

Set Rep Meeting
School of Computing & Academic Studies

November 3rd, 2016 – 5:30pm

Chair: Nav Bhatti

Staff: Amy Smith, Club Program Coordinator

Guests Speakers:

Kelsi Carlton

Alexandra Gunn

Kayla Di Bauda - canceled

Set Reps:

Daniel Baranowski

Jordan Lin

Eva Yu

Clhooe Robertson

Wyatt Ariss

Sheldon Lynn

Matt Kearney

Greg Little

Renato Montes

Mohammed Bajaman

Delan Ellion

Wilson Lau

Majot Khalsa

Jason Burns

Ryan Norfield

Jaison McDonald

Jap Johal

Justin Heidema

Cody Clatterberg

Luli Lowenstein

Timothy Boyarski

John Tee

Morgan Ariss

Michaela Yoon

Wei Zhang

Marc Vouve

Meeting Called to Order

Nav calls the meeting to order at 5:39 pm

Faculty & Staff Discussion

Trevor Lord, Program Head for CST; Bethany Edmonds, Program Head for CIT (soon to be Associate Dean); Elsie Au, Program Head for B-Tech

Faculty introduce themselves and off two fun facts: new option in cloud computing for CST, and construction starting at the DTC for the CIT Hub.

Question/Comment machine learning option in the works?

A It's in the works, as well as an entrepreneurship option.

Q/C notes in class were frequently provided in first semester, but in second semester much harder to obtain notes from instructors.

A Some thoughts on this are that taking notes, especially hand writing, is a great way to learn. You can also obtain notes from students who are ahead in the program, or work with instructors to come up with solutions collaboratively.

- Some classes are not conducive to taking notes, where the amount of information is too great to take notes and absorb material.
- This also comes back to working with the instructor to find solutions to learning.

Q/C Can we rearrange or replace classes with CST classes to streamline and improve level of learning.

A program review is in the works, and some of these suggestions have been taken into account. Changes come slowly, but they do increase the long-term value of education. Also trying to engage Alumni to inform curriculum and come up with innovative ways to have continuous improvement mechanisms outside PAC.

Q/C Rumour that there were 70 co-ops spots for the latest intake of CST.

A No, there are typically 42 for CST and 8 for CIT. The Centre for Workplace Education, which works with co-op within BCIT is constrained by resources. Faculty is working on coming up with creative solutions into providing the value everyone is looking for.

- If you do co-op, do you not do your project term?
A: that is usually true

Q/C Industry Sponsored Student Projects project catalogue for CIT students.

A The catalogue is for everyone, but projects relating to UX would benefit more from CIT expertise. There are also the Wordpress migration type projects which are less intensive. As long as you feel your team has the skills required, any project listed is viable.

Q/C can you independently look for work outside of co-op?

A Yes, definitely. If you get work that conflicts with school, talk to faculty to try to accommodate.

Q/C Is B-Tech going through program review same as CST, or is it going the CIT route?

A B-Tech is currently at the same level of progress as CST.

Kelsi Carleton - STEM Spotlight Awards

STEM Spotlight Science Tech Engineering and Math fields looking to solve some industry challenges. Their main sponsor is Unbounce. Runs until **Dec 2nd**. Submit a 1500-word report on how you would solve the problem, and get connected with job opportunities, awards, networking, and possibly prize money!

<http://www.stemspotlightawards.ca/>

Career Services Update – Alexandra Gunn

EMPLOYER INFO SESSION CAMS SOFTWARE – NOVEMBER 29, 2106
CAMS software is looking to hire from a few programs, info session in Council Chambers.

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Location: Burnaby Campus – SE2 – 3rd floor – Council Chambers

<https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/employer-info-session-cams-software-november-29-2106/>

SWAT- Health & Wellness Initiative – Kayla Di Bauda

SWAT - Student Wellness Ambassador Team

Our mission is to work effectively in student outreach teams to help raise awareness about wellness issues and promote resources available on campus among the student population. We are looking for about 8-10 students who are passionate about health and wellness and want to help make an impact on the campus in a positive way.

I have attached a document outlining our mission, roles & responsibilities, skills & abilities, as well as the perks of getting involved. If you know if any students that are interested, please let me know. We are looking for students from all schools (not just Health Science programs). If you are interested please contact Hannah Bielert hbielert@bcitsa.ca

Old Business

Instructor issues

Q/C 18 hours of lab missed by an instructor, and the excuses seem unbelievable.

Feel like that there is no resolution that wouldn't affect you personally.

ANav to escalate.

Q/CGrammar improvements are being noticed

Q/CGetting things back really late

Q/CNeeding study space, term 1 or term 2 lab

Q/CLineups for office hours, huge demand after instructor is missing labs

Q/C: Generally disappointed by co-op. Suggestion for work terms or other versions instead of co-op, or a different configuration that is more fluid.

New Business

7.1. Nav's Objectives

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Ideas:

- Something involving co-op improvement
- Keeping one Stand open during low hours.
- More outlets installed in key buildings
- Once a month doggy de-stress or more wellness activities

Q/CWho controls the gym?

A BCIT Rec Services

- Subsidized gym classes through student fees?

7.1.2. Chair / Set-rep Program Feedback

N/A

7.2. LAN PARTY WOO!

We will rebuild! All efforts will go into the next semester's LAN event.

7.3. Volunteers: January Orientation

Nav wants to see interest now for volunteers, but formal sign-up sheet will come next meeting.

More Open Forum

Q/C Too expensive and sometimes the produce is not common. It would be nice to have ideas on how to use uncommon produce.

- CSA (local organization) box instead? Spud is too middleman, and geared toward yuppies!

Q/C Lost marks for something not stipulated, and felt this feedback was not acknowledged. Students have been contacted and agreed with this scenario. Faculty brushed off this feedback.

- Apparently the assignment does say it should be "mobile friendly" which is ambiguous.
- Not worth fighting this battle

Q/C Information needed on cheap computers for students

A Amy to follow up

Next Meeting: December 1st, 2016

9. Meeting Adjournment

Nav adjourns the meeting at 7:14 pm