



Class Rep Agenda

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Chair:** Daniel Sumano

**Class Reps:**

Alec McCourt*	John Lee*	Aymin Ismail*
Arian Eslami*	Kevin Dykstra	Navin Vidyadharan*
Aaron Rippin*	Lee Dawson*	Adam Albrecht*
Arvin Nikseresht	Lisa Lai	
Bradley Meyer	Lucadio Gurierrez*	
Eric Corcoran*	Mark Gutknecht	
Elaine St. Laurent*	Peter Chan	
Felipe Ferreira*	Ellie Huey*	
Harman Sokhey	Matthew Huem*	
Hussain Jahanzaib	Nick Gravel	
Jaden Moon	Rema Abukhandra (E)	
Jie Chen	Scott Mann*	
Staff:	Chantel Dickson, Satellite Program Coordinator*	
Attended(*)	Excused (E)	

**29.1 Meeting called to order**

- 11:27am

**29.2 Acceptance of the Agenda**

- Lee Dawson
- Seconded by Lucadio Gurierrez

**29.3 Acceptance of the minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- Mark Gutknecht
- Seconded by Lee Dawson

## 29.4 Guest Speaker; Career Specialist, Sara Kandathil

### Topic: Biggest career related mistake you will make when graduating

- ATC instructors had specific career related feedback
- 30 instructors overall that responded
- Questions were scaled from 1-5 on how prepared graduates were, the mistakes that graduates make, and what three key job search tips that they would give
- 78% said students were somewhat prepared to go into the work force & 19% said very prepared
- Biggest mistakes students make when applying for jobs:
  1. Resumes are not targeted (unspecific)
    - Go see Sara to develop your resume further
  2. Not enough company research before an interview
  3. Focusing on one job search strategy (eg. Online only) there are other things you can do, such as networking
  4. Not being able to communicate skills and strengths properly
    - Try focusing on your technical skills and match them to the skills needed in the job that you are applying to
    - In the interview, give employers concrete examples as to how you demonstrated these skills.
    - Be able to answer questions like “What are you able to bring to our company?”
  5. Appearing unprofessional (this includes social media)
  6. Not being able to relocate
    - In the job market you have to be willing to move around
  7. Unrealistic expectations with the excuse, “I can’t find anything in Vancouver so there is just nothing available”
    - Be open to new opportunities even if it isn’t your dream job.

### More tips:

- Talk to as many people as you can about your job search
- Network your face off
- Most jobs aren’t advertised so talk to people at companies that you want to work for
- Get a part time job in the industry (eg. Aeromag) Just to have that experience, it’s a good networking opportunity
- Be organized, professional and be patient
- How can we help you?
- Go see Sara during Career Help drop in hours (Sara is at the campus every second Thursday)
- Practice selling your strengths (mock interview)
- Networking workshops in the Aerospace industry
- Sara’s contact info: [skandathil@bcitsa.ca](mailto:skandathil@bcitsa.ca)

### Daniel’s advice:

- Write down what you think your employer would value about you. Know your strengths; make sure you have the right ingredients (your skills) to make the recipe.
- Ask yourself “What can I bring to the company?”

- Open up the lines of conversation with your instructor

### 29.5 Referendum Result

The referendum did pass with 790 votes saying yes; 708 votes saying no

What is going to change:

- Remodeling of professor mugs pub
- Entrepreneur centre for September
- Student Development centre in September
- Redesigning of the Burnaby campus bookstore (If everything goes smoothly the possession of the bookstore will be given to the SA)
- Career Centre will be move down to where Geared UP is
- Recruiting an external advocate for a political voice that represents the student body
- Part time internal advocate to help out with the cases for the 40,000 students

### 29.6 Elections

- Election Nominations are due at 12:00pm today
- BCIT makes sure that the student is in good standing with BCIT (paid fees, good grades)
- On April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be an all candidate meeting
- Voting starts on April 10<sup>th</sup> and goes until April 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm
- Candidates are allowed to have slates (pair up and help each other get votes)
- You can only vote once for one person. Be aware and use your voting privileges wisely!
- iPads are allowed during the election process (cannot solicit people in the library or cafeteria)
- No **harassment** is allowed with voting
- Voting is at my.bcit.ca

### 29.7 Pool Tournament

- In spirit on the monthly events we have here we are having another tournament
- Signup sheet on April 13<sup>th</sup> (Outside SA office or Pool table)
- Tournament for May → 3 on 3 basketball tournament
- Hotdogs will be given out!

### 29.8 Skills Canada

- Volunteers are needed in Abbotsford
- BCIT is asking for 4 volunteers to unload and load up the BCIT Van
- On April 15<sup>th</sup> the volunteers will drive to Abbotsford airport
- Lunch is provided
- Great way to get involved in the industry

**Transfer document:** The person who wins the election will take office on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Document will cover goals, products the works that effect student, issues and concerns that we should be aware of.

### 29.9 Round Table

- Q: In the gym, is there a possibility of getting a fan?
- A: Lower the temperature first then if not then we will get a fan

**29.10 Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. 11:15-12:00 and room TBA**

**29.11 Meeting Adjournment**

- 12:10pm