



Set/Rep Meeting Minutes of the School of Business Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Chair: Chair of the School of Business, Gordon Newby

Set Reps:

Staff: Genevieve Gobeil, Outreach Coordinator

Guest Speakers:

Robin Hemmingsen, Dean School of Business, robin_hemmingsen@bcitsa.ca

6.1 Meeting called to order

The Chair person, Gordon Newby, calls meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

6.2 The guest speaker

- The Guest Speaker Robin Hemmingsen

Leaders of Tomorrow – Vancouver Board of Trade

Robin encourages students to sign up for this great opportunity. Benefits include:

- Networking
- Social events across other schools
- Community work
- Opportunities to join committees and make change.

There are twenty five spots and you need a good resume, cover letter and good marks to be considered. The deadline is May 31, 2012

If you are graduating this year you are encouraged to join the Company of Young Professionals for similar benefits.

Input on how to improve the School of Business

What is good? What needs to be improved? How can we help you succeed and enjoy BCIT?

Student input:

- The Practicum Program works well for Marketing students
- SA Election was not given enough attention. They needed more communications including speeches...etc.
- There are not enough opportunities to mingle with other Business students.
- Schedule and room location was difficult, confusing, and affected their classes.
- First years information sharing is confusing to understand what is required between students and instructors (ie. D2L).
- Communications need to be clearer
- The website is good but my.bcit is awkward and hard to navigate for students.
- A positive aspect is there is always something going on and many ways to connect with industry unlike other schools. It feels like a community here and teachers are approachable.
- Clubs are good for students and getting to know people as well as industry. Students suggest hitting students in the first two weeks then again in a month and second term. Clubs should sell themselves as gateways to jobs and friends. Clubs need to come together and Dean suggests a meeting of the Presidents in August.
- Dean asks if “BCIT is with it in regards to Technology?”
 - Wiifi is weak
 - Ipads offer too much distraction and more learning while they are already overwhelmed. Keep it simple.
 - Students want access to materials via Iphone, Androids...etc.
 - Teachers need training on the technology they currently have in their classrooms like how to start the computer, use the projector and use the smartboards (very helpful when used correctly).
- Process of getting lockers at beginning of the year needs to be communicated clearly so there is fair access. More lockers are needed.
- Student asks why the program is 9 months opposed to 8 months as most students are not present for the last month? Dean answers that is it because a three year program is put into two years and suggests that a balance of the importance of classes needs to be reinforced
- Students want a bigger fitness gym.
- Request that disciplinary requirements be re-enforced. Things like the 10% attendance are being ignored. Other students suggest that by second year there is a “self-correction” and students are “weeded out”.
- BCIT library system is too small, outdated, with not enough study areas, and the quiet area is not quiet.
- SW1 Board rooms are too restricted. Students would appreciate more access and availability at later times. Students also require better communication about room time availability.
- Students all agree that the instructors and programs are great!
- Accessibility to instructors is “awesome”. Students appreciate the “open door” policy!

- Students appreciate that their instructors come from industry and are up to date on industry standards...etc.
- Would like visitor parking around the Eh Pod & SW1 available to students late at night.
- More students should be involved in Info Sessions and Open House. Volunteer thru ryan_rankie@bcit.ca or robin_hemmingsen@bcit.ca
- Suggest BCIT recruit thru High Schools. More communications and promo needed.
- Some textbooks are not used, not necessary or valid (ie. Intermediate Accounting)
- More computers needed in the library

6.3 Events

BCITSA Final Fling Year-end Party is May 24th @ The Bourbon. Tickets are only \$10 with a free drink before 9pm, free mechanical bull ride, and tons of prizes like bungee jumping, a flight to Nanaimo and a Wii. Tickets available at the Stand, Uconnect, Geared Up, Professor Mugs, and bcitsafinalfling.eventbrite.com

6.4 Old Business

- SE 6 Pillars are looking shabby. They have been cleaned up but feel free to take down posters outdated or without SA stamp.
- Silence in the library is encouraged. Please self-police this issue.
- Chair has communicated SW1 feedback to BCIT and they are working on access issues.
- Water Fountain in SE6 is fixed

6.5 Set Rep Forum and New Business

Your New Chair of Business is Ross!

- Broadcast centre needs microwaves, vending machine, and water fountain. They will be getting a new lounge with a microwave.
- SW1 water Fountain has no pressure
- Rix has cigarette butts in the fish pond
- SE6 room schedule availability is outdated. Can we get it updated more regularly?
- BCITSA Renovations starting this summer with the Great Hall. In the Fall a day care will be added and the renovations for lounge and study space on the second floor will start. Phase three will see renovations to the third floor creating executive offices, club space, and additional services.

- Set Rep Award has been extended until May 15th. There are three \$500 awards available, please apply!
- Thank you Gord - you did a fantastic job!
- Prizes given out by raffle...

In case of any concerns Set Reps were advised to email to Gordon at chbs@bcitsa.ca

5.7 Adjournment

The Chairperson, Gordon Newby, adjourned meeting at 6:51pm.