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Vancouver Community College (VCC) To Slash Programming

Over a 1000 students to lose learning opportunities and about 80 faculty to lose jobs

Faculty Expects Stormy VCC Board Meeting

“It’s obvious that the proposed cuts to programs, teachers, and staff are going to be devastating,” said Frank Cosco, President of the Vancouver Community College Faculty Association (VCCFA).

“The provincial government announced in mid-March that it was cutting funding by 2.6%, but VCC’s cuts amount to about double that. At tonight’s VCC Board meeting (6 pm, room 420, VCC Downtown Campus, Hamilton & Dunsmuir) the first public exposure of the extensive cuts will occur,” Cosco added.

At a media briefing tonight at 5:30 pm in front of the library at VCC’s Downtown Campus, the **VCCFA** will distribute a summary of where the cuts will be. **Cindy Lin**, a student from Business Management, which is one of the affected departments, will make a statement (in English and Mandarin). **Vijay Krisnan**, chair of the Student Union and an elected student representative on the VCC Board, will challenge the board to take a public stand.

“Tonight’s Board meeting is sure to be stormy and emotional. Faculty and students from affected departments are scheduled to make statements to the Board. Board members are going to get an earful. We’re hoping the breadth of these presentations will convince the Board to reconsider its plan to push ahead with these cuts,” Cosco concluded.

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