

NEWS AND VIEWS

 Events**Spring Social**

Join us on Thursday May 7
from 3:00–5:30 in Room N332
for our Spring Social Event!

This will be a casual gathering
with drinks, snacks and
mingling. We look forward to
seeing you there!

Elections

May 4 – Nominations open
May 8 – Nominations close
May 19–25 – Election Period

Nomination forms will be
emailed on May 4th, and will be
available on our website
BVCFA.com

AGM

The BVCFA Annual General
Meeting will be held on
Thursday June 2 at 4pm via
Zoom.
Zoom registration will be
emailed out one week before
the AGM.

PAC: Wise and Well

Save the date: May 27

A special session on
challenges English language
learners face in career
programs.

Wise and Well

It's (almost) Election Time!

Nominations for the 2026–2028 term will open on May 4th for the
following positions:

Vice President Operations & Labour

The VP of Operations & Labour is responsible for logistical strike
preparedness and acts as the Labour Relations Officer. They also carry
out the President's duties in their absence. They are a voting Member of
the Executive. This position is a two-year term.

Vice President Negotiations

The VP of Negotiations chairs the Faculty Associations Negotiations
Committee (FANC). They are an advisor to the Executive Committee and
Membership on all matters concerning the negotiations and
interpretation of the Collective Agreement. This role is responsible for
organizing, coordinating, and directing the activities of the FANC and the
negotiations team. They are a voting Member of the Executive. This
position is a two-year term.

Vice President Communications

The VP Communications cultivates awareness of opportunities and
engages faculty membership. These goals are achieved through in-
person and electronic communication. They seek out content and
contributors and source swag, giveaways, and donations for Member
events. They are a voting Member of the Executive. This position is a two-
year term.

Board of Governors Representative

The Board of Governors (BOG) representative is a faculty elected, non-
voting Member of the Executive Committee, pursuant of the Post-
Secondary Learning Act is recommended to the Minister by the FA
President to serve as the Faculty Member on the Board, promoting
Association and faculty interests. This position reports to Executive
meetings on deliberations of the Board as they affect the Faculty
Association's interests. The BOG Representative is elected for a term up
to three years and shall not serve for more than two terms or six
consecutive years.

**Academic Council Representative
(4 representatives and 1 alternate)**

Academic Council Representatives serve on Academic Council (AC) for
a two-year term. One faculty AC member is elected Chair of Faculty
Caucus by the faculty AC members. The Faculty Caucus Chair sits on
the FA Executive Committee and is a voting Member of the Executive.
The Chair also reports on FA matters to Academic Council. This role is a
one-year term.

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Easy Updates to Refresh Your Space

On April 14th we hosted an exciting event on *5 Easy Updates to Refresh Your Space*. We were not able to record this session, so we are sharing some of our favorite takeaways for those who could not attend:

- Declutter surfaces intentionally: Clear one surface completely then add back only a few useful items. It's free and immediate! A simple style formula: Something tall + something personal + something with texture.
- Bookcase Styling:
 - Combine books with decorative items. The books don't need to go all the way across the shelf
 - Use both vertical and horizontal book stacks and incorporate plants, artwork, or personal mementos
 - Leave open space on shelves
- Add greenery to your home!
 - Mix floor plants, tabletop plans and hanging plants to create visual interest and balance
 - Layer textures and planters. Combine different leaf shapes and pots to complement your interior



We are hoping to host a follow-up in this design series, so watch your inbox for details, and we hope to see you there!

If you have ideas for a Wise and Well session email us at – pac@bvcfa.com

Our Collective Agreement on: Vacations



As summer approaches, we would like to remind all members that as per Article 22 (sub article 22.6) in our Collective Agreement "Once vacations are approved, they shall not be changed, except by mutual agreement."

So once you get your vacation time approved, you can go ahead and commit to your plans for summer adventures!



BVCFA Grievance Update

The College has now issued its formal response to our Level 2 grievance regarding program terminations within the Centre for Entertainment Arts (CEA). As outlined under Article 19.3 of the Collective Agreement, the BVCFA advanced this grievance based on an alleged violation of Section 47 of the Post-secondary Learning Act.

The College has denied the grievance. Their position is that the programming changes within the CEA do not constitute a suspension or termination under the Academic Program Management Procedure. Furthermore, they maintain that the matter falls outside the scope of the grievance procedure as defined in the Collective Agreement.

While this response is not unexpected, and in the absence of a clearly identified breach of the Collective Agreement, we are not in a position to proceed further with the grievance.