

## SoCAS Set Rep Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018 – 5:30pm

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

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

**Guest Speakers:** Darshana Dave, Entrepreneurship Coordinator

Shebia Leung, Marketing Coordinator School of Computing

Angela, Jack.Org Volunteer

1. IxL Conference – Darshana Dave
2. Student Innovation Challenge – Darshana Dave
3. Matchboard – Darshana Dave
4. Shebia Introduction and new Position Update
5. Jack.org - Angela
6. Be More than a Bystander
7. Competition Funding
8. Old chair business
9. Open Forum
10. Reminders
  - 10.1. Upcoming BCITSA Executive election:
  - 10.2. Set Rep Award nominations
  - 10.3. Teaching Excellence Award
  - 10.4. Gender Equality Awareness Campaign
11. Meeting Adjournment

Spencer calls the meeting to order at 5:36pm

### 1. IxL Conference - Darshana Dave – 5:37pm

Darshana introduces herself and talks about the upcoming IxL Conference

- Free for students to attend
- <https://www.bcitsa.ca/ixl/>
- Innovation by Leadership
- Divided into keynote speakers, breakout sessions and panel event
- Lunch included
- April 7 at 8:30am
- **Deadline to Apply to attend is March 25**
- <https://www.bcitsa.ca/ixl/>

**Q:** When I was trying to apply it said something about you will get invited, like if you register you might not get invited?

**A:** yes, if we get over 300 students we will

**Q:** is it free?

**A:** yes!

## 2. Student Innovation Challenge - Darshana Dave – 5:41pm

- Annual contest aimed at providing support, encouragement and funding to BCIT students
- Chance to win \$5000
- Share your idea and win money to fund your idea
- Apply <https://www.bcit.ca/innovate/>

**Q:** is this closed to BCIT Students only?

**A:** yes, full time and part time students can apply

**Q:** If you're graduating at the end of May can you still apply?

**A:** yes.

## 3. Matchboard - Darshana Dave – 5:43pm

- MatchBoard helps to create interdisciplinary connections among BCIT student entrepreneurs and project seekers.  
<https://bcitsaentrepreneurs.knack.com/matchboard-bcitsa-entrepreneurial-services>

**Q:** is it specifically volunteering your resources?

**A:** as of right now, yes. But in the future we hope to set it up a payment system.

**Q:** where is this service hosted, is it by SA website?

**A:** Yes. \*add link here\*

## 4. Shebia Introduction and new Position Update – 5:47pm

- Shebia talks about her new role as Student Wellness Coordinator within the School of Computing
- Her role includes
  - o Centralized point of contact in SoCAS
  - o Listen to students on non-academic concerns
  - o Connect students with resources and services
    - Student association
    - DRC
    - Health and counselling
    - Financial aids, etc.
  - o Case management
  - o And more!
- Shebia talks about the role of set reps and how they can help her
- Contact:  
[Shebia\\_Leung@bcit.ca](mailto:Shebia_Leung@bcit.ca)  
604-453-4021  
SW02 133

**Q:** is there a central webpage with your information?

**A:** that's a good idea, but we don't have one yet.

**5. Jack.org - Angela – 6:07pm**

- One of 152 chapters across Canada
- Goals: reduce stigma of mental health, create positive and inclusive environment, importance of self-care, encourage students to seek help
- Join the club!
  - o Once a month meetings
  - o Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:30pm
  - o Volunteers always given 1 week notice
- More info: [bcitjack.org@gmail.com](mailto:bcitjack.org@gmail.com)

**Q:** If you're interested in volunteering how many hours would you say you'd be committed to?

**A:** You just come when you can there is no minimum amount of time!

**6. Be More than a Bystander - Spencer – 6:13pm**

- Had to cancel some sessions due to no signups
- Upcoming chances to sign up and attend:
- FREE PIZZA

**Tuesday, March 27** 11:45am – 12:45pm @ DTC TechHub #581

**Wednesday, March 28** 2:30pm – 3:30pm @ SW1 #1205

**7. Competition Funding - Spencer – 6:15pm**

- Recently BCIT granted the SA \$50,000 to allocate funds to students in their participation of competitions
- Funding deadline for this intake is March 30 4:00pm
- This intake will cover costs from competitions held March 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018
- Apply through the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0ZZx9PWlkm1RcRcN4HbY701PzJqbxQQf\\_f0Raezv8omZqaA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0ZZx9PWlkm1RcRcN4HbY701PzJqbxQQf_f0Raezv8omZqaA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**8. Open Forum – 6:21pm**

Spencer opens the floor to questions, comments and suggestions from set reps.

**Q:** is there any way we can get our chairs upgraded?

**A:** I will put a word in with Bethany and see if that is a possibility

One student mentions his imitative of setting up a Sun Run Team

- I have set up a Sun Run team for the School of Computing to partake in and have talked to Steve Eccles. There is monetary incentive for students who want to attend. We have 2 spots left so please join if you want to!

- Food options?
  - o There is no where on campus that we can get food past 5:30pm that is generally healthy and not horribly expensive. This is a huge issue for all students
  
- Room complaint
  - o SE12 302
  - o The alarm is extremely finicky, and it keeps going off while we're coding or in class
    - If you go on the BCIT website and enter maintenance, you can put in a request for things to be fixed

**Q:** have the option talks from second semester happened yet?

**A:** I think it's happening April 4, but I will confirm with Trevor so that I can get the word out and everyone can have chance to learn about options.

## **9. Reminders – 6:43pm**

### **a. Upcoming BCITSA Executive election:**

#### **Elections Schedule:**

Nominations Open: 9:00 AM March 19

Nominations Close: 2:00 PM March 26

All Candidates Meeting: 5:00 PM April 11

Campaign Opens: ~5:30 PM April 11 (at conclusion of All Candidates Meeting)

Voting Opens: 9:00 AM April 23

Voting Closes: 2:00 PM April 27

Campaign Closes: 2:00 PM April 27

Results Announcement: 5:00 PM April 27

### **b. Set Rep Award nominations close: 4:00 pm, April 27th 2018**

Q: Can you nominate yourself?

A: You have to have 2 other people agree with the nomination.

### **c. Teaching Excellence Award close: April 3rd 2018**

### **d. Gender Equality Awareness 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 email Wafaa Barakat  
[vpstudentaffairs@bcitsa.ca](mailto:vpstudentaffairs@bcitsa.ca)

**Spencer adjourns the meeting at 6:52pm**