

NEW EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

Following approval by the Board of Governors, a new structure for Educational Council will be in place at the start of the next academic year.

Calling it a compromise solution using the consultative process, President Roy Murray said he had been very pleased with the positive suggestions put forward by staff over the past year. The new Council is the result of extensive consultation carried out by an ad hoc committee of Staff Society, BCGEU and management representatives.

Prior to full implementation this September, the new Council will meet from April to June to draw up terms of reference. An evaluation of the process will be carried out the following June and any necessary adjustments made in time for September.

An Educational Council had been in existence on BCIT's south side from June, 1979 until October, 1985, when the merger rendered it inappropriate for the new Institute. The Council, made up of internal and external representatives, met monthly to discuss educational matters and make recommendations to the President and Board of Governors on new or existing educational policies, programs or priorities.

The following recommendation will be made to the Board of Governors by the President at the March Board of Governors meeting:

RECOMMENDED THAT BCIT have an educational council to advise the President on educational matters affecting the Institute. The following specifics will apply to the council:

NAME: BCIT Educational Council

STRUCTURE:

- a) Each School to have a School Educational Council to deal with internal School matters
- b) Terms of Reference for School Educational Councils will be approved by BCIT Educational Council
- c) BCIT Educational Council will have Institute wide representation and will deal with Institute wide educational issues

MEMBERSHIP: School Educational Council

- a) Dean and Department Heads or Associate Deans
- b) One student from each program
- c) Faculty member selected for each program (Faculty to elect their representative)

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- a) Ten faculty to be elected by the Schools, with two faculty from each of the five Schools. Faculty (BCGEU or Staff Society) are eligible to vote during the election
- b) One trades faculty at-large to be elected by all BCGEU faculty
- c) Three students will be appointed by the Student Association. One student will be appointed from each of the following groups:
 - 1) full time technology programming
 - 2) trades programming
 - 3) part time studies programming
- c) Seven Administrators will be appointed by the President. The representatives will include:
 - 1) the Vice President Education
 - 2) the Vice President Student Services and Educational Support
 - 3) one Dean
 - 4) one Department Head or Associate Dean
 - 5) three other academic Administrators to be appointed at a later date
- d) The President will be an ex-officio member of the Educational Council.
- e) Meetings will be open to all faculty, management and staff of BCIT
- f) The following Administrators will attend Educational Council meetings as resource persons:
 - 1) all Deans not appointed to the Council
 - 2) Librarian
 - 3) Registrar
 - 4) Vice President Finance
 - 5) Vice President Administration

CHAIR:

The BCIT Educational Council will annually elect its Chairperson from the regular membership.