



Set/Rep Meeting Minutes Of School of Energy Wednesday April 1st, 2015

Chair: Jaime Haakons, Chair of the School of Energy

Set Reps:

Staff: Hannah Bielert, SA Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

Guest Speakers: Sara Kandathil; Career Specialist

7.1 Meeting called to order

The Chairperson, Jamie calls meeting to order at 4:45 pm

7.2 Guest Speaker: Sara Kandathil

7.2.1 Biggest Career-Related Mistakes You Can Make When Graduating

- Sara put together this presentation together for all the Set Reps and each is tailored to the respective school
- Sara surveyed BCIT instructors as they have good experience and know what mistakes students make

The Data:

- 37 instructors surveyed

Questions asked:

1. One a scale from 1-5, how prepared would you say graduates in your program are to look for work?

Results:

3% – not prepared at all
34% – somewhat prepared
44% – prepares
19%- not prepared at all

2. Biggest mistakes new grads make when job searching
 - Resumes aren't targeted
 - Not enough company research before an interview
 - Focusing on only one job search strategy
 - Not able to communicate unique skills/traits/experience
 - Appearing unprofessional

3. Common themes across BCIT instructors
 - Not willing to relocate
 - Waiting til after grad to begin job search
 - Unrealistic expectations – wanting ‘dream job’ right away
 - Being too specific in job search

What did your instructors from the School of Energy say?

- Not starting job search before graduation
- Not considering jobs outside of the Lower Mainland
- Only using traditional job search
- Not putting enough effort into resumes and cover letter; researching employers

Avoiding pitfalls and key job search tips

- Apply, apply, apply, network, network, network
- Have someone proofread your resume and cover letter – get a fresh set of eyes – print off and review on hard copy as well
- Be prepared to move
- Start early
- Be proactive

How can Career Services help?

- Drop-in hours/Resume workshop
- Networking Workshops/employers on campus
- Drop in hours/Appointment with career specialist

Contact your career specialist:

Hatinder

Hhari@bcitsa.ca

7.3 BCITSA Referendum

- 1500 total votes cast
- 797 For and 703 Against

7.4 Zen Lounge

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

7.5 APEGBC/ASTTBC Industry Night

- April 7th, 5:45pm-8:30 pm
- Professor Mugs Pub
- Need to send an RSVP to the website
- Lots of employers, last year was packed last year

7.6 Career Track

- Many job postings on Career Track
- If you're interested talk to Jamie or visit www.bcitsa.ca
- Some jobs available that you can apply for through Career Track:
 - Engineering Assistant for Man Power
 - Electrical Sales Customer Service
 - Process Engineer and Industrial Engineer
 - Marketing associate for an engineering consulting firm

7.7 Laurie Jack Award

- 2 awards of \$500 for graduating students only
- Students that enhanced life
- April 24th deadline
- Look at www.bcitsa.ca for more info

7.8 Old Issues

- Head of Safety and Security, Glen is going to add to orientation where to go if you're hurt or injured on campus
- Apprentice Networking Event – Hatinder is working on creating one

7.9 Distinguished Set-Rep Award

- Only received one application so far
- \$500 award
- Application on 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

7.10 QPR Training

- April 22nd in Council Chambers
- Sign up at Uconnect or e-mail resource@bcitsa.ca
- Please pass along invitation to classmates

7.11 School of Engineering Proposal

Jamie reads out presentation he's prepared about renaming the school of energy to the school of engineering. He will be getting feedback from Student Executives after this meeting

7.12 Question and Answer Period

Q: Some students in a set are asking about the sports and recreation centre – could not rent any outdoor equipment

A: Used to be widely available but funding for Rec Services has fallen off – SA is looking into a cohesive effort to create better Rec Services

Q: First level of electrical engineering students start in January and they can't rent out any AV services because they can't find them in the banner system

A: Talk to program head and then Associate dean

Q: A week or two ago student saw a Dean of engineering from a university for a Q and A session and no students really heard about it

A: BCIT needs to enhance their advertising for this Mechanical and Electrical engineering – Jamie will make a note to talk to someone

Q: Problem with bike lockers – don't have enough (only 24)

A: Due to budget – Jamie will get back to Set Reps on this Rec Services issue

Q: New set starts in March and they don't have a set rep – can rep approach the instructor?

A: Yes, absolutely

7.13 Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

7.14 Meeting Adjournment

Jaime adjourns the meeting at 5:25 pm.