



**Meeting Note
Advice to Minister**

Date: March 11, 2021

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Prepared For: Minister Anne Kang, Advanced Education and Skills Training

Meeting: BCIT Faculty & Staff Association (BCITFSA)

Date, Time of Meeting and Location:

May 18th, 2021 ; 11:30am ; MS Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Minister Anne Kang, AEST

Tony Loughran, Executive Lead, AEST

Colin Jones, President and Chief Negotiator, BCITFSA

Purpose of meeting:

- The purpose of the meeting is a meet and greet only.

Suggested Speaking Points / Key Messages:

- I appreciate the opportunity to meet you today.
- As the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training I am deeply grateful for all of the hard work done by BCIT FSA's members, and everyone within the sector who continues to go above and beyond to adapt to the ongoing uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to provide high-quality post-secondary education in the province.
- The government remains committed to working closely with Federation of Post Secondary Educators (FPSE) to find collaborative solutions during these unprecedented times.

Background on BCITFSA

- The BCITFSA is an independent, certified trade union and member association that represents full-time and part-time technological faculty and staff at BCIT.
- BCITFSA has approximately 1750 members, that include technology instructors, assistant instructors, technical staff, applied researchers, academic support staff, auxiliary instructors, and staff.
- The BCITFSA is committed to fostering high standards of excellence in education and improving members' employment conditions, working environment, and opportunities.
- The BCITFSA is also affiliated with the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).
- BCITFSA is a member local of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) of BC. FPSE represent approximately 10,000 members, from 20 independent faculty and staff union locals at public and private post-secondary institutions in British Columbia. It provides resources, legal services and engages in advocacy on behalf of their member locals.
- Typically, FPSE reaches out to the Minister/Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training to raise its members' issues but ministry has no direct dealing with BCITFSA.

Appendix 1 Biography – Colin Jones, President & Chief Negotiator, BCITFSA
Attachment: BCIT Informational Porfile
Contact: Tony Loughran, Executive Lead, 250-217-3245
Total length: 2 pages

**Colin Jones
Biography**



- Colin Jones is President of BCITFSA since December 2019.
- Colin sits on a variety of committees on behalf of the BCITFSA and has also served on their bargaining team for the last three rounds, most recently as the Chief Negotiator.
- While serving as BCITFSA President, Colin is currently on a release from his position as a Senior Systems Analyst in BCIT's Information Technology Services area.