

TechBC Decision

Ministry of Advanced Education

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Why change is required

- Historical operating and capital costs for TechBC have far exceeded the original budget
- Student enrollments have been consistently below targets
- Private sector partnerships have not developed as expected

TECHBC Vision - What happened?

Comparison of TechBC's Original Vision to Actual Position for 2001/02

DESCRIPTION	VISION 2001/02 Targets	ACTUAL 2001/02
Operating Budget	\$18.00 M	\$23.60 M
FTEs	1,440	378
Other Revenues	1/3 of faculty salaries paid by industry	Minimal revenue from private sector activities

The Process for Decision

- 1** Evaluated Tech BC's revised business plan.
- 2** December 2001: AVED invited public post-secondary institutions to develop proposals for TechBC.
- 3** 5 proposals received from public institutions, plus 2 proposals from private institutions.
- 4** All proposals were assessed against a common set of criteria.
- 5** SFU's proposal addressed all criteria satisfactorily.

Recommendation for TECHBC

Approve SFU proposal:

- Accommodate existing TechBC students
- Maintain university presence in Surrey
- Offer existing range of programs; expand to 800 students
- Build on a national reputation of excellence