

**Set Rep Meeting**  
**School of Computing & Academic Studies**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Jan 26, 2017 – 5:30pm

**Chair:** Nav Bhatti

**Staff:** Amy Smith, Club Program Coordinator

**Set Reps:**

Mark Vouve	Luli Lowenstein	Stephanie Hu
Stephanie Cosacescu	Sungwoo Kahng	Toni He
Wei Zhang	Alan Dentscher	Bryn Beaudy
Renato Montes	Males Fisli	Andrew Mai
Greg Little	Spencer Polloch	Noah Seltzer
Cody Clattenburg	Daniel Baranowski	Akemi Haraguchi
Miranda Pattyn	Mohammed Bajaman	Jap Johal
John Tee	Sweeha Arya	George Padua
Michaela (Jeeyoun)Youn	Eva Yu	Ryan Liang
Morgan Ariss	Darren Chan	Teresa Guan
Jordan Lin	MaksFisli	
Cameron Warje	Alberto Becorra	

**Guests Speakers:**

Darshana Dave, Entrepreneurship Coordinator

Alexandra Gunn, Career Specialist

Jean Scribner, Program Head Communications

Trevor Lord, Program Head for CST

Bethany Edmunds, Associate Dean SOCAS

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:36

**2. Alexandra Gunn - Career Services Update**

For Career Services under the School of Computing, contact Alexandra Gunn Alex discuss-

es the recent Tech Industry Days event and the success of the event, as well as the upcoming Industry Week:

*Microsoft Feb 2*

<https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/industry-week-employer-info-session-career-fair-microsoft-dynamics-february-2-2017/>

*VMC Feb 7*

<https://www.bcitsa.ca/careerservices/event/employer-info-session-vmc-february-7-2017/>

### **3. Darshana Dave – Entrepreneurship Services Update**

Darshana lets the set reps know about some upcoming workshopps and events:

<https://www.bcitsa.ca/beaboss/>

- Learn and Work with Expert Peter McCullagh, TenX Ventures Feb 6
- E-Commerce vs. Retail: Just Sayin' AnEntrepreneur Panel Feb 8agunn@bcitsa.ca

Q: Workshop times should be moved around because the current times don't work for most students

A: Please contact Darshana to suggest dates and times

### **3. Jean Scribner – Language Assistance for Computing Students (30 mins)**

Jean Scribner is paying particular attention to English proficiency for students at BCIT. In addition to peer tutoring or the writing centre within the library, scheduled and integrated tutorials are a more proactive solution. The aim is to intervene as soon as possible and help students in need to access these tutorials. Jean asks the Set Reps if these tutorials should be offered specifically for Computing.

Q: I don't feel comfortable speaking for my set on their English level

Q: see some students not engaging at all because they can't communicate; they are segregated in some cases.

Q: We work in teams with people who are English as an Additional Language, and the math and programming language content makes it not as dependent on English communication. It's good to have strong English speakers with those who are struggling with language barriers.

Q: I don't know how I feel about some students needing to have extra work on top of their course load. Is this mandatory if you're deemed in need?

A: No one is made to attend, but it's offered. This shouldn't be a stigma-based system, it's just about allowing people the framework to excel

Q: In B-Tech this is also an issue, even though the schedule is more flexible. I see a lot of drop off because the material is too advanced and language barriers are prevalent.

Q: What are the costs associated? Is there a reason we wouldn't expand this program?

A: Allocating resources also involves ensuring the resources will be used and benefited from.

Jean will circulate a survey in order to collect opinions and perspectives on this to see if the Language Support Tutorials should be expanded to the School of Computing.

She also mentions Presentation Idol and that this event has been opened up to the School of Computing.

#### **4. Faculty Forum with Bethany Edmunds and Trevor Lord**

Bethany is new in the position as Associate Dean of SOCAS. She is the appropriate person to discuss academic and instructors, as well as student conduct. Please connect with her whenever you need regarding policy and procedure.

Trevor is program head for CST, and he reiterates Bethany's sentiments on hearing concerns about instructors: he must forward these concerns to the Associate Dean.

Trevor encourages computing students to participate in Presentation Idol because communication skills are invaluable. While technology changes, communication is a constant vital component of every successful career. If you hate presenting, this is a great venue to polish your skills and add to your resume.

Trevor would like to see Language Support services available to everyone, not just EAL students.

If you feel like you can't succeed based on the expectations and supports provided, please tell this to someone. This is also the point of the current program review.

Q. Not enough Green Bins, especially in computing areas

A. That should sit with facilities but the system is flawed

Q. Lab materials need improvements. Can this be addressed in the program review?

A. Yes and no

Q. You need to know GIT by 3<sup>rd</sup> term, because it's not covered

Q. Class schedules are really challenging

A. There is a policy coming out that makes a timetable mandate that puts students first

- If all students and the instructor agree, then you can move a class time

Q. The evaluation forms are not taken seriously, and are too long and tedious

A. They will be enforced

- There needs to be a pattern of poor performance
- The forms are being revamped
- Tell your peers that there is a new AD who is paying attention
- Remind them it's important and to give quality feedback

Q. Doing evaluations online was a better experience for me than the paper ones

A. There is a new system coming out that has been formulated over years

Q. Can we have a clear expectation of what we will get out of these evaluations and can we see the outcomes of evaluations?

A. Yes, you can expect these evaluations will be read and taken into consideration. Also no, staff cannot share the outcomes of all reports of poor performance. However, you will see evidence

Q. Events that are promoted to me are never occurring at times that work my school/co-op scheduled

A. Let Nav know what times would work better for you so that he can help others schedule their events

BCIT has added a git server: [https://git.cit.bcit.ca/users/sign\\_in](https://git.cit.bcit.ca/users/sign_in)

Q. Schedule for cloud option not on the online timetable.

A. Trevor will address

## 5. Old Business

a. The "Odd-job" objective

So far has been proposed as more power bars.

## 6. New Business

a. Introductions for new Set Reps and explanation of what a set rep is

- Set Reps are communication channels and help to spread infor-

mation and empower their peers by sharing knowledge of campus resources

- Help their peers advocate for change and collect feedback
- Not responsible for ensuring deadlines are known etc.
- Can go above and beyond by organizing study groups etc.

Q. Let's do a Slack Chat – Nav will send invitations

**b.** Planetarium

When would you like to do the Planetarium? Could we do a social one instead of a learning one?

- February is good on a Friday. Tentatively set for Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

**c.** LAN Party (Woo!) March, Friday after Spring Break

- CS
- Dota 2
- Smash
- Hearth Stone

Q. Need to add a system for players with no team

Q. Volunteers needed – Nav will put out a call soon

Q. prize draw scheduled at a time when everyone can come?

Q. Talk to Steven Lam about LAN

**d.** Focus Group for student success visioning sessions

Who is interested in giving feedback ?

- Are there incentives?

**e.** Student Building survey going around- please fill out

**f.** Consider running for the Chair position- Nav discusses the benefits of running for Student Executive

## **7. Open Forum**

Q. Wifi is not good

- Might the building you're in; upgraded AP's

Q. Game Jam for developing games hosted by Game Development Club;

<http://bcgamejam.com/> Volunteer or sign up!

Q. Share old quizzes to study for future ones

Q. Have issues with an instructor that missed class frequently been resolved?

A. Yes, but please report any new issues.

Q. No feedback on quizzes from an instructor in 1510.

A. Try to go to office hours or another instructor's labs

Q. Instructor ending classes early

A. Try giving the instructor feedback

## **8. Meeting Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:03

## **9. Next Meeting: Feb 23, 2017**