



Set/ Rep Meeting Minutes

The School of Computing and Academic Studies

Thursday, December 2nd, 2011

Chair: Marwan Marwan, Chair of the Computing and Academic Studies

Set/Tech Reps:

Travis Ryder	Donghua (Tony) Han
Nabeel Lalji	Ro-An Alfonso
Jamie Wilson	Mathew Linder
Corey McDonnell	Judy Nguyen
Alex Huijsman	Zein el Abidine Hajj Sleiman
Shaheer Shabbir	Luke Queenan
Ken Ketola	Jacob Kwitkoski
Joseph Hou	Mathieu Lauzon
Dennis Ho	Karen Blackwell
Ivy Cheung	Tyler Ingram

Staff: Olesea Zadoinova

Guest Speakers:

Karl Tegenfeldt, BCITSA Advocacy Coordinator, advocate@bcitsa.ca

Monica Kay, BCIT Campus Mediation Service, Monica.Kay@bcit.ca

4.1 Meeting called to order

The Chair person, Marwan Marwan, calls meeting to order at 5:30 pm

4.2 New business and Set Rep Forum:

- Two main issues were emphasized in an official complaint to the School of Computing: one of them was instructions on the instruction dates and the other returning assignments to students. The official complaint should be responded in 5 business days.
- One more Lan Party coming next term approximately in January/February. Set Reps were encouraged to volunteer for this event.

Questions:

- ✓ What to do if we have already talked to the instructor; however the problem is still not solved. Please contact Karl Tegenfeldt, BCITSA Advocacy Coordinator at advocate@bcitsa.ca for more details regarding the Complaint Procedure. The issues need to be resolved.
- ✓ Can BCIT make the maintenance time for the computers later in the morning and not at 1:00am? Marwan will investigate regarding this. It was proposed to restart the computers in this case.

4.3 Guest Speaker:

- The Guest Speaker Monika Kay presented her role to the Set Reps and explained that students have right to a respectful, harassment-free learning environment while at BCIT. Information regarding H&D applies to both school environment and work place. It was enlightened the meaning of Harassment and some of its protected characteristic (race, place of origin, family status, sexual orientation, colour, sex, religion, marital status and etc.). Some of the examples of Harassment: are racist remarks sent via email and etc., unwelcome touching, offensive remarks related to sexual orientation, refusing to hire based on the protected characteristics, unwelcome, offensive behaviour off campus that impacts the learning environment and etc. It was explained the difference between legitimate feedback and harassment, the theory and examples of conflict, communication and professionalism. There were provided examples of “not harassment”. Students were

advised to contact Monica as early as possible to resolve a problem through the mediation. The main resources at BCIT are Campus Mediation Services (604-451-6721), Instructors, Program Heads, BCITSA advocate, Student Judicial Services.

Questions:

- ✓ What to do if my classmate constantly harasses me? This is a problem, which can be solved. Please call me at 604-451-6721.
- ✓ How to deal with the instructor who overreacts because of the complaint? Each case is completely different and the solution will depend on the personality.
- ✓ Is it ok that the Coop. Program discriminates you because of the place of origin? No, it is not. It is discriminatory in BC, and BCIT should try to avoid such kind of companies.

4.4 Announcements:

It was announced that the Council Chambers would be available for the Set Reps on Friday, December 2nd, 2011 at 5:30pm.

4.5 Next Meeting

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2011, from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

4.6 Adjournment

The Chairperson, Marwan Marwan, adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

December 1st, 2011

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