



Forming Cross College Friendships



VCC's Program Coordinator Meetings create community. They have strengthened the cohesion of the PC team and have helped build lasting relationships with departments across the college. It's empowering to share our CS perspective with potential allies, while bolstering our awareness of college processes and the faces behind them.

Composition

There have been various iterations of the PC Meetings as we figured out how to hear admin team and marketing updates, deal with new business and outstanding actions, plus spend quality time with our guests all in one monthly, two-hour meeting. "We have discovered meeting best practices; instead of PC's ranting and then pouncing on the admin team; we now have the admin team join first and email our questions and concerns. Even finding the best day for all of us to join has been a process"

- Andrea Korens, Fashion PC

Co-creation

The PC Meetings have rotating chairs and secretaries. Sharing the administrative burden is freeing but it also gives every PC the chance to flex their meeting skills and present their unique flair.

Connection

The guest visits are an opportunity to create a contact person on the PC team for the external department. This reduces the burden of communication from nine people to one.

Collaboration

The PC Meetings have a sought-after 30-minute time slot for guests from around the college. "I often have to tell colleagues that the PC Meeting is booking four months in advance," says Interim Dean Claire Sauve. Departments as varied as duplicating, indigenous services, and health and safety have meet the PC team.

Community

"Most of the time, the PCs are working away in their offices focusing on their program area. It's nice to come together once a month to find out that we are all working through the same issues and to hear everyone's unique solutions. The meetings really do help building community internally in CS"

- Justin Ewart, Counselling Skills PC