

Set Rep Meeting
School of Business
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 21st, 2017

Chair: Inder Gill

Staff: Amy Smith

Guests Speakers: Mark Nakamura, Nav Bhatti, Dominic Terrado, Tania Loken

1. New Business

1.1. International Program Presentation

Mark Nakamura talks about the benefits of taking an international program, which is no more costly than your regular BCIT tuition (with a possibility of scholarships specifically for this program). Field School is a very applied program of study and has a research component. The Exchange programs sometimes are eligible for double degree credits. It's an exciting and enriching cultural experience that offers unique benefits.

Q: how much is the summer Field School program?

A: About \$4,000, which is based on a cost-recovery program. Much cheaper than being an international student under other circumstances.

Q: Does the double degree for accounting have the same elective requirements for Bachelor of Accounting?

A: Yes

Mark leaves his contact information with the reps and asks them to share this opportunity with their peers.

1.2. Leaders of Tomorrow Event

Dominic Terrado informs the Set Reps about the LOT program by the Burnaby Board of Trade that he is part of. He discusses the benefits of the program he has found, including being paired

with a mentor in the industry of his studies. He also discusses the speaking, networking, and workshop events this program offers.

He invites the set reps to an upcoming informational event for this program April 27th at 5:30 in Council Chambers in SE2.

1.3. Student Space Presentation

Chair of Computing, Nav Bhatti, introduces the upcoming referendum on passing the fees for a new building specifically intended for student use. Nav discusses the general design objectives of the project, which are broken into 5 components. Social spaces, eating space, wellness, sustainability, and learning and study space are key aspects. Nav describes these components in-depth and also describes the process of cost and space planning that was undertaken for this project.

Nav discusses the referendum and asks how we can convince students to vote in this referendum and whether a \$40 fee with an increase of \$10 a year until a cap of \$90 is going to be palatable to students.

Q: Why would someone who isn't going to enjoy use of the building vote to pay more?

A: to pay it forward to future students, and to increase the value of your BCIT credential by improving the quality of the campus.

Q: Can't we look into existing spaces to see if there's a less costly alternative?

A: alternatives have been looked at, and a new building is the preferred choice of SA Student Council

Q: What was the initial figure that the SA was looking to spend?

A: No figure was estimated before the cost planning consultant was hired

1.4. Career Services Event Feedback – Tania Loken, Career Services for School of Business

What channel do you prefer to receive Career Services updates?

- Email
- Maybe a LinkedIn group

Have you applied to any jobs on Career Track?

- No

Why?

- You need to sign in to access things, and that's challenging

When should we hold events?

- Wednesdays at 2:30 and other days after 5:30pm

Do you like bigger events or smaller, more intimate events?

- Smaller events that are program-targeted
- Some of us are getting smaller, intimate events “career prep”.
- It’s hard to be memorable with an employer when they talk to so many students at a big event

Tania Loken reminds the Set Reps about her office hours and workshops that are ongoing.

1.5. Off Campus Housing Discussion

N/A

1.6. BCITSA Elections are coming up

BCITSA STUDENT EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

President

V.P. Campus Life

V.P. Finance & Administration

V.P. External Affairs

V.P. Student Affairs

Chair – School of Business

Chair – School of Health Sciences

Chair – School of Energy

Chair – School of Transportation, Construction, & the Environment

Chair – School of Computing & Academic Studies

Chair – Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC)

The newly elected student executives will serve a term from June 1st, 2017 – May 31st, 2018. During this term, they will receive student executive perks including an office, discounts at all BCITSA retail stores and pub, free part-time courses, invitations to special events, a discount on parking, and a monthly honorarium. Please visit the website for more information and to download a nomination package: <https://www.bcitsa.ca/about/governance/>

1.7. Distinguished Set Rep Award

Apply for the Distinguished Representative Award! The award will be given to a deserving repre-

sentative that has gone above and beyond their duties. Each school will give out one award of \$500 per year to selected representatives. This year's deadline to apply for this award is Friday April 21st, 2017 @ 4:00pm You can download your application package for the Distinguished Representative Award here: <https://www.bcitsa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Distinguished-Set-Representative-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf>

1.8. QPR Training

SA staff members hold a suicide prevention training workshop for the set reps.

2. Open Forum (students ask questions, pose issues for discussion, provide feedback)

A reminder is given about the tax clinic service on campus running from March 29 – April 26th. Sign up for an appointment and view the eligibility criteria here: <https://www.picatic.com/bcitfmatax>

3. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

4. Meeting Adjournment