



## **Set/Rep Meeting Minutes Of School of Health Sciences Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Chair:** Amanda Ding, Chair of the School of Health Sciences

**Set Reps:**

**Staff:** Hannah Bielert, SA Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

**Guest Speakers:** Alexandra Gunn; Career Specialist for School of Health Sciences

### **8.1 Meeting called to order**

The Chairperson, Amanda calls meeting to order at 3:05 pm

### **8.2 BCITSA Referendum**

- Results are in and it was a close vote
- The referendum passed
- The SA hears the students and wants to meet their needs
- If you have any feedback for services please let SA staff know

### **8.3 Free Headshots**

- Today, April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Great Hall from 2:30-6:30

### **8.4 Sun Run**

- You can still going the BCITSA team for the run and breakfast at 8 am
- Amanda will send out a reminder e-mail before the event

### **8.5 BCITSA Student Elections**

- 2 candidates present at today's meeting
- Candidates introduced themselves and why they want to run
- Voting: April 13-17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm
- Official candidate announcement - April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Council Chambers
- Amanda will send an update to the candidates about their applications and whether or not they're complete

### **8.6 Zen Lounge**

- Free massages for students in the Great Hall on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2
- First come first serve

### **8.7 International Day Against Homophobia**

- May 17<sup>th</sup> – celebrated at BCIT on May 15<sup>th</sup>

### 8.6 Distinguished Set-Rep Award

- Only received one application so far
- \$500 award
- Application on [www.bcitsa.ca](http://www.bcitsa.ca) under “Awards and Bursaries”
- Must be nominated by peer, faculty, fellow set-rep
- One award per school
- Amanda is hoping for at least three applicants

### 8.7 Laurie Jack Award

- 2 awards of \$500 for graduating students only
- Students that enhanced life
- April 24<sup>th</sup> deadline
- Look at SA website for more info

### 8.8 Now Hiring Peer Tutors

- Earn money
- Work flexible hours while helping your peers with writing or core studies
- Deadline: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### 8.9 Round Table

#### Summer internship

- New marketing internship opportunity
- \$8000 – 12 week summers
- Get communication and entrepreneurship experience
- Student will send contact information for internship

#### Contact info

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- Amanda will be leaving for practicum today, but will still be available

### 8.10 BCIT's DNA

Bill Dow, VP of Academic unfortunately couldn't make it to the meeting as he is in China dealing with a contract for our international students. Amanda was also in China recently – presented to school in Beijing about what students do at BCIT and what we're all about. Bill wants to hear from the Set Reps what defines BCIT and what BCIT means to you?

#### Summary of points:

##### Good

- Small class sizes and you get to know your classmates more than at other universities
- Practical and hands on experience
- Most students have good relationships with instructors, are on first name basis with them, and feel comfortable approaching them

## **Bad**

- Some courses are useless or seem like filler courses with useless tasks
- HEAVY workload - almost every student mentioned this point and how their schedules are so tight with no time for a social life
- Not as much time to reflect on learning and experience
- Heated debates over exams and fair questions and policies need to be revisited
- Way too many final exams in a short amount of time which causes students to skip out on sleep which affects their mental health and actually causes them to score lower on exams
- Not enough time between courses end and finals start – mercy rule or more review time?

## **How to improve**

- Extend exam/midterm week to two weeks and have review quizzes to evaluate learning along the way to make sure students are on track
- Standardize Communication and Marketing courses
- Lengthen programs

## **8.11 Career Services**

### **8.11.1 Guest Speaker: Alexandra Gunn**

- Sign up on Career Track – the Student Association’s one stop shop online platform for careers ([bcitsa.ca/careers](http://bcitsa.ca/careers))
- Create a profile and upload a resume
- Full-time and part-time positions available
- Some jobs require a lower amount of hours so students could do work while still in school
- BCIT and the SA are looking for Peer Tutors – deadline April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- SIF – last time you can apply (deadline- mid April?)
- APEGBC/ASTTBC Industry Night - April 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:45pm-8:30 pm at Professor Mugs Pub

## **8.12 Meeting Adjournment**

Amanda adjourns the meeting at 4:30 pm