

# NEWS

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## **Two new Vice Presidents planned for KEC-City Centre**

The Transition Council was told Monday that VCC will soon begin an internal search for two Acting Vice Presidents of Instruction and Student Services, one each at KEC and City Centre.

President John Cruickshank told the TC that he had recommended the new positions to the College Board at its February meeting. If approved by the Board's Co-ordinating Committee, the search for candidates could begin as early as next week. The new positions would replace the Principal's position during the interim planning period.

The Vice Presidents would play key roles in identifying critical issues facing the future of VCC, setting strategies and assuming responsibility for all instructional programs and student services at the campuses.

Cruickshank added that the Board proposal calls for three Deans to report to each Vice President. A decision regarding the Deans will be made at the conclusion of consultation with the Administrators' Association and the VCCFA.

### **TC to expand?**

The TC has thrown wide open the issue of which and how many groups will be officially represented on the council.

The question of representation was initially raised Monday by Jim Gorman of the VMREU, who suggested that there be a second VMREU member on the TC, this one from Langara. Currently, Jo Hansen of KEC is the only VMREU rep.

Said Gorman: "It's our members who will be the most directly impacted by the

separation (of Langara and VCC). Having two members on the council is a bare minimum."

This drew a raft of motions from council members that others also be considered, including representatives of student groups at each campus, the Administrators' Association, the B.C. Nurses Union, and an additional person to raise to two the representation from KEC-CC.

The TC members decided to take all of these suggestions for expanded membership to their constituent groups for discussion, and to return with recommendations for the March 22 meeting.

### **VCC Steering Committee**

John Cruickshank announced that the steering committee responsible for getting VCC's planning process under way will hold its first meeting on March 12. Steering committee members include: Angela Julien (Board member), Dennis Cumming (VMREU), Dalton Kremer (VCCFA), Gail Rochester (Administrators' Association), Donald Oakes (CE Co-ordinators) and Richard Pearce (on behalf of the original members of the College Executive Committee).

### **First Nations' Education**

The TC voted to send a "Policy Framework for First Nations' Education" to the campus councils, unions and other interested groups for their input. The policy proposal stresses that the college increase the number

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of aboriginal students to at least the national average, and that steps be taken to improve their success rate at the college.

Shirley Joseph, Native Education Co-ordinator, pointed out that while the national post-secondary participation rate of native students was 15 per cent (as of 1990), the figure for VCC is only one per cent.

### **Library Services**

The TC received a motion from the KEC Council asking that library services for KEC-CC be maintained at their current level through the transition process.

The TC voted to place the request in what was termed a "parking lot" with the many similar concerns that are anticipated. They would then be addressed at the appropriate time during the transition process.

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### **Otherwise...**

In news outside of the TC meeting, it was announced that negotiations between the College and the VCCFA would resume March 10-11. The two major outstanding issues are salary parity with the LFA and workloads.

**If you have any comments or questions, please send them to Chuck Poulsen,  
Manager of The Exchange, in care of College Administrative Services.**

