

## **SoCAS Set Rep Meeting Minutes**

January 23, 2017 – 5:30pm

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

**Staff:** Carly Watson, Club Program Coordinator

**Guest Speakers:** Steve Eccles, Dean School of Computing and Academic Studies

Bethany Edmunds, Associate Dean School of Computing and Academic Studies

1. **Dean Introduction, Address & Q/A (30 min)**
2. **Be More than a Bystander (15 min)**
  - a. **See schedule below**
    - i. **Only 7 sessions total!**
3. **Set rep program review (20 min)**
  - a. **Questions/comments/concerns about the current set rep program**
4. **Set rep award & how to win (10 min)**
5. **Old chair business (10 min)**
  - a. **Follow up on prior computing issues**
  - b. **Set rep responsibilities**
6. **New chair business (10 min)**
  - a. **LAN party**
  - b. **Be More than a Bystander**
7. **Open Forum (30 min)**
8. **Reminders**
  - a. **Chair of Computing position & upcoming election**
  - b. **LAN party (March 2nd, 5:30pm-12:00am, SE6)**
  - c. **He for She Campaign**

**Spencer calls the meeting to order at 5:36pm**

### **1. Dean Introduction, Address & Q/A - 5:37pm**

Spencer introduces Steve Eccles and Bethany Edmunds

Steve gives update to students

- Talks about graduation ceremony he attended and upcoming jobs in tech available for students
- Recognizes role of set reps – create a culture of learning and be a trusted go-to point for students
- Objectives
  - o Focused on innovating curriculum
  - o Enhanced hiring for great instructors
  - o Innovating classrooms
- Need feedback from students on new learning spaces in DTC

Bethany introduces herself and talks about current updates

- Construction on 6<sup>th</sup> floor to get CST in downtown, 3 sets will be moving downtown and into this new space
- Upping CIT, more sets in each semester
- Looking to get room in sW5 as a computing hub like in downtown
- New support coming for computing students who need any kind of assistance
- Making it clear to faculty what students expect of them

Bethany opens the floor to questions.

**Q:** on the handing stuff back in a reasonable time topic, can we start quoting the 2 weeks back can I do that?

**A:** Yes, start quoting it to me and I will track it.

Bethany mentions she has enforced getting substitutes so that teachers don't have to cancel classes completely.

**Q:** we have the same issue with another instructor, we haven't gotten any of our assignments back, only two quizzes.

**A:** I will mark it down.

**Q:** is it ok to mark midterms in the class?

**A:** this is an interesting thing that comes up. Yes. There are different things of assessment coming up. Instructors are being taught about feedback and assessment. Any time you have a question about what or why a teacher is doing something, just talk to them and ask them why and they will have a reason.

**Q:** we have an exam that was cancelled due to the snow storm. What is the policy behind that in terms of notifying students and when they can schedule it?

**A:** I'm not 100% sure, I think it has to be done in class time

**Q:** about the subject of emails, we're doing a class project and our project manager had emailed our teacher about it and we hadn't heard back in a week and a half.

**A:** what could have happened and is what happens in the tech industry a lot is that they need a question or request to answer in order to reply.

**Q:** unrelated to proff, but related to options. When will we find out if we're going term 2-3

**A:** we had 100% placement with co-op so we had to take out an option, but with everyone moving downtown I would ask Trevor about the options.

**Q:** for CIT I know we're going to get to pick our electives, do you know when we'll get to pick which ones?

**A:** right now faculty is deciding which one they want to teach, but I would say after tomorrow you should know. But I also don't know yet how it will be chosen.

Spencer notes that he will be having a follow up meeting with Steve and Bethany to make sure all questions, concerns and comments are brought to attention.

**Q:** You mentioned there would be changed to the Btech program, will anyone enrolled in that program now see or experience those changes?

**A:** no, the changes will be made in September so students enrolling then will experience them.

**Q:** is part-time Btech going to change too then?

**A:** yes the core courses are going to change along with the option choices

**2. Be More than a Bystander – 6:23pm**

- Standing up against violence against women in the workplace
- SIGN UP and whichever set gets the most people to participate in the training they win a pizza party
- If EVERYONE from the program gets out the program will get a huge party
  - a. See schedule below

Date	Time	Location
Monday February 26th	5:45pm-6:45pm	SE6 Telus Theatre
Wednesday February 28th	12:00pm-1:00pm	SE2 Council Chambers
Friday March 2nd	12:00pm-1:00pm	SE2 Council Chambers
Monday March 5th	11:30pm-12:30pm	SE2 Council Chambers
Tuesday March 6th	5:45pm-6:45pm	DTC Room 830
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Wednesday March 7th	12:00pm-1:00pm	SE2 Council Chambers

**3. Set rep program review – 6:28pm**

**a. Questions/comments/concerns about the current set rep program**

- Spencer asks all the set reps why they think the program works and why they participated

**C:** Having meetings downtown would help for the students who have class down there.

**A:** I will be talking to Spencer G about how meetings downtown are held soon, it's on the to-do

**C:** We got no notification about the last meeting that is why we weren't there.

**A:** there were issues with email last month, but try to talk to other set reps about whether or not they're going to the meetings

**C:** for CSC we didn't know who set reps were at the last meeting because the voting didn't happen fast enough.

**A:** the SA is discussing having a coordinator get around to do all the nominations because it's our initiative to do that,

**C:** We had a talk from a student advocate which was really helpful to know what they can help you.

#### **4. Set rep award & how to win – 6:40pm**

Spencer outlines the set rep award and how it works.

<https://www.bcitsa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/set-rep-award-nomination-2018.pdf>

**Q:** can January intake of set reps apply?

**A:** yes all set reps can apply for it.

#### **5. Old chair business – 6:42pm**

##### **a. Follow up on prior computing issues**

Spencer rehashes what Bethany and Steve discussed.

##### **b. Set rep responsibilities**

Spencer re-

- Showing up to meetings
- Disseminating information
- Being a leader
- Being a point of contact

#### **6. Open Forum – 6:48pm**

Students discuss issues and concerns with instructors and class functionality.

**Q:** you mentioned about QPR training available? When are upcoming training sessions and is there a cost to apply?

**A:** Upcoming one is March 15, link to apply is here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYir8K\\_L9P1wyaqF3jKCma6BeyCHQpPVx5hm6VIRxEh8QCgw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYir8K_L9P1wyaqF3jKCma6BeyCHQpPVx5hm6VIRxEh8QCgw/viewform)

#### **7. New chair business – 6:57pm**

##### **a. Chair of Computing position & upcoming election**

- Passed by council last week
- Open March 19 – 26
- Nominations must be in by 26
- Apply to be an executive and learn a lot

**b. LAN party (March 2nd, 5:30pm-12:00am, SE6)**

- i. Facebook event page for more information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/226738431228803/>
- ii. Tickets on sale now & at door
- iii. 6:00pm start time for tournaments
- iv. Discord link to be a part of the chat: <https://discord.gg/UCsg6xu>

Q: I assume spectators have to pay for a ticket price?

A: Yes

**c. We for She Campaign**

- i. United Nation initiative dedicated to improve gender parity
- ii. Running March 20-22nd
- iii. Games, a social media contest, painting, prizes, raffles, more!
- iv. If you have any questions, would like more details or would like to volunteer to help run the event email Wafaa Barakat [vpstudentaffairs@bcitsa.ca](mailto:vpstudentaffairs@bcitsa.ca)

**8. Next set rep meeting – March 20**

**Spencer adjourns the meeting 7:08pm**