Alexander College

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News

Alexander College has two campuses; one in Burnaby and one in downtown Vancouver, both in close proximity to SkyTrain services. Growth at the college over the past year has been extraordinary resulting in strain on existing facilities in Burnaby.

In response to this issue, college administration is now implementing a plan to move the Burnaby campus to a new location (essentially across the street from the current location) @ Kingsway and McKay. The space available for classrooms is expected to double. As well, there were will space for other improvements and features. Instructors and students are looking forward to the upgrade which is scheduled for completion in 2012.

Labs

The labs are running Windows XP with Office 2007. Software development environments are provided for Python and Java. The software is sufficient for the entry level topics taught at our courses. The IT department is working on software upgrades, likely in conjunction with the move of our Burnaby campus to the new location.

Faculty and Staff

Computer science faculty has remained stable; Gordon Simon and Ahmed Al-malki provide instruction for computer science courses. However, appointments over the past year, in response to college growth include;

Adrian Lipsett
Director of Operations

Mary Imran
Director of Academic Affairs

Flexible Pre-Major

The college continues to provide a strong emphasis on learning outcomes within the curriculum for all departments. In computer science we are taking steps to incorporate the learning outcomes being developed by the Flexible Pre-Major project into the course outlines of various courses. We are expecting to make more progress on this initiative after the conclusion of the Flexible Pre-Major agenda on Thurday.