

Please accept my nomination as a candidate for the BCGEU Support Staff seat on the Education Council.

I was first elected to EdCo November 2022, and have found my experience both educational and illuminating. I have been mindful of the BCGEU Support Staff group I represent every time I raise my hand to vote, and feel I still have much to learn and to contribute as a BCGEU representative on this council.

I have worked at BCIT since August 2015. I started as a CSR in Student Information and Enrolment Services, eventually attaining a position as Finance Specialist. I then moved to Admissions, where I worked as an Admission Officer and Admissions Supervisor, before attaining my current position in Enrolment Planning.

I found that I really love exploring program/academic development and have been fortunate enough to continue learning about these processes in my current role as Senior Analyst in the Enrolment Planning department, as well as the time I have spent on the Education Council and as a member of BCIT's Policy Committee.

My focus remains on the operational impacts of academic and institutional decisions, as well as the direct impact they have on our students. I believe the foundational knowledge I have gained will help me bring a robust and unique skill set to council's discussions, whether they regard policies, programs, or any of the other issues routinely addressed in this forum.

My commitment to the institute and to our student body has always been evident in the work I do at BCIT. In every one of my positions, I have maintained a student-centric focus, and I believe this focus is ultimately the key to our success as an institute. Throughout my years communicating directly with our students about their journeys through BCIT, they have taught me a great deal about what is important to them when pursuing an education.

Likewise, through my ongoing collaboration with staff and faculty I have also learned some key insights regarding program development, department priorities, and institutional challenges. I am able to understand a variety of viewpoints in my approach to collective discussions and decision-making. I feel confident I will bring a balanced thought process, a perspective rooted in integrity, and a sincere desire to contribute to the greater good of the Institute if elected to the Education Council. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope I can count on your vote.

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