

Set Rep Meeting

School of Transportation, Construction and the Environment
Thursday, September 28th, 2017 5:30-7:00 PM

Chair: Moshtagh Mohammadi, Chair Transportation, Construction & the Environment

Staff: Carly Watson, Club Program Coordinator

Darshana Dave, Entrepreneurial Services Coordinator

Laurie Sinott

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Icebreaker
3. Guest Speakers
 - 3.1 Carly
 - 3.2 Darshana
 - 3.3 Laurie
4. Upcoming Events
5. Open Forum
6. Reminders
7. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Minutes

Mosh Calls the Meeting to Order at 5:48pm

1. Call to Order - 5:48

Mosh introduces himself.

Introduces set rep program and what it means to be a set rep.

“Set Reps are a form of communication from the program to your sets

Mosh introduces BCITSA and advocacy. Tells set reps to ask him questions no matter how big or how small. Everything said to Mosh is confidential. If you’re not comfortable speaking in the open forum reach out to me in any other way phone email etc.

Mosh outlines his objectives for the year:

Objective #1: “To have more competitions around school. Whether it’s working together to build a bridge (ex. WEC) or something like a winter classic – many different schools facing each other competing against each other.”

Objective #2: “To open up competition funding in case students have to go over seas to participate in school based competitions. Want to open up funding through BCIT.”

Objective #3: “Have trade students and school of transportation more involved in SA. Wants to hear what you’re dealing with and how he can help them.”

2. Icebreaker - 5:54pm

Mosh invites all the set reps to join in a mobile game called Kahoot.

Kahoot – game involves questions about the SA and mosh and the executives.

Q: when is Free Breakfast Day

A: Mosh says he will supply that information at the end of the meeting or in the email.

Mosh hands out prize for first, second and third place in kahoot.

3. Guest Speakers – 6:07pm

3.1 Orientation to BCITSA – Carly Watson

Carly runs through the structure of the SA and talks about all the services and programs the SA provides.

3.2 Entrepreneurship – Darshana Dave

Darshana introduces herself and talks about all the upcoming events and workshops with entrepreneurship services.

Upcoming Events:

So you want to be an entrepreneur workshop

Events – Ask an expert finance planning (startup) October 3rd

How to pitch your business

Panel event – seed capital

3.3 Career Services – Laurie Sinnott-Lee

Laurie introduces herself and talks about all the upcoming industry events and career services updates. She encourages all the set reps to get on Career Track and to make sure they encourage their fellow students to do so too.

Office hours – resume and cover letter

Workshops – every day resume, job search and cover letter skills

Industry events – January 25 career fair for construction and engineering

Employer info sessions – interviews on campus

Industry connection events – panel discussion and networking in pub after

All information about events on bcitsa career services website

Upcoming: civil engineering geomatics necklehenny on campus doing info sessions – hiring for summer internships and jobs

Wednesday October 11 – arc, civ, interior design panel from companies sharing ways to stand out in job search ne01 249 n42

Forest and natural areas management – west fraser info session sw1 2055

Mosh says he will send an email with Laurie’s contact info.

4. Upcoming events

BCITSA By-election

i. <https://www.bcitsa.ca/elections/>

ii. Time Period

1. Campaign Period Sept. 25 – Oct. 6

2. Voting Period Oct. 2 – Oct. 6

5. Open Forum – 6:22

Mosh introduces the Open Forum and gives the set reps an idea of what should be discussed during Open Forum.

Mosh talks about the issue with parking at NE01 and mentions to the set reps that it has been an issue for years, but the SA council is working on it.

Mosh opens the floor for open forum – 6:23pm

Q: I have two problems. 1st problem is parking, 2nd problem only have 3 drafting rooms for our program, but those are used up until 10pm for night studies, and our entire class has assignments to work on each day and do not have time to work on their assignments. It would be great if they could set up a schedule so one room is always open to be used. My 3rd problem is NE011 room 331 too hot, not comfortable to sit in for a lecture

Q/C: NE1 331 was too cold last year. The second years really like that it is much warmer now.

A: Use switch or get professors to control the temperatures. We have to find a way so that both people are satisfied and we can meet in the middle.

Q: In NE1 drafting tables are not maintained for interior design. We have to bring our own T-squares and everything in our program relies on drafting.

Students chime in and agree that most of the drafting tables are too damaged to use.

Q: There's only one lab on the entire campus that can render digitally (room 347 in NE1) but it's also the only class that has Auto CAD taught. It's impossible to find a time to use the room to render because people are already using it or a class is being taught, and it takes time to render. It's also the only one with licensing sketch up for podium. The lab is booked out for classes from 8am – 9pm every day. All students are required to render to complete their assignments, but we don't have a space to do it.

A: I'll look into getting more computers licensed.

Q: It would be nice if you could opt out of u-pass. I drive to school and have to still pay \$160. I also have to pay for parking and a u-pass that I don't use

More students second the comment.

A: This topic was brought up multiple times last year. When U-Pass was introduced we had to agree with transit when we got it put in was that it was an all or nothing.

Q: Is this all universities or just BCIT in general?

A: province wide

Q: SW3 3rd floor outlets never work

A: outlets have been an issue all years with no improvement over the years. I'm working with SA to have new outlets installed and the old ones fixed.

Q/C: We need hole puncher and staple stations in NE1. There's nowhere near our classes to get our stuff stapled or hole punched.

Q: The schedules on door say what class there is during the day and then night class or event for the evening. Sometimes it says what it is but it changes all the time. Makes it very difficult to find a spot to sit and study. It would be nice to be able to know when the rooms are open for use.

A: I'll have to work with BCIT to get their scheduling but we can work to make sure that you know when rooms are available.

Q/C: Part-time students don't get option for u-passes so why don't you get them to have the option to opt-in instead of making all students pay?

A: Part-time u-passes are in the process of being made and hopefully within next year or so will have a referendum put in.

Q/C: I was a part-time student in full time program and I got a u-pass last year, but it could have been because I was registered for full time program maybe.

Q: I was here for summer and we couldn't get a u-pass for the 7 week summer time program.

A: BCIT is different than any other university or college because we have 7-9 courses for full time program. Anything from 4 – 5 classes you are part time. I know that they're working to try to make it so that students taking 4 – 5 classes get a u-pass, but nothing is confirmed.

Q: I know that there's one forestry career event coming up, but last year a lot of first year students went into summer without jobs because there are not a lot of career services or events available for the environmental school.

Q/C: There are also never any mining companies on campus, therefore no opportunities for mining students.

A: Is that for all environmental programs on the environmental programs? I will talk to Laurie about those people coming on campus for those sessions and those interviews. I will let her know that environmental is lacking.

Q: I have a problem with new intro to civil engineering. Have a midterm coming up and a lab with 40 pages to read in only a few days.

A: Did your professor tell you when your midterm is going to be from your course outline? How many weeks did she give? The reason why I say this Instructors don't talk to each other so when they do talk to each other and give out midterms they don't know they're all on the same day. So what you guys as set reps can do is team up. What myself and other set reps did last year was we approached the prof in a well fashioned manor to discuss the issue. If you have 3 or 4 midterms a week that is the schedule. You get used to it. One thing I do recommend though is if they're not putting on the outline when the midterm is and not giving you a week or two's notice of when that midterm is, that is against policy and you have to approach your instructor about it. If they don't change it come to myself or contact advocacy and we can help resolve the issue.

Q/C: For civil 4th year they are trying to get Profs to get all their items on a schedule and send to set reps to ask program if it's manageable.

A: Program coordinator has asked all set reps to come together to make a proper schedule when each midterm and assignment is, to help even out everything through semester. Great idea. Take back to your own program heads.

Q: I was here on Sunday to do printing and the printer jammed and I tried to call IT and they're unavailable on Sundays. It would help to have a sign that says when IT is available.

A/C: What room were you in?

Q/C: NE1

A: One thing that helps is turning it off and turning it back on. Otherwise I will look into setting up a schedule for when it is available.

Mosh asks for any more questions.

Q: Back to parking. If we send a paper around NE1 and get all students in NE1 to sign it would that work? There's too much staff parking, even staff has said that they don't need those spots.

A: I would ask that with the whole form and signing please hold off for now. Our VP of external affairs is on the issue.

Mosh asks for any urgent questions or concerns.

Mosh asks people from off Burnaby campus to stay so he can discuss with them.

Mosh adjourns the meeting at 6:50pm.