

School of Health Sciences Set Rep Meeting
October 28th, 2021
Minutes

- Chair:** Garry Sidhu – Chair, School of Health Sciences
- Staff:** Gurleen Kaur Mann – Wellness Advocate
Victoria Williams – Wellness & Advocacy Coordinator
- Set Rep:** Manoji-Tharaka Gamaralalaga, Calista Branter, Kelly Johnson,
Brendan Louis Prawdzik, Cameron Fletcher, Chloe Chan, Erin Scott,
Omar Beydoun, Bridget Russell, Kate Allen,
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1.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chair, Garry Sidhu, calls the meeting to order at 17:35.

1.2 Welcome and Introductions

- Garry welcomes everyone: new Set Reps and those who have done this before
- 30% of expected Set Reps are attending this meeting, but Health Sciences are academically intense. It is midterms so this number is understandable.
- Many new Set Reps, so there is a round of introductions.
- Acknowledging the broad range of programs and the vast range of knowledge within these individual programs to better the Health Sciences department as a whole.

1.3 Why You are Here

- To learn roles of the SA, the roles you have as Set Rep, how to help you navigate BCIT to help your constituents

1.4 General Responsibilities and Expectations

- *Set Rep information package 2021/2022*: Chair goes over the content of this package
- Options for advocacy – support students yourselves, or by connecting with the Chair, other Student Executives, or Advocates at the Student Association
- Chair urges Set Reps to learn the needs of the set, find common and recurring issues. Set Rep are responsible to notice and address issues. Additionally, learn to navigate student on student issues and conflicts as an individual Set Rep.

Discussion:

- Regardless of how many students they represent, the Chair hopes Set Reps have a direct line of communication with their constituents.

- The Chair suggests all Set Reps relate individual program concerns to the concerns of all of Health Sciences – how can we apply this to other programs or Health Sciences faculty as a whole?
- BCITSA Introductions: Wellness Advocate Gurleen shares information on ways in which they can help in program-wide and individual concerns. Wellness & Advocacy Coordinator Victoria shares information on current programs and contact information. The Chair urges the Set Rep to familiarize themselves with the programs and resources, as they are underutilized.

1.5 Set Rep Updates

- As this is the first meeting, there are no updates but instead mostly a chance for those who are new Set Reps to get some more information on their roles and resources available to them.
- Some Set Reps are not registered on the Smart Sheets form yet. Link is shared and everyone is urged to register if they have not already and try to get others to do so as well.

1.6 Open Forum

- **Prosthetics and Orthotics Program:** Coming back from being in person – there was a class that they felt would be better online. They had a great experience bringing it forward to their department head and were able to translate class back online with some caveats.
- **Medical Lab Services:** To add on to above, they were able to move midterms around by asking. If the student body wants something, and Set Reps take action, usually the program supervisors are receptive.
- Always worth trying to accomplish resolutions yourself as Set Rep, but also feel free raise concerns to others within Health Sciences.
- Program issue raised: Set Rep has a professor with English language concerns that are affecting students grades. Addressing professor, nothing happened. Addressing program head, nothing happened.
- Chair again reiterates that it is so important to start with the closest point of contact when these issues arise and work your way up from there.

1.7 Reminders

1.7.1 Next Meeting: Around mid-November – will be in person

1.8 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 18:04.