

School of Computing & Academic Studies Set Rep Meeting
February 9th, 2022
Minutes

Chair: Nolan Nordwall – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies

Staff: Crystal Man – Administrative Coordinator
Gurleen Mann – Wellness Advocate
Stewart McGillivray – Government Relations Strategist

Set Reps:

Andy Nguyen	Mattias
Basil	Nash Baek
Caroline	Sangwon
Jun	Sarah Semkow
Kat	Simrat Grewal
Keenan Tupper	Sumit
Maksym Korchagov	Vasily Shorin
Martin Van Laethem	

1.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chair, Nolan, calls the meeting to order at 15:03.

1.2 Welcome to New Set Reps

- Nolan welcomes new Set Reps and explains the role as well as how meetings work.

1.3 Student Elections

- Nolan promotes the upcoming student Executive elections and encourages Set Reps to run.

1.4 Peer Tutoring

- Peer tutoring is available either online or in-person and can be found in the Learning Hub.

1.4 Hack the Break

- Hackathon is coming up on March 14 to 18.
- It is a great opportunity to get practical experience and there are often big name sponsors as well.

1.5 Advocacy Training Session

- Please contact Nolan if you would like to get a recording of the training session.

1.7 Set Rep Updates

- One of the students in the set stopped showing up and responding to messages. What should the Set Reps do?
 - There could be a number of reasons why, some of which could be personal. However, it is still nice to reach out.
 - Nolan can follow up with CST faculty to see if they know anything and go from there.
 - Another Set Rep has dealt with students disappearing. In their experience, it is almost always a personal issue. The Set Rep reached out to the instructor to see if there is any information that can be shared, but usually do not find out why until well after. Keep reaching out to that person and in the meantime, speak to the instructor on their behalf.
 - Wellness Advocate agrees with the suggestions above. Instructors and program heads cannot share a student's personal information with others but can confirm if they are alright.
 - Another Set Rep suggests looking at the D2L class list to see if the student is still there.
- Any tips on improving relationships within the set? They seem very quiet so far.
 - Organize study sessions and gatherings at the Habitat Pub, library, Tim Hortons, etc.
 - Be persistent! Eventually people will join.
 - Discord servers just for the set helps a lot to get everyone comfortable with each other. Memes are a great way to start conversations.
 - Students may not feel comfortable going up to Set Reps so you may need to reach out yourself.
- Groups of students within the set already created private group servers. Would they join a set server?
 - It doesn't hurt to create one and reach out to encourage students to join.
 - It may be helpful to make specialized channels for courses in the set server so those who need help can ask there and slowly get to know each other better.
- Set felt that there was unfair grading as different assignments are graded by completely different standards. What is the official BCIT policy in terms of having assignments regraded? Already in contact with Advocacy and Nolan has been speaking with the Associate Dean.

- Wellness Advocate - Grade reassessments are usually for larger items such as midterms and finals. If it is an ongoing issue, students could reach out to the program head to discuss their concerns with Advocacy present.
 - It may be best to wait until closer to the end of the term before asking the instructor for the assignments to be remarked.
 - The instructor said that if students do better on future assignments that some marks can be added to past assignments.
 - Nolan will continue to work with the Set Rep and Advocacy on this file.
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- An update: online and in-person sets were originally given different methods of test-taking (online vs. on paper), and some students felt it was unfair. After the Set Rep helped get a consensus from students, it was changed so that all students will be taking exams online
 - Questions of fairness around online and in-person sets will likely continue for the years to come.

1.6 In-Person Meetings Temperature Check

- Majority of Set Reps in attendance are in favour of attending an in-person meeting.

1.7 BCITSA Spring Elections

- Stewart McGillivray presents on the process and timeline for the upcoming spring elections.

1.8 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 15:55.