

Subject	<b>Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27</b>
From	Young, Martin S AVED:EX
To	Balicki, Greg AVED:EX
Sent	Friday, July 17, 2015 4:21 PM
Attachments	<<Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27.docx>>

I've added in bullets on Kwantlen and new bullets on the society act.

I added in some 'placeholder' bullets on tuition and SFA. You might want to talk to Sandra about latest data on BC's average tuition fee in comparison with other PTs. That is more important than the loan reduction grant. Also Alison probably has the info on average loan amount – <sup>s.13</sup> at graduation. Remember we have to keep this to 2 pages, so sacrifice the tuition and SAF bullets if required.

Check in with Connie to see if there are any UBC-O issues she is aware of.

Make sure you add in the CLIF number from eApprovals. Send to Susan for her review. Good luck.

Attachment:

## Meeting Note

Cliff #:

**Meeting Date and Time: July 27, 2015, 11:45-12:15, Premier's Vancouver Office**

**Attendees: Jessica Lar-Son, Chairperson of the Alliance of BC Students (ABCS);**

**Allison Gonzalez, President of the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA);**

**Tom McAuley, President of the University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan (UBCSUO); and**

**Taylor Wilson, Vice-President External of the Capilano Students' Union (CSU).**

**Issue: Meeting with the Alliance of BC Students**

**Conclusion:**

- The requested topics of discussion include:
  - follow up on the *Societies Act* (specifically section 69 and proposed changes to the *University Act*); and
  - update from new presidents and vice-president concerning their individual institutions and issues of concern.

**Background / Facts:**

- In October 2014, ABCS, in collaboration with several student associations, submitted their collective commentary on the *Societies Act* White Paper to the Ministry of Finance.
- Primary concerns included:
  - Ability to resign membership in a society. This could lead to a reduction in student society fee revenue, jeopardizing the ability to fund major capital projects and universal programs such as transit and extended health and dental benefits.
  - Changes to former unalterable provisions by special resolution. This could jeopardize student societies' ability to finance major capital projects.
- ABCS has also expressed support for consideration of those under 18 years of age to serve on a board of directors.
- The Act received Royal Assent on May 14, 2015.

**Analysis:**

- *Section 69* deals with termination of membership. It was not altered in spite of submissions received from student societies. As noted above, there are potential implications for the funding of student society programs.
- In response to this, the Ministry requested amendments to the *University Act* and *College and Institute Act* to ensure the continued collection of student society fees. s.12,s.17

**Capilano University**

- Affordable housing is a priority issue for the Capilano student union. It presented on this issue to the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on October 14, 2014. s.13,s.17

**Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU)**

- One possible issue that may arise concerns the MOU that KPU recently signed with Kinder Morgan working through Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP).
- The MOU, announced June 23, 2015, gives KPU a total of \$300,000 in scholarships under

three different schemes over 20 years, and a small amount of operating funding for the KPU Environmental Technical Protection Lab at the Langley campus.

- TMEP's support to KPU is conditional upon approval by the National Energy Board of the pipeline expansion project. The NEB is expected to rule on the pipeline early next year.
- The Kwantlen Student Association, Kwantlen First Nation, the BCGEU, and a student group called PIPE UP have all protested against KPU signing this MOU, citing KPU's ostensible dedication to environmental sustainability and the lack of consultation around its signing, and possible threats to academic freedom.

#### *Tuition and Student Financial Assistance*

- The student leaders may also comment on tuition and student financial assistance.
- The Ministry's tuition limit policy places a cap of 2 per cent on annual increases. It has been in effect since September 2005.
- The British Columbia Loan Reduction Program provides grants to reduce outstanding provincial loans after the successful completion of each year of full-time study. About 23,000 students were issued the grant in 2012/13. Eligible students can receive the grant for up to four years (five years for students with dependents).
- The Province covers the interest on student loans for up to 10 years while students are in studies. In 2012/13, the Province spent \$9.1 million to cover interest on student loans for about 61,000 students.
- Eliminating interest rates would cost about \$36.7 million annually (based on outstanding portfolio at January 31, 2013.) British Columbia's interest rate of 2.5 percent is in line with the Canada Student Loan program.

**Attachment(s):** N/A

**Contact:** Claire Avison, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sector Strategy and Quality Assurance  
250-356-0826

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From	Train, Brian R AVED:EX
To	Young, Martin S AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX
Sent	Friday, July 17, 2015 11:40 AM

You're welcome Martin.

Just for the record, could we be copied on what you send forward, since it involves student associations from our institutions?

Thanks,

**From:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Excellent, thanks.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:33 AM  
**To:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

The Kwantlen Students Association hasn't met with any Minister of Advanced Ed for some time, in fact I can't offhand recall preparing information for such a meeting ever.

Anyway, besides tuition and SFA, which as Connie points out are perpetual issues, one possible issue the KSA might raise is the MOU that KPU recently signed with Kinder Morgan working through Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP).

The MOU was announced June 23, 2015 and gives KPU a total of \$300,000 in scholarships under three different schemes over 20 years, and a small amount of operating funding (\$2,000 x 20 years) for the KPU Environmental Technical Protection Lab at the Langley campus. A BCGEU press release states that the agreement also provides Kinder Morgan significant input into the educational content of the EPT program, allowing them to "engage with students as subject matter experts, program advisory committee members... and guest speaking opportunities."

TMEP's support to KPU is conditional upon the approval by the National Energy Board of the pipeline expansion project. The NEB is expected to rule on the pipeline early next year.

<http://www.kpu.ca/news/kpu-trans-mountain-reach-mou-support-students>

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At a public meeting on July 6 with KPU students, President Alan Davis said, *"I'm sorry if there's offense taken at taking money from particular causes. There is no legal or policy or governance issue about doing that, and it would be a political statement on my part to decline it and not one for me to make. I don't have academic freedom, and KPU should not be seen as a political agent itself.... It's a fact of life that we have to engage with industry in receipt of money to support our endeavours. It would be great if we*



*were 100 per cent funded and we were tuition free and didn't need to ask anybody for a penny."* (quoted in the July 2015 issue of The Runner, the KPU student magazine  
[http://issuu.com/runnermag/docs/the\\_runner\\_volume\\_7\\_issue\\_19](http://issuu.com/runnermag/docs/the_runner_volume_7_issue_19) )

I hadn't seen any Issues Note prepared about this, and while it did make a couple of headlines at the time there has been no further media coverage.

It is possible the KSA would raise this issue, and in my opinion the suggested response should be that the Ministry has no role to play here, no power to affect KPU's decisions, nothing illegal about it, etc..

Brian

**From:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX

**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 10:30 AM

**To:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX

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**Importance:** High

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**From:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:50 PM

**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX; Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX

**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX

**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Hello Greg,

Attached please find material I prepared for a meeting Claire Avison had with the Capilano Students Union in early March 2015.

The material wrt the Societies Act and other Acts was prepared with assistance from Katherine Thiessen-Wale, which I have attached in its original form.

It's the most recent I can offer.

At that time, the VP External of the CSU (Brittany Barnes) was also the VP of ABCS.

Also, back in October 2014, Jason Rohrick asked for some comment on sections of the Societies Act that student societies might find problematic, and I attach the comments I made then.

I can see why Section 69 in the new act could be of interest to student societies; it's not that the membership is small or scattered (since they consist of all tuition-paying students at the institution) but they do often struggle with getting quorum at their AGMs.

In the past, I recall there have been occasional Liberal Party resolutions from the floor about making membership in students societies optional but Government has wisely not touched this issue.

Hope this is helpful,

**From:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX; Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
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By tomorrow afternoon, I need your input on several sections:

- **Brian and Connie:** Could you please provide any insight into what interests/concerns/issues/perspectives these student associations may have in relation to the *Societies Act* (of particular interest is s. 69 Deemed annual general meetings) and the *University Act*.
- **Lesley:** In Jason's absence, I am hoping you can provide some input into the *University Act* proposed changes section of the note. This is the other topic for discussion raised by the ABCS, and I am out of the loop as far as what this could mean.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, I am available the rest of today at this email or by phone at [s.22](tel:250-387-6659) (working from home, on a teleconf from 1-3pm). Martin Young, who has been Cc'd, is also available to answer questions this afternoon and tomorrow (Friday).

Thank you,

Greg

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From	Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX
To	Balicki, Greg AVED:EX
Sent	Friday, July 17, 2015 11:30 AM

Hi Greg,

I just realized I didn't include you in the response...

Thanks,

Lesley

**From:** Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Hi Martin,

Yes, I agree. The submission provided in response to the draft Societies Act identified that issue as a primary concern and I believe that is still the case.

s.12,s.17

I hope this helps!

Lesley

**From:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27  
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Lesley, I just realized it is probably the "termination of membership" that is the major issue – from Greg's notes:

Ability to resign membership in a society. This could lead to a reduction in student society fee revenue, jeopardizing the ability to fund major capital projects and universal programs such as transit and extended health and dental benefits. (*This is an issue identified during the White Paper stage.*)

I think the student societies are concerned that the termination provisions could allow any student to leave their student society and thus impact the revenue flow and the society's ability to fund programs. Is that still the case? If so, I'll have to re-write that section of Greg's notes.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:01 AM  
**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Hi there,

I just wanted to note some section changes between the draft *Societies Act* that was released in the fall and the sections in the *Societies Act* that received royal assent this spring.

In the fall draft (the White Paper), s. 66 dealt with the termination of membership and s. 69 dealt with 'deemed annual general meeting'.

Under the *Societies Act* that received royal assent in the spring, s. 69 deals with termination of membership and s.71 deals with 'deemed annual general meeting'.

Under the requested topics of discussion, is the s. 69 in relation to the termination of membership?

Thank you,

Lesley

**From:** Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Hi Greg,

Further to my voicemail message, can you please confirm the process for the meeting note? For example, will you be writing the bullets and then sending them for review? Or, is each individual to write the bullets? I just want to make sure you have what you need.

Thanks so much,



Lesley

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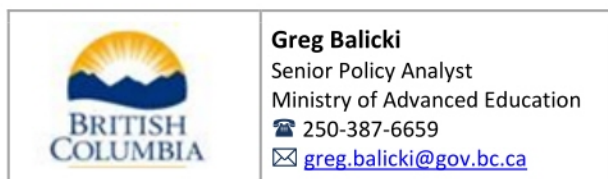
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Greg



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From	Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX
To	Young, Martin S AVED:EX; Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Balicki, Greg AVED:EX

Cc	Burns, Susan G AVED:EX
Sent	Friday, July 17, 2015 10:46 AM

Hi Martin,

I am not aware of any specific topics of interest, but I am assuming that you are covering off the usual topics of interest, which are tuition and student financial assistance.

Connie

**From:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX

**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 10:30 AM

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Sent	Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:09 PM

Hi everyone,

<sup>s.12,s.17</sup>

Thanks very much,

Lesley

**From:** Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:02 PM  
**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX; Burns, Susan G AVED:EX; Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
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Hi Greg,

Based on some information for a previous meeting, my comments would be that the following issues (these bullets are from a meeting note) were raised in consultations about the impending

introduction of the Societies Act, and **s.13**

**s.13**

- All identified issues with proposed changes that would allow members of a society to resign membership and the inability to create unalterable provisions under societies' constitutions.
- Concerns focused on the impact these changes could have on universal collection of student society fees – including impacts for current and future long term capital projects funded through student society fees.
- Other areas of concern identified by student societies include: individuals under 18 cannot be directors, ability for members of the public to make complaints through the Courts, the option to remove directors through a method other than special resolution of members (alternate method specified under bylaws), and the ability to have more non-voting members than voting members.

You may wish to also note (if you have the information) whether there are or not changes/plans to consult on (or to make) changes to the UA and C&I Act.

I hope this is helpful  
Connie

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Greg



## Meeting Note

Cliff #: 100305

**Meeting Date:** July 27, 2015

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Allison Gonzalez, President of the Kwantlen Student Association;

Tom McAuley, President of the University of British Columbia Students' Union  
 Okanagan; and

Taylor Wilson, Vice-President External of the Capilano Students' Union.

**Issue:** Meeting with the Alliance of BC Students regarding *Societies Act* and institutional updates and issues



**Conclusion:**

- Most of the concerns raised by student associations in relation to the new *Societies Act* have been addressed.
- The primary outstanding issue relates to the ability of students to resign membership in student associations.

**Background / Facts:**

- In October 2014, the Alliance of BC Students (ABCS), in collaboration with the UBC Students' Union Okanagan and the Northern Undergraduate Student Society of UNBC, submitted to the Ministry of Finance comments on the *Societies Act* White Paper.
- The primary issue is that the new *Societies Act* creates the potential for students to resign membership in a student association.
- This could lead to reduced student association fee revenues and may jeopardize the ability to fund major capital projects and universal programs such as transit and health benefits.
- The Act has received Royal Assent [s.13,s.17](#)
- Allison Gonzalez, Tom McAuley, and Taylor Wilson are new presidents/vice presidents of their respective student associations.

**Analysis:**

- Section 69 of the new *Societies Act*, which deals with termination of membership, is the primary outstanding concern of the student associations. The Act is intended to apply generally across all societies and sectors.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education has received approval for amendments to the *University Act* and *College and Institute Act* to ensure the continued collection of student society fees. [s.12,s.17](#)  
[s.12,s.17](#)

**Potential Institution-specific issues:*****Capilano University Student Union***

- May raise the issue of affordable housing, particularly student residences at the North Vancouver campus. The Student Union presented this issue to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in October 2014.

[s.13,s.17](#)

***Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) Student Association Issues***

- May raise concerns about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that KPU recently signed with Kinder Morgan through the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP).
- The MOU would give KPU a total of \$300,000 in scholarships over 20 years, and a small

amount of operating funding for the KPU Environmental Technical Protection Lab at the Langley campus.

- The KPU Student Association has protested against this MOU, citing concerns of environmental sustainability, lack of consultation and threat to academic freedom.

*UBC Students' Union Okanagan Issues*

- No specific issues were flagged.

Other Issues:

- The U-Pass program recently received Treasury Board approval for a two-year extension through to April 2018.
- The extension will require TransLink to nominally increase monthly student fees to help cover inflationary costs of transit services. The U-Pass fee is currently \$38.00 per month and will increase to \$39.50 in year one and \$41.00 in year two of the extension.
- Student associations have been advised of the pending increases. While they would prefer no increases, they understand the need to cover some inflationary costs.
- Student referenda will be required prior to May 2016 to approve the fee increases.

**Attachment(s):** *Alliance of BC Students Membership*

**Contact:** Claire Avison, Assistant Deputy Minister

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## Alliance of BC Students Membership

Institution	Student Union
British Columbia Institute of Technology	BCIT Student Association
Capilano University	Capilano Student Union
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	KPU Student Association
Langara College	Langara Students' Union
Royal Roads University	Royal Roads University Student Association
University of British Columbia	Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
	Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver
University of the Fraser Valley	UFV Student Union Society
University of Victoria	University of Victoria Students' Society

Subject	<b>For action due July 22: Meeting between Minister Wilkinson and the Alliance of BC Students</b>
From	Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX
To	Shang, Cindy AVED:EX
Cc	Brown, Susan B AVED:EX; Wyllie, Sandra AVED:EX; Hansen, Erin AVED:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:09 AM

Good morning,

As per below, Minister will be meeting with the Alliance of BC Students, representative from CapU, KPU and UBC-OK student unions on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Topics of discussion: Societies Act and general institution issues of concern.

A Meeting Note is required. MN due to the DMO end of day July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Susan's branch will lead the development, working with Mary's group.

Cindy - can you please set-up eapproval and assign to the branch.

Thanks

Jennifer

**From:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:38 AM

**To:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX

**Subject:** FW: Meeting between Minister Wilkinson and the Alliance of BC Students

Hello – this meeting is scheduled to be setup for Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:45-12:15 in Vancouver at PVO – boardroom tbc – staff and BN required – list of attendees and topic below – thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the

Honourable Andrew Wilkinson

Minister of Advanced Education

250-356-0179

**From:** Jessica Lar-Son [<mailto:chairperson@bcstudents.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 5:21 PM

**To:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

**Subject:** Re: Meeting between Minister Wilkinson and the Alliance of BC Students

Cindy,

yes we are free! The attendees will be:

Myself, Jessica Lar-Son, Chairperson of the Alliance of BC Students

Allison Gonzalez, President of the Kwantlen Student Association

Tom McAuley, President of the University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan

Taylor Wilson, Vice-President External of the Capilano Students' Union.

The topics of discussion would include follow up on the societies act (specifically section 69 and proposed changes to the university act), as well as a brief update from our new presidents and VP concerning their individual institutions and issues of concern.

Please let me know if you require any additional information. Thanks for your help scheduling the meeting!

Best,

Jessica

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX <[Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello Jessica - I am e-mailing you in regards to your request to meet with Minister Wilkinson – he has sometime on Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:45-12:15 in DTVan – hoping this will work for you – if yes could you please confirm attendees and topic and I will get back to with meeting location – thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Cindy Flesh

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250-356-0179

**From:** Jessica Lar-Son [<mailto:chairperson@bcstudents.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:50 PM

**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX

**Cc:** Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

**Subject:** Meeting between Minister Wilkinson and the Alliance of BC Students

Greetings Minister Wilkinson and Ministry of Advanced Education,

I would like to request a meeting between the Minister and a small group from the ABCS. This meeting will be an opportunity for the new presidents of Capilano Students' Union, the Kwantlen Students' Association, and the UBC Students' Union Okanagan to meet with Minister Wilkinson, along with myself, in order to touch base on ongoing and new topics relevant to Av Ed.



If it is possible for you to provide potential dates for the first few weeks of July, we would be very appreciative. We are also more than happy to meet out in Victoria.  
Looking forward to meeting with you again,

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	<p><b>Jessica Lar-Son</b> Chairperson <b>Alliance of British Columbia Students</b> c 778.223.6737 <a href="http://www.bcstudents.ca">www.bcstudents.ca</a></p>
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From	Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX
To	Young, Martin S AVED:EX
Cc	Balicki, Greg AVED:EX
Sent	Friday, July 17, 2015 10:41 AM
Attachments	<<Ministers Meeting with BCITSA.docx>>

Here is what I've put together so far. The bullets on directed studies etc. came directly from Liz Frick and they have been approved by Deb Hull and also Niya as Liz suggested I send them to Rahel for input also. The information from the Capital Unit will be sent to Liz either late afternoon today or first thing Monday. s.22 so will ask that Liz copy Greg and you on the info from the Capital Unit.

Please take a look at what I've prepared and let me know if you'd like me to add anything further at this point. Based on the information provided by BCITSA they seem to be primarily concerned with the deferred maintenance and new building budget. This is the info that we need from the Capital Unit.

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:41 AM  
**To:** Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX  
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Meeting note for the minister. We have to have it into the DMO by next Wednesday, so we need a draft for Susan by Monday morning (or even Friday afternoon). Use the Info note format. Remember, just the fact and 2 pages max.

You'll want to touch base with the education officer responsible for BCIT to get background – they may know about student issues. As well, it looks like two of the issues are health science building and applied research – so that is a place to start. Also, the health science building may be a capital issue as well, so you may need to talk with that unit.

BCIT met with the minister March 9 (see first email) so there may be an info note from that on file that you can refer to. Susan remembers sending the BCIT students contact info for the business round table as they wanted to meet with them. She is meeting with some small biz people today and will find out if there was any follow up.

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**From:** Brown, Susan B AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:21 AM  
**To:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Laberge, Shelly A AVED:EX  
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Martin – as discussed, this one will come your way as well. Let me know if you want to discuss.

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**From:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:11 AM  
**To:** Shang, Cindy AVED:EX  
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Jennifer

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:40 AM  
**To:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX  
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**From:** Tyra Bermudez [<mailto:vpexternal@bcitsa.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 1:04 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
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Thank you again for meeting with us, and for the great feedback and appreciation for BCIT.

Warmest Regards,

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Attachment:

**Meeting Note  
Advice to Minister**



Date: July 27, 2015

Cliff #:

**Issue: Meeting with BCIT Student Association to follow up on issues discussed at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Minister Wilkinson and Minister Yamamoto**

**Conclusion / Next Steps (if any):**

- Conclusion should be a short summary of the discussion and analysis
- Next steps if any for the minister

**Background / Facts:**

- On March 9<sup>th</sup> Minister Wilkinson and Minister Yamamoto met with executive members of the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA) and discussed the needs of students attending BCIT and the positive socio-economic impact that current students and alumni have on the region.
- BCITSA has requested a further meeting to discuss ways that the BCITSA can work with Government to address issues of importance to BCIT students and the institution. Potential topics for discussion include:
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  - The importance of directed studies, capstones and applied research at BCIT as they pertain to education and training identified in *B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint: Re-engineering Education and Training*.

Deferred Maintenance and New Buildings:

Importance of Directed Studies, capstones and applied research:

- BCIT is established as a polytechnic institution under the *College and Institute Act* and conducts applied research to enhance the learner experience and advance the state of practice.
- BCIT collaborates with both business and industry and other post-secondary institutions on applied research activities that engage faculty and students, enabling better pathways to the workplace for students and fostering innovation.
- Applied research activities at BCIT create practical learning opportunities for students, provide innovative solutions to industry challenges, and produce new, commercially relevant technology products and applications.
- An example of a strong industry partnership: collaboration between BC Hydro, Siemens, Panasonic and BCIT in designing and constructing Canada's first Smart Power Microgrid.
- An example of collaboration with a post-secondary institution: signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Okanagan College to formalize each institution's commitment to explore and pursue opportunities and provide high quality programming in complementary disciplines and applied research.

**Analysis:**

- In bullet form and relevant to the issue. Cross reference any attachments
- The analysis should be such that it leads to the conclusion stated above.

**Attachment(s):** *If applicable, add the title of attachment or N/A*

**Contact:** *Name of DM, ADM (and telephone numbers)*

**Total length:** Not more than 2 pages.

**No options in an information note as it does not lead to any decision.**

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From	Frick, Liz M AVED:EX
To	Balicki, Greg AVED:EX
Cc	Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX; Young, Martin S AVED:EX
Sent	Monday, July 20, 2015 1:51 PM

Hi Greg – here is information on capital item which is what is in AVED’s 10 year capital plan.

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Regards,  
Liz

**From:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 11:49 AM  
**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Greg – yes I’ve heard back from Capital Unit. I had a couple of questions so am just running them by Deb Hull (my ED). Will get back to you as soon as I can.

Liz

**From:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Liz,

Any word from the Capital unit? Will you be able to send the information you and Kathy discussed at some point this afternoon?

Thanks,

Greg

**From:** Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:31 PM  
**To:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Liz,

s.22

so could you please forward the information from the Capital unit to Greg Balicki and copy Martin and I. Greg will include the information in the meeting note.

Thanks very much,

Kathy

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**From:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Kathy – Deb just talked to Susan about the Health Sciences Building item. They agreed that our branch should contact Capital unit as it's an institutional issue that we need to stay apprised of. So just to confirm, I will contact Capital unit on health science building and you the applied research item with Rahel. I'll ask Capital Unit to get back to me by end of day tomorrow or first thing on Monday. Hopefully this will meet your timeline.

Let's stay in touch, particularly if you get any more specific information from the Student Association. These things have a habit of changing at the last minute!

Thanks,  
Liz

**From:** Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:03 PM  
**To:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Liz,

Thanks so much for this. We did check Cliff and your bullets were the only ones prepared for the meeting. I discussed with Martin and he feels that we should draft the note so I can contact the Capital Unit. Do you know if there is someone in particular that I should contact? Your bullets on Innovation and Initiatives are really helpful, but I will run them past Rahel first.

Thanks again!

Kathy

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**From:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:47 AM  
**To:** Buettner, Kathy AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FYI - FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Hi Kathy – as discussed, here are the bullets we pulled together for the BCITSA's meeting with Naomi Yamamoto in March. Some of the topics are similar. In email below it looks like Chelsea Dolan was going to attend on behalf of the minister but it's possible that the Minister may have attended also? I'm assuming that the bullets I prepared are probably all that was prepared but you might want to ask your admin person to do a CLIFF search to see if there is anything else.

As mentioned, if you'd like to refer this to us we can request an update from the Capital Unit on the Health Science building (I would also copy Kevin Perrault on that) and then run the first four bullets under Innovation Initiatives I prepared back in March by Rahel Umpherson for her input.

Let me know how your conversation with Martin goes. As mentioned, <sup>s.22</sup> but back on Monday. Also, if you could confirm your due dates. We need to provide Capital Unit with timelines as they are very busy.

Thanks,  
Liz

**From:** Hull, Deborah AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2015 3:10 PM  
**To:** Cameron, Tara D AVED:EX; Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP

Thanks to Liz, here are some bullets:

**From:** Cameron, Tara D AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2015 12:34 PM  
**To:** Frick, Liz M AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Hull, Deborah AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP  
**Importance:** High

Hi Liz, my sincere apologies on the urgency of this request. Please see request below. Are you able to pull together some bullets today on the topics below? Min Yamamoto is meeting with the BCIT Students Association on Monday.

Thank you, Tara

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**From:** Brandt, Keely AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** Cameron, Tara D AVED:EX; Fountain, Kathy B AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Hansen, Erin AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FOR ACTION - BULLETS REQUIRED -Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria - DUE ASAP  
**Importance:** High

Hello,

Are you able to have staff pull together some bullets on the information highlighted below? This is for a meeting from 5 – 5:30 on Monday, March 9, Chelsea Dolan is attending on behalf of MAW, I will need these as soon as possible, preferably by first thing Monday morning. Thank you.

*Keely Brandt*

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**From:** Tyra Bermudez [<mailto:vpexternal@bcitsa.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2015 9:22 AM  
**To:** Blakesley, Nicki JTST:EX  
**Subject:** 108198 incomvin Meeting Request from BCITSA with Hon. Naomi Yamamoto in Victoria

Good morning,

I am the Vice-President External for BCIT's Student Association (BCITSA). Myself, the President and two other executives of the BCITSA board are going to Victoria next Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for parliamentary sessions. We are very excited and we would love to meet with the Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, while we are in Victoria. BCIT, has five different campuses, in five different jurisdictions and it we would be delighted to discuss some of the future plans that both the student association and the institution have in store in the near future. The topics we would like to bring forth are the following:

- The BCIT Marine Campus and its benefits to the constituency of North Vancouver
- BCIT and its innovation initiatives; BCIT as a pillar for post-secondary education in BC
- Public transportation and its impact on post-secondary students

As previously stated, we will be in Victoria next Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be attending question period on both days, and we have meetings booked on Monday from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Please advise on a time that is most convenient for Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, given the previous.

The following representatives from BCITSA will be attending:  
President- Dylan Smith  
Vice-President External- Tyra Bermudez

Vice-President of Student Affairs- Evan Findlay  
Chair of School of Business- Joseph Prophet

Given the nature of our institution, government decision-making is critical to the success of the programs and the students that attend BCIT; therefore, collaboration with government representatives is of the utmost importance to us.

Looking forward to hearing from you and I hope you have an amazing day.

Warmest Regards,

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Sent	Monday, July 20, 2015 2:47 PM

For you

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**From:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:01 PM  
**To:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Follow Up from BCITSA

Staff okay to join this meeting as well - thanks

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**From:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:40 PM  
**To:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Follow Up from BCITSA

Thanks. If staff will be joining the Alliance of BC Students mtg at 11:45, any concerns if they participated in this meeting as well while they are there?

It would be Sandy or Kevin attending.

**From:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX  
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This meeting has now been confirmed for Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00-11:30 at PVO – Boardroom 3 – confirmed attendees and topic below – thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Shubhi Singh [<mailto:vpexternal@bcitsa.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:25 PM  
**To:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Follow Up from BCITSA

Hi Cindy,

Thank you for getting back to me. Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am works perfectly and I really appreciate you setting up this meeting.

Attendees will be the following:

Dylan Smith, BCITSA President  
Shubhi Singh, BCITSA Vice President External  
Sameer Ismail, BCITSA Government Relations Strategist

The overarching topic will be regarding the BCITSA's initiatives and how we can collaborate with government to work on some of those initiatives. I will be sending you an agenda shortly to provide a more detailed list of topics; I just wanted to get back to you promptly so we could confirm the meeting time and date.



Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

**Shubhi Singh**

VP External Affairs

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**From:** Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX [<mailto:Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** July-15-15 2:01 PM

**To:** Shubhi Singh

**Subject:** FW: Meeting Follow Up from BCITSA

Hello Shubhi – I am e-mailing you in regards to your request to meet with Minister Wilkinson – he has sometime on Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00-11:30 in DTVan – hoping this will work for you – if yes could you please confirm attendees and topic and I will get back to with meeting location – thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Meeting With Hon. Minister Andrew Wilkinson

July 27, 2015

11:00 am – 11:30 pm

World Trade Centre

### **Agenda**

**I. Introductions**

**II. Topics of Concern:**

1. Deferred maintenance
  - BCIT deferred maintenance urgency
2. BC Skills for Jobs Blue Print : Skilled Trades needs
  - Infrastructural needs of trades programs at BCIT
3. BC Completion Grant

- Expanding the program to specifically target critical trades areas

### III. Adjournment

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## **Meeting Note Advice to Minister**

**Date:** July 27, 2015

**Cliff #:** 100306

**Issue:** Meeting with BCIT Student Association to follow up on issues discussed at the March 9, 2015 meeting

### **Conclusion:**

- The meeting is intended to maintain ongoing communication with the Minister and follow up on previous discussions.

### **Background / Facts:**

- On March 9<sup>th</sup> Ministers Wilkinson and Yamamoto met with executive members of the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA) to discuss the needs of students attending BCIT and the positive socio-economic impact that current students and alumni have on the region.
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- As suggested by Minister Yamamoto, the BCITSA met with the Small Business Roundtable to discuss co-op education, internships and other opportunities for mutual benefit for both BCIT students and small businesses.

## **Analysis:**

### Deferred Maintenance

- The British Columbia capital program for public post-secondary institutions includes funding for new capital projects and for maintenance and rehabilitation projects for the institutions' physical infrastructure.
- Routine capital funding is targeted to address deferred maintenance and projects that address campus safety and security, disabled access, site works and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Projects are also prioritized based on factors such as health and safety, operating cost reduction, access to quality education, job creation/economic benefit, and infrastructure sustainability.
- Every year the ministry works with public post-secondary institutions to identify projects with varying degrees of deferred maintenance, such as renewal and upgrades to fire alarm and fire suppression systems, electrical and mechanical systems, building envelope elements, interior finishes and elevators.
- A summary of approved projects and capital planning projects is provided in Attachment One.

### B.C. Skills for Jobs Blueprint: Skilled Trades needs:

- Government is investing \$185 million over three years in new trades training equipment and facilities throughout B.C. to support students entering in-demand sectors including LNG, shipbuilding and ship repair, and construction.
- As part of B.C.'s *Skills for Jobs Blueprint*, BCIT has received a total of over \$20 million for trades training infrastructure and equipment to support trades students:
  - In November, 2014, the new \$18-million BCIT/VCC Motive Power Centre of Excellence at Annacis Island officially opened. B.C. provided \$13.5 million toward the total project cost for tenant improvements and a one-time grant of \$4.5 million for moving and transition costs associated with relocation.
  - Over the past two years, a total of \$2,728,667 for trades training equipment.
    - \$421,500 in January 2015 for a lathe (machinist and millwright programs), a motor grader (heavy mechanic programs), welding equipment (welding and pipefitting programs), and fall arrest lifelines (carpentry programs).
    - \$2,307,167 in July 2015 to purchase industry-standard trades training equipment such as a power feed drilling machine and a hydraulic shear.

### Expanding the B.C. Completion Grant to specifically target critical trades areas:

- The new B.C. Access Grant for labour market priorities was announced in September 2014.
- The program provides non-repayable funding to encourage students with financial need to enrol in foundational trades programs, at eligible B.C. public post-secondary institutions, that align to in demand occupations.
- In addition to the Tools and Unmet Need components (totalling \$7,000 in funding), eligible BCIT students may also have their B.C. student loan reduced by up to \$5,400.

**Contact:** Claire Avison, Assistant Deputy Minister

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## Attachment 1

### British Columbia Institute of Technology

#### Capital (as of July 21, 2015)

	<i>AVED</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b><i>Significant approved projects over last 3 fiscal years (2012/13-2014/15)</i></b>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Project Cost</i>
Motive Power Centre of Excellence - Tenant Improvements	\$13.50M	\$16.50M
Routine Capital Envelope (includes Deferred Maintenance)	\$18.17M	\$22.28M
Skills Training Equipment Envelope	\$1.96M	\$1.96M

**2015/16 approved projects:**

Routine Capital

• Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation Projects	\$3.81M	\$6.51M
– Goard Way Utility Renewal (Phase 2)*		
• Minor Maintenance and Rehabilitation Projects		
• Carbon Neutral Capital Program Project – Marine Campus HVAC	\$1.91M	\$1.91M
Retrofit and Solar Hot Water	\$0.24M	\$0.29M

\* The province has funded significant investment in BCIT’s infrastructure, spanning a two year period (2014/15): \$6.4-million for BCIT for the phased renewal of utilities infrastructure, including replacing major BC Hydro infrastructure.

The following two projects were submitted by BCIT in their 2014/15-2018/19 Five Year Capital Plan:

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BCIT’s 2015/16 – 2019/20 Five Year Capital Plan included requests for the following:

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## Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX

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**From:** Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 7:21 PM  
**To:** Dunsdon, Kelly AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27  
**Attachments:** Mtg - Avison w Cap Stdts Union 6 Mar 15.docx; Student Societies -- more information; Student Societies and the Societies Act; RE: Society Act consequential amendments - response requested by Fri., Sept. 5

Hi Kelly,

I am forwarding this email to you as it may be useful for next week. Please see my note re: the Minister's meeting with the Alliance of BC Students on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. There are also files on my desk that are further resources.

Thank you!

Lesley

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**From:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:50 PM  
**To:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX; Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

Hello Greg,

Attached please find material I prepared for a meeting Claire Avison had with the Capilano Students Union in early March 2015.

The material wrt the Societies Act and other Acts was prepared with assistance from Katherine Thiessen-Wale, which I have attached in its original form.

It's the most recent I can offer.

At that time, the VP External of the CSU (Brittany Barnes) was also the VP of ABCS.

Also, back in October 2014, Jason Rohrick asked for some comment on sections of the Societies Act that student societies might find problematic, and I attach the comments I made then.

I can see why Section 69 in the new act could be of interest to student societies; it's not that the membership is small or scattered (since they consist of all tuition-paying students at the institution) but they do often struggle with getting quorum at their AGMs.

In the past, I recall there have been occasional Liberal Party resolutions from the floor about making membership in students societies optional but Government has wisely not touched this issue.

Hope this is helpful,

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**From:** Balicki, Greg AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** Train, Brian R AVED:EX; Marczyk, Connie L AVED:EX; Scowcroft, Lesley AVED:EX



**Cc:** Young, Martin S AVED:EX

**Subject:** Draft-Ministers mtg with ABCS July 27

**Importance:** High

Hello Brian, Connie, and Lesley,

MAW has a July 27 meeting with the Alliance of BC Students and the new presidents/vice-presidents of the student associations from UBC, Cap U and Kwantlen, including UBCSUO, CSU and KSA.

In the attached draft meeting note, you will find my rough start on the briefing.

By tomorrow afternoon, I need your input on several sections:

- **Brian and Connie:** Could you please provide any insight into what interests/concerns/issues/perspectives these student associations may have in relation to the *Societies Act* (of particular interest is s. 69 Deemed annual general meetings) and the *University Act*.
- **Lesley:** In Jason's absence, I am hoping you can provide some input into the *University Act* proposed changes section of the note. This is the other topic for discussion raised by the ABCS, and I am out of the loop as far as what this could mean.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, I am available the rest of today at this email or by phone at <sup>s.22</sup>  
<sup>s.22</sup> (working from home, on a teleconf from 1-3pm). Martin Young, who has been Cc'd, is also available to answer questions this afternoon and tomorrow (Friday).

Thank you,

Greg



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