



Set/ Rep Meeting Minutes  
of the School of Computing and Academic Studies  
Thursday, March 22, 2013

**Chair:** Minoru Nakano, Chair of the Computing and Academic Studies

**Set/Tech Reps**

Allan Brigden (A.J.)

Joseph Krump

Tyler Hlynsky

Arthur Newman

Ryan Markloff

Travis Ryder

Andrew Yuan

Martin Javier

Justin Tom

Mathew Linder

Chris Chapman

Luke Queenan

Angela Ma

Michael Anderson

Akos Sebestyen

Morgan Wynne

Hung Le

**Staff:** Olesea Zadoinova, the BCITSA Program/Clubs Coordinator

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

**6.1 Guest Speaker**

Minoru introduced to the Set Reps a new Dean of the School of Computing. The Guest Speaker Steve Eccles thanked the Set Reps for coming on the meeting and shortly described his background.

The purpose of his presentation was to update the student community about results and plans of the School.

The Set Reps were informed about main goals and benefits of combining the computing piece and the academic studies. It was explained that, Academic studies help students to gain knowledge and experience and further realise themselves as entrepreneurs, CEO, managers and etc.

School is working on the new Strategic Plan and will appreciate students' ideas and concerns. School is planning to create new courses to better engage the students. The School is collecting information about the reasons why students prefer particular instructors and courses, what makes them so engaging and interesting for students.

Moreover, school is planning a research on the curriculum and its new design. Students were asked to share their opinions and feedback with the School. The curriculum team is working on the Social Media type capability to collect students' feedback. All of this will help to open a dialogue and define the direction of the strategic plan.

Students shared their ideas, concerns, issues, and problems such as for example courses they consider more practical for the program and not relative ones, issues with registration for the courses, competence of the instructors and lab teachers, capacity of School and facilities and etc. The Dean answered students' questions and proposed to provide him a more detailed feedback after the meeting. The dean thanked everybody for coming on the meeting.

## 6.2 Announcements

- Lan Party

Jacob, the president of the Games Development Club invited all students to participate in the BCITSA Lan party on March 22, 2013. This annual event is organized by the Students of the School of Computing and Academic Studies and supported by the BCITSA. Six labs have been booked for this event. Students were encouraged to sign up online. The games are listed on the website; and worked well in the past. Food, drinks, door prizes are included in the ticket. Students were encouraged to get involved and bring 2-3 friends with them.

- Free income tax return

Students were encouraged to take advantage of the Free income tax return volunteer program. Students receive service for free and help volunteers get their experience.

- Distinguished Representative Award:

Minoru has promoted a Distinguished Representative Award and promised to send a link with more details. The prize is 500 dollars in cash. Set Reps can nominate themselves or ask somebody to support them.

- SA 5K run:

Minoru encouraged students to participate in the SA5K event. 4 students from the School of Computing have already registered. Minoru proposed to fill out application forms to students. The registration fee is 5 dollars. The collected funds will go to the BCITSA Student Emergency fund. Minoru and Marwan are signed up.

- Elections:

Elections are coming up. The Set reps were encouraged to participate in the BCITSA elections and/or support the running candidatures. Minoru has introduced students who would like to run for the positions and need student support.

### 6.3 Update

- Innovation challenge: Students are encouraged to participate next year to get in touch with some mentors, build support and get good experience.
- Marwan asked students to participate in the Elections. He informed students regarding benefits, the current BCITSA executives are eligible for. Marwan described positions which are presently open for elections.

Questions: Do you have to be a Set Rep to run for the position? No, just a regular full- time student.

- Marwan informed about BCIT Board meetings, which can be run in addition to the BCITSA executive positions. He encouraged students to get involved.
- Marwan encouraged students to pay attention to the emails, which are coming from the School. Especially those, which invite students to participate in the events. It is a great chance for students to meet with the potential employers, to introduce themselves and make some contacts.

Questions:

- ✓ Who is coming next Wednesday? Quick mobile, Web developing and etc.
- ✓ Can we have two possible dates for this meeting? It is the most convenient time for School. Just email Shebia directly.
- ✓ When is a career Fair? On Monday.

### 6.4 Open Forum

No issues have been discussed on the Open Forum.

### 6.5 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 4, 2013 in SW 1205 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

### 6.6 Adjournment

The Chairperson, Minoru Nakano, adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

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