council, then the position will be appointed from the student body and be appointed by the members of Council.

BYLAW 12 - FUNDS

12.1 The funds of the Association shall consist of the following:

12.1.1 All fees for admission to the Association are to be collected by the VP Finance of BCIT at the time of payment of fees.

12.1.2 All monies received by the organizations (defined as business operations, Council Members, and representatives) as a result of the Association sponsored activities and Association operated business ventures.

12.2 Disbursements of the funds of the Association:

12.2.2 The organizations under the Association after gaining permission from the Council, may spend the amount budgeted to them by the Association fees and all monies realized by them as a result of the Association sponsored activities and shall be approved by Council or Executive motion.

12.2.3 Monies to be spent in excess of approved budget limits must be approved by the Executive and reported to Council. Monies spent on operating the business ventures must be of the normal operating expenses; capital or fixed asset spending for the ventures in excess of \$200.00 in cost, must be approved by the Business Committee or Executive and reported to Council.

12.2.4 Disbursements shall be in the form of cheques drawn on the Association approved bank account; two signatures must be on each cheque. One signature as listed below:

1. Vice President Finance & Administration
2. President

And the other signature from:

1. Director
2. Contoller

12.2.5 There must always be a sinking fund of at least \$150,000.00 held in investments or in a saving account at the Association's bank account.

BYLAW 13 - AUDITORS

13.1 The auditors of the Association shall be appointed by the Council as recommended by the Vice President Finance & Administration, and shall be paid such remuneration, as the Council shall determine. The Association membership shall be informed of the appointment at the Annual General Meeting.

13.2 The auditors of the Association shall have the right of access at all times to all books and records of the Association and all subsidiary organizations. They shall be entitled to require from any and all members and officers of the Association or any subsidiary all explanation as may be necessary, for performing their duties as auditors.

13.3 The auditors shall make an annual report for the year ending June 30th, to the members of the Association, and the report shall include:

13.3.1 Whether or not they have obtained all the information and explanation they have required.

13.3.2 Whether in their opinion the balance sheet referred to in the report, if properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association according to the best of their information, the explanations given to them, and shown by the books of the Association and GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

BYLAW 14 - BORROWING AND LENDING POWERS

14.1 Borrowing

14.1.1 Subject to the provisions contained in the Societies Act of British Columbia, the Council may for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the Association, borrow, raise or secure the repayment of such sum or sums of money in such manner and upon such conditions and terms in all respects as the Association may by resolution prescribe, and in particular by the issue of bonds, perpetual or redeemable debentures, or any mortgage, charge, or other security on the whole or in part of the property or assets of the Association, both present and future, including all fees or membership dues now or hereafter due or payable.

14.2 Salary Advances

14.2.1 Salary advances may be granted to employees and Executives for extraordinary reasons subject to the written approval of the Director and one Executive. The amount of the loan cannot exceed the value of all accrued sick and vacation time combined with one week of wages. An advance to an Executive may not be in excess of half the established monthly honorarium for any greater than a month period.

14.2.2 Advances to Employees may be granted up to two times a year.

BYLAW 15 - INSURANCE

15.1 The Association shall carry sufficient Third Party Liability Insurance, which a minimum \$5,000,000 (five million dollars) in respect of any injury sustained by any member or other person participating in any Association activity. This figure shall be reviewed each year at the budget meeting.

15.2 The Association shall take advantage of the Worker's Compensation Board's offering for its employees.

BYLAW 16 - SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS (CLUBS)

16.1 The Vice President Student Affairs shall oversee such subsidiary organizations (clubs) activities as their respective constitution may provide, and are approved by resolution of the Council.

16.2 The Constitution of the major subsidiary organizations and their sub organizations shall not contain provisions contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and shall be subject to approval of or amendment by Council of the Association. The activities of all such organizations shall comply with any regulations or resolutions made from time to time by the Association or the Council.

16.3 Any group of students proposing to form an organization or any purpose within the objectives of the Association shall first make application to the Vice President Student Affairs for permission to organize under the directorship and their constitution shall subsequently be ratified by the Council.

16.4 Student political and religious clubs may be organized under the Vice President Student Affairs to bear the name and to profess the policies of political parties or religious organizations (or comparable organizations) subject to the following regulations:

16.4.1 Such clubs shall in all respects be subject to the rules of the Association.

16.4.2 Except as specifically provided by resolution of the Council, such clubs shall not receive funds from any outside organizations without approval of Council.

16.4.3 No such club shall participate directly, or otherwise, in elections to any student offices outside the club itself and acceptance of any such support shall render any candidate for office ineligible.

16.4.4 The Association in no way will provide financial assistance for the political or religious clubs, or be liable in any way for the action of such clubs.

Note: Violation of any of the aforesaid regulations shall render the clubs concerned liable for suspension.

16.5 Each subsidiary student organization shall be so named as to indicate that it is a student organization under the Association and in no way purports to be separate.

16.6 Other than designed political clubs, no organization in the Association shall become or allow it to become an instrument in partisan politics.

16.6.1 Any such organization deemed by the Council to be or to have been improperly acting in interests of a political party (or comparable organization) shall be liable for suspension of its charter.

16.6.2 The Council may restore such charter only if and when the Council is satisfied that the organization concerned will service the purpose and only the purposes for which it was organized.

16.7 The Vice President Student Affairs, shall receive the annual reports of all subsidiary organizations of the Association twenty-one (21) days before the Association Annual General Meeting.

16.8 The financial reports of subsidiary organizations of the Association shall be received by the Vice President Student Affairs, who shall pass them into the Vice President Finance & Administration fourteen (14) days before the Association Annual General Meeting.

16.9 The proposed expenditures of the subsidiary organizations of the Association shall be received by the Vice President Student Affairs before the first week in May of the year prior to its implementation. A revised budget may be applied for no later than January 30th, and this estimate shall not exceed an increase of five percent (5%) of the May budget. Subsidiary organizations of the Association formed during the academic year may submit budgets to Council and through the Vice President Student Affairs, at the time of formation for approval.

16.10 If any subsidiary organization of the Association desires a purchase through its budget, a request for the article(s) desired shall be submitted to the Vice President Student Affairs whom shall review the request and disburse or not disburse the necessary funds.

16.11 Any member of the Executive shall have the right to access the minutes and reports of all subsidiary organizations of the Association.

16.12 All subsidiary organizations which propose to organize special functions, fundraising drives or appeals on or off the campus shall first secure the permission of the Council before organizing or conducting such functions, drives or appeals.

16.13 In the event of the loss incurred by subsidiary organizations in sponsoring such an event, the Association shall not be held liable for the loss.

BYLAW 17 - ADVERTISING

17.1 No publication or advertisements or forms of commercial enterprises whatsoever shall be printed or displayed or distributed and no member of the Association shall attempt to sell or dispose of any publications or advertisements or goods or services on campus of the Institute without first having secured permission of the Council, following the advertising agreement between the Institute and the Association.

BYLAW 18 - AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

18.1 Amendments may be initiated by:

18.1.1 Upon a written request duly signed by thirty (30) members of the Association and approved by the Council, or

18.1.2 Upon a written request duly signed by ten (10) percent of the members of the Association

18.2 The Council or Constitution Committee after receipt of such proposed amendments shall publish a supplementary in two consecutive issues of the Association newspaper, prior to the submission of the proposed amendments to the Council for review and ratification.

BYLAW 19 - SEAL OF ASSOCIATION

19.1 The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of the President or Vice President Administration & Finance, and then only by the authority of a resolution of the Council. The said officers shall witness every instrument on which the seal of the Association is affixed in their presence. The Seal of Association shall be kept in the custody of the Director.

BYLAW 20 - RECORDS

20.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Association, Council, and Executive shall be kept at the offices of the Association at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC.

20.2 The following books, records and documents only of the Association may be inspected by an active member in good standing of the Association at the Association's office between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm on any business day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, of the Association and only during the academic year of the British Columbia Institute of Technology:

20.2.1 Except as restricted by Bylaw 20.2.4, any annual or monthly financial statements of the Association, any report, letter, account, book, advice or other document or record, in printed or other form, which is in final and not draft form and which has been approved by resolution of the Council or the Executive for access thereto by such members

20.2.2 Adopted minutes of meetings of the Council

20.2.3 The Constitution and Bylaws of the Association; and

20.2.4 Contracts and agreements, to which the Association is a party, if access thereto by such members has been approved by resolution of the Council or the Executive, except that neither the council nor the Executive shall approve access thereto by such members if the contract or agreement:

- i. Relates to personal services provided by an individual to the Association;
- ii. Relates to a relationship of employer and employee between the Association and an individual; respectively; or
- iii. By its terms requires the Association to preserve its confidentiality in whole or in part.

20.3 The member wishing to inspect any books, records and documents of the Association pursuant to Bylaw 20.2 shall first make an appointment to do so in person at the offices of the Association, provided such appointment time is mutually and reasonably convenient for the attendance at such appointment of two members of the Executive; the Contoller or Director, and the member wishing to make such inspection.

BYLAW 21 - GENERAL POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

21.1 The Association shall have the power to make such regulations from time to time as it may deem necessary or advisable concerning the activities of the Council or any of its subsidiary organizations and to repeal, vary, alter, or amend the same in such a manner as it may seem fit. Such regulations shall be made by a resolution at Council or Executive meetings.

just inside the fence. The protesters had climbed the barrier and were standing ground, holding an anti-FTAA placard. Moments earlier and several times before we'd seen police use brutal force to arrest peaceful and unarmed protesters, particularly those who'd managed to climb the wall with their placards and peace signs. Huge armed and armored police pointed cannons at us point-blank through the fence and threatened us, telling us to stand back and put away the cameras. This was intimidating, especially given the witness reports we'd heard of the equipment malfunctioning and misfiring over the course of the day. Our fear froze the moment, only briefly.

With disbelief, I looked through my swimming goggles, through the chainlinks, into the eyes of police officers one metre away, as they lobbed several tear gas canisters over the fence, which exploded at our feet. I heard their chuckles and taunts as the three of us linked arms and blindly made our way to a safer space-crying, coughing, noses running, and stomachs heaving, we picked our way down the steep streets of Québec, thinking thoughts of democracy. We were not dressed in black, not carrying stones to throw and were all very well educated on the issues. We were trying to document on film police conduct we didn't believe was right. My friends and I couldn't see for 20 minutes. We couldn't touch our own faces because our hands were covered in gas residue. Fellow protesters rubbed antacids and rubbing alcohol on our burning faces to neutralize the gas. When our raw red eyes cleared of tears, we headed straight back to the fence, for more. We'd come a long way and felt we filled a niche here beyond that of marching and chanting slogans far away from the action.



Police Advancing with Riot shields and batons.

Violent/Nonviolent

I did not lob any rocks at police, but often stood nearby and washed the burning eyes of those who did. I refilled my water bottle at a nearby garden hose to wash more eyes and faces. I stood still in the sun and chatted with a middle-aged Quebecois man, wearing no protection for the gas clouds swirling around us. He told me in broken English that he was washing people's eyes as well. He said he couldn't stand to see the passionate young protesters suffer for standing up to this. For me this was pure and beautiful, and I shook his hand.

I felt solidarity with the enormous peaceful march, Saturday, yet experienced a glowing satisfaction every time I saw the people who had split from the union march to head to the front. I chanted and cheered with many people my parent's age in the red zone. They waved union flags, eyes squinted shut, chanting slogans at the gas-choked front lines, while police officers half their age shot canisters of gas and rubber bullets into their midst.

I do hold onto my mixed feelings about violent protest—though there were some moments I was tempted to lob whatever I could back at the police. I remember an incredible moment, when hundreds of protesters, filling an entire city block, sat in the streets metres away from the line of riot police. We sang songs while several people drummed on street signs and danced. The police decided to retreat on the condition that protesters wouldn't advance to the wall

again. For nearly an hour, the block was a peaceful swirl of colour and dancing. But the peace was broken suddenly as a cadre of the Black Bloc anarchists chose this moment to storm the empty CIBC Bank on the corner and break its windows. The action had a calculated precision and the group left the buildings on either side of the bank intact. Many protesters boo'd, and some even tried to physically restrain the black clad group. As the anarchists retreated, one turned back for a moment with a felt marker and wrote on the bank, "Banks don't bleed, protesters have." I agreed, and decided that, given the how directed, well-orchestrated and symbolic this action was, I supported it wholeheartedly.

Random acts

This is the point the media has missed entirely: the acts of violence enacted by the violent protest groups were far from random. After lobbing rocks through the windows of a Shell station, one of the Black Bloc spraypainted "Viva Saro Wiwa" on the station's sign. The anarchists left the neighbouring Esso station intact. Ken Saro Wiwa, is the Nigerian academic and activist who hung on trumped up murder charges in 1995, after his long campaign against Shell. Observers hold a widespread consensus that the trial and the sentencing was a farce and a smokescreen means of eliminating Wiwa, so Shell could keep drilling in Nigeria and greasing the palms of dodgy politicians. This was not a random act.

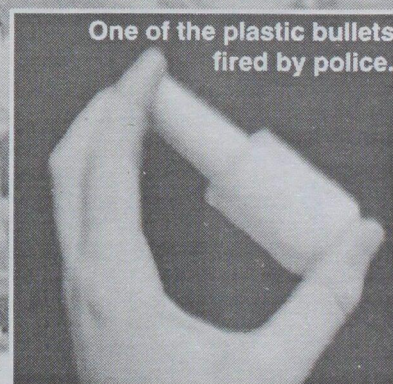
Said and done

My mother, typically conservative and apolitical, sat glued to the T.V. all weekend, learning much about the issues involved. She was appalled at my story, which I punched out in a quick e-mail Saturday night, of an innocent friend dragged off the street in front of me by police in an unmarked van during the peaceful labour march. (He was later interviewed from jail on CBC about the incident). The charge was "uttering death threats to a police officer," which, upon my soul, is entirely false.

My mother got into a heated discussion with a member of her church who said my friend probably deserved what he got. My friend-political yes, violent no—was doing nothing wrong at the time. He was wearing a motorcycle helmet, ski goggles, and a black hoodie, and chanting through a bullhorn—none of which are illegal in this country. His attire was more than appropriate given the random projectiles that hurtled through the air from both sides for hours the previous night, and the thick cloud of teargas that had already filled the city. We can only guess that he was targeted because his attire suggested that he may turn militant at any moment, or incite violence in others. The incident made a

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One of the plastic bullets fired by police.





The taste of teargas

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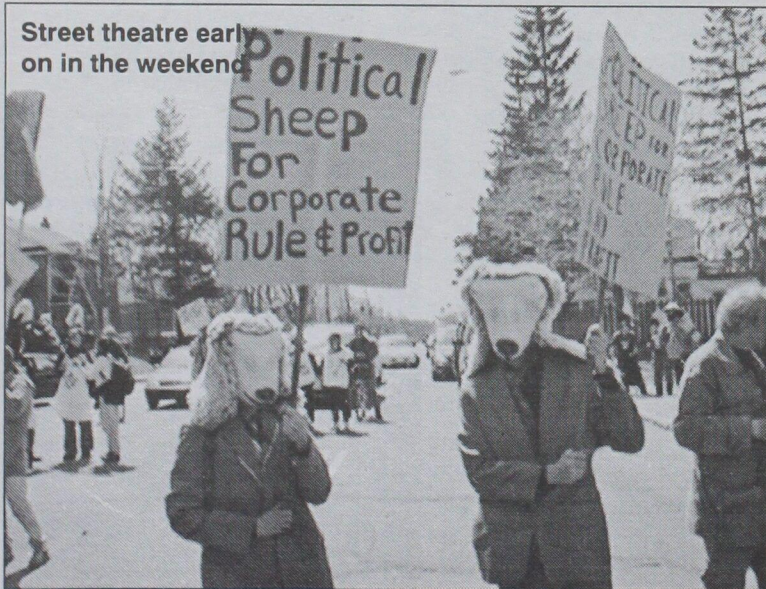
telling point: who's more to blame for this violence, the taxpayer-funded police and their dangerous arsenal, or the protesters fighting back, trying to have their small voice heard? Why should my friend, a passionate believer in socialism and opponent of capitalism, remain silent? Obviously, he dressed appropriately for the occasion, given the excessive teargas, and given the fact that six police armed with clubs forcefully abducted him from a public place, without warning or good reason.

This weekend did more to radicalize me than anything I have experienced. No longer will an affinity for used clothes, a refusal to eat fast food, a vegetarian lifestyle and a subscription to Adbusters suffice. I want to buy myself a gas mask, tear this world apart and rebuild from the roots with others of like-mind. After the teargas clouds clear and the fence comes down, here stands a radicalized genera-

tion, which is part of a population outraged by what they experienced in Québec or shocked by what they heard from those they know who came here.

Much has already been said about media focus on the violence outside the wall. I plan to read all everything I can and absorb all the rhetoric, and come back with another piece after that. This missive will serve as an anecdotal account of my experience in Québec. Please watch for its sibling piece on why I was there, my reaction to the media coverage and what I think of what went down inside the summit later this week at www.forget-magazine.com.

Darren Stewart just finished his term as Canadian University Press' Ottawa Bureau where he spent this year covering parliamentary issues for the student press.



Street theatre early on in the weekend.

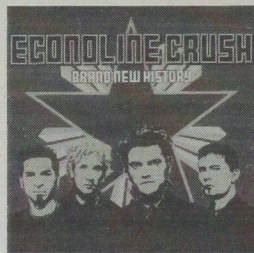


Gay Dad
Leisure Notes
Warner Europe

Heard Gay Dad while browsing through Zulu Records ("Just looking, thanks"). A sales clerk, a clerk with excellent taste, I might add, put Leisure Notes on the store sound system. Stayer in the store for a good six songs, just to keep up the feeling, the movement, of this band (it was very cool). So cool it bears repeating (escape the parentheses); this CD is is very cool... and I heard by chance. Not on MUCH, not on Z95.3... then again, of course I wouldn't.

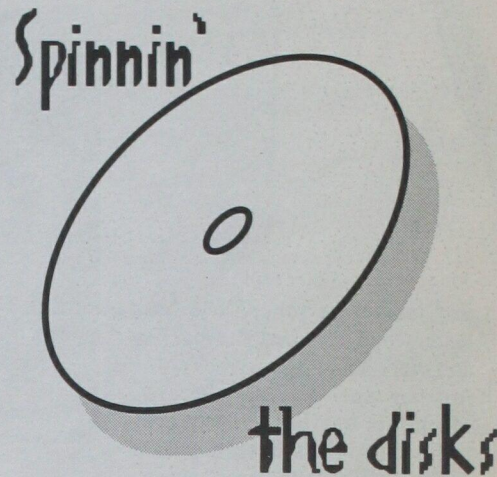
Let's wax poetic for a moment: diverse and layered songs, smooth guitars and vocal tracks, lyrics that don't suck... what more could anyone ask for? Note: Answer may vary from person to person.

Monique Harvey



Econoline Crush
Brand New History
emi

Bought it for the one song, "You don't know what it's like"—it was all I



knew about Brand New History. I like the song because it makes me feel sad (I'm a sick puppy who likes to be sad) as it is a song about someone who feels like "nothing at all": a security guard at McDonald's; a substitute teacher; a fifth wheel on a class project: a Zero/Nothing/0.

The rest of the album is... okay. Some good songs, some so-so... nothing overtly bad; but, then again, a bad song or two would give me something more to elaborate on. Then again, maybe I was expecting more. However, if I were to discuss EC's music videos I could say, "Put more clothes on the models!" or, alternatively, "Make them eat food damnit". But I won't, not today. I'm too happy.

Monique Harvey

King Cobb Steelie
May Day
Rykodisc

Like Gay Dad, King Cobb Steelie master the concepts of "harmony" and "complexity" better than most bands in Canda. The



duet between Tamara Williamson and KCS's lead singer (its three members, Micheal Armstrong, Kevan Byrne and Kevin Lynne, do not identify what instrument/unique talent/computer they use in the CD liner notes) for the song "Below the Stars" has received a lot of airplay, and deservedly so. The rest of the album does not disappoint.

The song "Home" is very groovy, to abuse a cliché, as it "Drowning and Half-Bit Converter." May Day offers a good mix, good bass, good rhythm; damnit, it's good. Spend some money, go buy it—oh hell, you'll spend money anyway. It's good for the economy, right?

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Recent vote to increase SA executive's honouraria challenged

Honouraria increase too great

I am concerned about the radical increase of the honorarium given to the student executive. As you know the council voted for an increase of 45-50%. The increase is to take effect starting June 1, 2001. The increase will be for the next student council, and not benefit the current executive. My concern is not with the increase, but with the size of the increase in such a short period of time. I am not aware of an increase in wages that are 45-50% over one year in any industry (private, corporate, or otherwise). I agree that wages, and honorariums need to be re-evaluated and increased for cost of living, and job descriptions. Most increases are given over a period of time, and are not drastic. One example would be the government workers. Most contracts over the past few years have been 0-0-2. In most cases the reasons for such a low increase was lack of funds to pay for larger increases. My main concern that such a drastic increase in an honorarium for our executive is the inevitable strain on limited student funds. Such a strain can only lead to a reduction of student services on all of the BCIT campuses with adverse effects on all BCIT students. I would appreciate it if you would bring my concerns to council for their next meeting. It would be nice to know that my voice as a student is heard, listened to, and

that my concerns are addressed. I will be giving a copy of this letter to the editor of our student paper, The Link. It is my hope that it will be printed in the issue immediately following the next council meeting.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Laura Daine

Increases are part of an on going process: a response from the SA

Dear Laura,

I am writing this letter to you to address your concerns regarding the size of the increase in the monthly honorarium that is given to Student Association Executives starting on June 1st of this year when the next Student Executive's start in their positions. I will begin by giving a brief history on the subject.

From the beginning of our term we have been updating the policies and procedures of the Student Association. The policies and procedures that we have looked at have included job descriptions, expense procedures, budget allocations, the SA constitution, and included through all of this was the developing of a pay scale for the SA managers and employees as well as the Student Executive Honorarium. The last one of these to be tackled was that of the Student Executive Honorarium. Part of the reasoning behind an honorarium for the Executives is to

compensate/reward them for the time and effort that they put in serving the Student Association. The BCIT SA honorarium had not changed in a number of years and it was consensus of the Student Council that it did not adequately reflect the time, effort, and commitment that the positions on the council require. The reasoning behind it starting with next year's Executive is obvious, that it would be a conflict of interest if we were to raise it for ourselves.

It was a long and tedious process coming up with the figures that we did. They were conceived by looking at the honorariums from many of the major schools across Canada (approximately forty) and to bring the BCIT SA up to the average. Some of the things taken into consideration when comparing to other schools was job descriptions, size of school, and minimum hours per week

required. The problem with comparing this with BCIT is that the only stated time requirement that the Executives have is that they must spend a minimum of ten office hours a week in the actual office. This does not reflect the work they put in outside the office. We decided to use hours a week as the basis to calculate the average dollar per hour that student unions make across Canada and then base the BCIT SA honorarium on that average using ten hour weeks. The average was calculated to be approximately \$12.50. That brings the honorarium to \$500/month. ($\$12.50 \times 10 \times 4 = \500) The variations after that are small and dependent upon the job descriptions of each position. Currently, the average honorarium is approximately \$8.75 when based on this ten hour work week, even lower when taken into consideration that the executives are required to put more time in then the ten

office hour minimum. This increase was not made so that future executives can be paid the big bucks, just so that the BCIT SA is brought up to par with the student unions of the other major post secondary institutions across the country.

Your concerns regarding the strain that this will place upon limited student funds is valid but I can assure you that there will be no negative impact on student services the Association offers and I hope that you will be reassured of this when the next years budget is brought to our next council meeting on May 7th, 2001. Please feel free to attend or else a copy of the budget can be made available to you and help being guided through it once it is passed at this next council meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me or any one of the Student Association representatives at our SA offices.

Thank you very much for your concern,

Brian MacNeil
BCIT SA President

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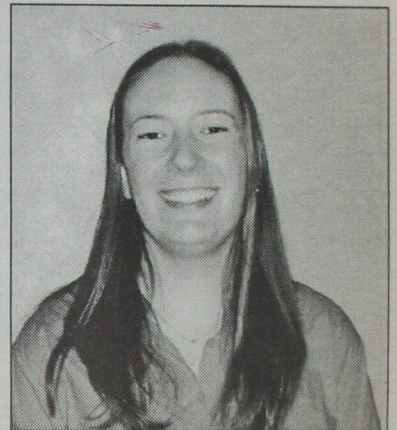
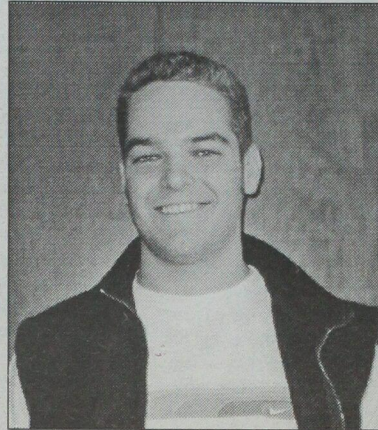
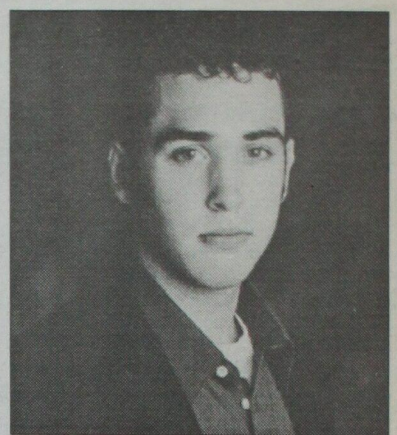
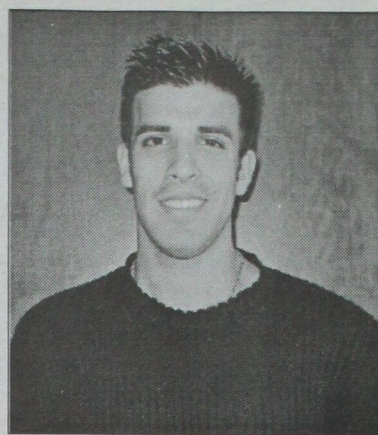
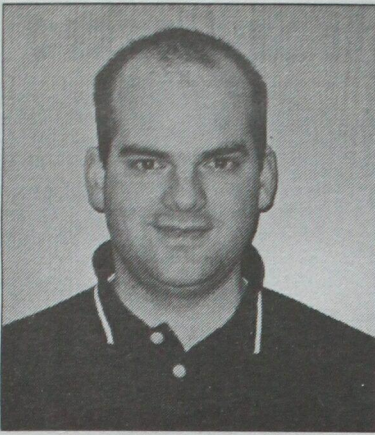
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The SA executive for 2001-2002

Top row: Brent Morris, president; Marie Halfnights, vp of Finance and Administration; Alfredo Rolando, vp of PR & Marketing; Joel Peterson, vp of Student Affairs.
Bottom row: Holly Cunningham, Campus Life coordinator; Brian Simpson, chair of Transportation & construction; Richard Ewing, chair of Business and Health; and Jessica Jensen, chair of Electrical/Electronics and Computer Systems
 Stephen Erdman, chair of Manufacturing, Mechanical, Processing energy and Renewable Resources not pictured.

2001-2002 SA Election results

PRESIDENT		CHAIR OF BUSINESS & HEALTH	
Brent Morris	329	Richard Ewing	Yes 378
Tina Lee	202		No 46
VP ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE		CHAIR OF TRANSPORTATION & CONSTRUCTION	
Tarra Lloyd	206	Brian Simpson	Yes 32
Marie Halfnights	312		No 2
VP PR & MARKETING		CHAIR OF ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER SYSTEMS	
Alfredo Rolando	Yes 439	Jessica Jensen	31
	No 66	Lonny Bastien	26
VP STUDENT AFFAIRS		CHAIR OF MAN., MECH, PROC. ENERGY & NAT. RESOURCES	
Joel Peterson	222	Stephen Erdman	Yes 13
Elise Querin	126		No 5
Lars Borghardt	168		
CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR			
Holly Cunningham	Yes 460		
	No 46		

New SA execs elected

All SA positions filled but voter turn out lower than other years

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

Student Association elections are over and a new executive elect is poised to take over the running of the SA.

The elections held April 17 to 20 resulted in a full executive, something that has not happened for a number of years.

The slate assembled by this year's SA Business and Health chair Brent Morris swept to victory in all but one of the executive posts. The only member of the slate to be defeated was Lars Borghardt in the race for vice-president of Student Affairs — the most contested position on the executive. Borghardt placed second with 168 votes to Joel Peterson's 222 votes. The third candidate, Elise Queirin received 126 votes.

Morris won the presidential race by a comfortable margin beating out Tina Lee's 202 votes by a 127 vote margin. A similar spread occurred between

the slate's candidate Marie Halfnights with 312 votes and Tarra Lloyd with 206 votes.

In the only chair position contested, and easily the closest race, Jessica Jensen emerged to claim the chair of Electrical/Electronics and Computer Systems with 31 votes to Lonny Bastien's 26.

Five of the nine candidates running were uncontested. This is a much larger number than in previous years. Last year only two positions were elected with a yes/no ballot. All passed their yes/no votes handily.

Alfredo Rolando, running for vice president of PR and Marketing received 439 yes votes and 66 no votes. Campus Life coordinator-elect Holly Cunningham received 460 yes votes to 46 no.

In the uncontested races for chair positions, Richard Ewing got the nod as Business and Health chair after receiving 378 yes votes to 46 no votes and

Stephen Erdman was elected as chair of Manufacturing, Mechanical, Processing, Energy and Renewable Resources after gaining 13 yes votes to five no.

Turn out for the elections was lower than in past years, despite having candidates running for all of the positions. Last year, nearly 650 students voted for a candidate for president compared to this year's 531 ballots cast in the race — despite this being one of the uncontested races. In keeping with past years, however, the largest turnout of students to vote came from the School of Business.

Students who voted received their set photos free of charge. Set photos are still available to those students who failed to vote, for a small donation towards the Student Assistance Fund.