

**School of Computing Meeting**  
**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**  
**Minutes**

- Chair:** Nolan Nordwall – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies
- Staff:** Lisa Popplewell – Student Development Coordinator  
Gillian Goulding – Wellness Advocate
- Set Reps:** Jay Wang, Andy Nguyen, Sarah Semkow, Mattas Hendos, Basillio Kim

**1.1 Meeting Called to Order**

The Chair, Nolan, calls the meeting to order at 3:14pm.

**1.2 Welcome and Introductions**

- Nolan welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**1.3 Set Rep Updates**

- D2L Framework for instructors
  - It isn't obvious on D2L which course is the lab versus instructor course.
  - BCIT can't tell instructors how to teach their course, and D2L is a part of that so it will be difficult to change.
  - BCIT can suggest instructors receive training on D2L, however.
- Term 1 Student Survey
  - So far, the results suggest students prefer a blended delivery, rather than all in person.
    - Set Reps have found that students don't want to go back to all in-person because of the commute time.
    - Some students would like to go back to an online-only option.
  - Needs overwhelming student support, and even then, it's not guaranteed to change how courses are delivered next term.
  - There are currently less than half of responses – Set Reps will share and promote the survey with their Sets.
  - Set Reps would like one survey which can be shared with every Set, rather than a different form per Set.
    - This will be created and shared in the Set Rep Discord.
    - It would be good to include a section for Instructor Comments on the Survey, as some instructors also prefer an online delivery.
  - The deadline for the survey will be Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## 1.6 Open Forum

- Students don't love the 8:00 AM start time for final exams, but acknowledge that they don't see what can be done about it.
- Term 3 Students have found marking had been slow in a specific course. They haven't received some items back that they handed in before midterms.
  - It would be appreciated if they could get the items back before the final, but as it is in 3 days they understand it's not likely to happen.
  - In the BCIT policies, it says students should receive feedback in a timely manner.
  - It is recommended to reach out to Advocacy.
- In one course, they were told a quiz wasn't happening. The next class they were told they were required to take the quiz, even though everyone was unprepared.
  - A meeting will be set up with Advocacy regarding this concern.
- Students have found it difficult to learn without any labs in one course, as it is creating gaps in understanding.
  - Students have also found the teaching style of the instructor to be difficult.
  - Students have suggested asking the instructor hyper-specific questions as a possible way to fill gaps in knowledge.
  - This instructor does not provide in-depth or timely responses over email, so it is suggested to ask them in person.

## 1.7 Reminders

- WinterHacks Hackathon
  - Will take place December 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Will be taking place mostly online, with some demos at Burnaby Campus
  - Set Reps will let their Sets know about the Hackathon.
- BCITSA Hackathon
  - Will take place June 2022
  - Theme is Logistics
  - Will take place at the Tech Collider at Downtown Campus
- The Stand, Pavilion, and Habitat are owned by the Student Association.
  - The Stand now has egnog.
- BCITSA Survey regarding a Fall Reading Break is now on the website.
  - Set Reps will share the survey with their Sets.

## 1.8 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.