

Set Rep Meeting

School of Computing and Academic Studies

October 19 2017 5:30pm

Chair: Spencer Pollock, Chair School of Computing and Academic Studies

Staff: Carly Watson, Club Program Coordinator

Darshana Dave,

Guest Speakers: Abby Tabaco, Chair School of Health Sciences

Elsie Au, Program Head for Btech

Luli Lowenstein, Student in CST

Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Called to Order

Spencer calls the meeting to order – 5:36pm

Spencer greets the Set Reps and gives them an introduction to the guest speakers that will be talking at the meeting. He introduces Abby and welcomes her to speak.

1. **Abby Tabaco – 5:37pm**

1.1 **Power Hour Event**

Abby introduces her Power hour event and discusses why students in SoCAS should be interested in attending this SoHS event

- Event Details

- October 27, 3:00-4:30pm
- Featuring Michael Bidu, he creates new technologies based on health matters and is always reaching out to connect with people to help create these technologies, i.e apps which people in the school of computing can create. The event can help students from SoCAS learn where they can go technology wise for health
- Rsvp chairhealth@bcitsa.ca

Q: How much do you know about the products that he's making?

A: I can forward you the information including a video discussing some of the things he creates. Some health apps I know of are like checking your heart rate, things like that.

1.2 SUSO

Abby talks about the upcoming wellness week and SUSO events happening.

- SUSO stands for Speak Up Speak Out
- Event details:
 - Mental health awareness campaign
 - Chance to reflect on own mental health and take a chance to take a breather
 - Happening Oct 24 – 26
 - Tuesday = kid for a day, painting colouring, 11:30 – 1
 - Wednesday = free breakfast, great hall 8 – 9 am
QPR = suicide prevention training 12 – 1 pm council chambers
 - Thursday = doggie de stress day 11:30 – 1:30

Q: It's just for one week?

A: Yes but we're planning for more mental health initiatives more often and breakfast club is once a month.

Q: Do we still have free massages?

A: Yes, there are free massages on Fridays you can sign up at wellness@bcitsa.ca

Q: Is it first come first serve?

A: First you sign up, and then it's first come first serve from there.

Abby speaks to other wellness programs including fresh fruit Fridays, Breakfast club and more.

Spencer introduces Elsie Au, the program head for the Btech Program.

2. Elsie Au – 5:47

Elsie introduces herself and gives the set reps an information session about the CST Btech (Bachelor of Technology in Computer Systems Degree) program.

- Points from Elsie's presentation

- Current Canadian IT workforce
 - 50% degree holders
 - 27% college diploma
- Median salary of software developer in BC C \$64691
 - Median salary of CST Btech Graduates of 2015 – 2013 C\$84000
 - CST Btech graduates employment rate 93%
- Btech is an added on component to diploma
 - a degree completion program
 - credits required 60 to 63
- Two options for students wanting to continue their studies and upgrade their diploma to a degree
 - Full time studies (2 years)
 - Games development option
 - Network security administration and development option
 - part time studies (up to 7 years)
 - 5 different programs
 - Database
 - Human computer interface
 - Network security administration
 - Network security applications development
 - Wireless & mobile applications development
- Program Matrix
 - Core courses
 - Specialty courses
 - Technical electives
 - Major project
 - General education
- Program format
 - 2 year full time Starts Sept 2018
 - Ends April 2020
- Two options:
 - Full Time:
 - games development
 - network security administration and development
 - \$3500.00 per term (equals around \$14,000 total)
 - Part time
 - Starts: September, January, April
 - Ends: within 7 years
 - 5 options available
 - \$716.00 per course (equals around \$14,000 total)

Q: If we were to get our diploma and go work can we come back afterwards to complete the degree program? Is there a priority intake for people who just graduated and want to get into the program over people who waited a year?

A: If you are planning to get the degree directly from the diploma you can fill out the application to "opt-in." It will be put out next week and you have until May 31 2018 to apply, we only have one intake. If you miss this deadline or if you work for a year and then come back you have to apply online (secure.bcit.ca/sis/apply)

Q/C: I meant is there a priority for opt-in students or applications?

A: We reserve 15 seats for internal (opt-in) and 10 seats for external (apply online)

Q: How quickly could someone finish the btech program even if they were working full time?

A: Fastest I have seen is 1.5 years.

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3. Luli Lowenstein – 6:11pm

3.1 Research Project

Luli explains a Research project she is conducting with a faculty member.

- The Research Project is about students with learning disabilities in cst
- Participants they're looking for have to have a math learning disability, although that might be hard given the knowledge you typically need in CST program.

Q: what are you expecting to find with this research?

A: the aim is to use what we learn about how students with learning disabilities are able to succeed in technology based programs and we're going to take the information to middle school students and try to help them learn whether that's through creating a game, app etc. we want to find ways to t

Q: is a math learning disability something you diagnose yourself?

A: no, you have to be tested for them. Sometimes it comes along with other learning disabilities like ADHD etc.

Q: so essentially anyone who has trouble with mathematics should go for this?

A: technically some people we help have a math learning difficulty, but we would prefer people with math learning disabilities.

Q: are you saying don't suggest the research to someone who just doesn't like math or someone who hasn't done it in a while.

A: For the research project specifically we're looking for people with math learning disabilities which is a bit greater than just not having done math for a while or not liking math. If you have any questions please contact me.

Luli hands out a flyer with information about the research project.

4. Old Chair business / update– 6:17

Spencer goes over his objective updates

- to keep gaming community that Nav left behind alive
- to get people more aware of what the SA does as an executive council and what they do for students
- Side ones: open education resources and mental health awareness at BCIT

5. Position updates – 6:19

a. Discord

- i. 85 people on there. Always put updates on there and also join the facebook page
LINK TO FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1732606497034678>

- ii. LINK TO DISCORD: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1732606497034678>

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b. LAN

- i. **Q:** is it going to be just BCIT student exclusive event?
- ii. **A:** I've heard a lot of stuff about other students wanting to have friends come so we're working on making it a multi-student event from all different schools.

c. ISEP Alumni

- International Student Education Program
- **Q:** what are you helping them with
- **A:** focus group and also to give them some help on feedback

i. Bcit would like help on the program

ii. Feedback on how it works

iii. – if you know of anyone in the international program we would love to get in touch with them

6. Open Forum – 6:23

Spencer opens the floor to questions and concerns from set reps.

Q/C: we had to find the midterm schedule from a website but we didn't get an email about it.

Q/C: we have a new PA and I think they're having some slips like telling us when the wrong classes are cancelled.

A: there's a bit of a transition and BCIT is trying to work through the changes at this time

Q: one of our lab instructors never reads the assignments before lab before class he never knows what he wants from us before we begin. He's a good guy but he's just not into it.. Someone also complained to me about our instructor. They said that his lecture slides are boring and they find it hard to study from it.

A: I will look into it. Maybe the communication just isn't there between other instructors.

7. Darshana Dave – 6:31pm

a. Events

We host events all the time and they

Go to the website to see all upcoming events

We bring in experts to talk to students and they get lots of time to talk to these big names in the industry. Students that can't come because of classes we have a podcast so students can listen to what they missed and afterward if they want to connect to

b. Mentorship

Match you with an entrepreneur and get 6 months of mentoring. Second intake is in February

Entrepreneur edge program – learning entrepreneur skills, lots of students don't want to become one but they want to have the skills to do it.

NEXT EVENT – November 2nd Prototyping and intellectual property

Lawyers will come in to talk about trademarks and how to copy write stuff. We have a panel event where you can learn about that.

Q: are those services available to alumni?

A: for the mentorship program you have 3 years post grad, everything else it never ends

Spencer adjourns the meeting 6:39pm