

Hello colleagues,

I'm running for the FSA, School of Transportation/Specialty Faculty seat on Education Council (EdCo).

I have 20 + years in Program (Academic) Advising at BCIT. I'm also a BCIT Alum from the School of Business and Media, having completed the Marketing Management (Professional Sales) Diploma and the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. My work and educational experience will allow me to provide recommendations from different viewpoints on EdCo.

As an Advisor, I have the privilege to guide high school and mature students from a wide array of demographics. I understand their concerns and needs from an advising lens and as a former full-time and flexible learning student. For example, many years ago, I advocated for assessment testing for high school science subjects to be offered as an option for prospective students who possess relevant knowledge from their post-secondary courses, homeschooling, or international studies where their coursework may not have been deemed equivalent. This option for meeting our entrance requirements saves qualified prospective students time and money annually and removes an application barrier. I hope to continue to influence academic change that is inclusive & fair for our diverse student body.

As one of BC's largest public post-secondary institutions, we have a responsibility to our province and residents to ensure that we are delivering high-quality education. Our curriculum should enable students to achieve success both while they are studying and after they graduate. Post-secondary education is one of the largest time & financial commitments an individual will make in their lifetime. BCIT education should result in a positive experience for our students & graduates.

I have extensive knowledge of BCIT's full-time & flexible learning programs, admissions processes, entrance requirement options & the overall student experience. Also, over the years I have actively participated in Operational and Service Groups meetings to provide feedback on logistical issues for new programs and existing programs making major revisions to their curriculum. This comprehensive knowledge will be of benefit to EdCo.

I appreciate your support and look forward to the opportunity to represent you on the BCIT Education Council.

Sincerely,

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