

School of Computing & Academic Studies Set Rep Meeting
April 5, 2022
Minutes

Chair:	Nolan Nordwall – Chair, School of Computing & Academic Studies	
Staff:	Crystal Man – Administrative Coordinator Lisa Popplewell – Student Development Coordinator	
Set Reps:	Sarah Semkow Stanislav Petrov Kathleen Sukkau Mazin Marwan Mo Baydoun Jay Wang	Maksym Korchagov Caroline Lin Keenan Tupper Simrat Grewal Sumit Khanduri Mattias H.

1.1 Meeting Called to Order

The Chair, Nolan, calls the meeting to order at 17:30.

1.2 Guest Speakers

- Lisa Popplewell, Student Development Coordinator, presents on student development opportunities coming up.
- Bobby Davidson introduces himself and explains the role of Education Council as well as his platform as representative-elect.

1.3 Old Business

- An issue was brought up last time about bringing a set together – how did it go?
 - A Discord was created but became inactive. Students grouped up privately and create their own groups.
 - Some sets are more active than others. Summer is a great opportunity to work on projects together.
 - Throwing a set party creates an opportunity for interaction.
- Another set is pretty active and became good friends outside of school. Some sets in the same year are getting along quite well.
- Hackathon update: First weekend of June; Originally planned to be in the Tech Collider at DTC but moved to the Great Hall. Tek and BCIT are sponsoring, and Microsoft and Ensemble may send some staff as mentors.
 - Will the hackathon be open to alumni?
 - Yes, and open to students from different schools as well.

1.4 New Business

- This is Nolan's last Set Rep meeting as Chair. Mo is the new Chair of the School of Computing and Academic Studies for 2022/2023. Mo would like to improve communication and engagement with students in terms 3 and 4.

1.5 Open Forum

- The Advanced Games Architecture class in BTech is impossibly difficult, much harder than the classes prior. iOS is required and most students do not own Macs, and a lot of the programming is in languages that the course doesn't teach and are not prerequisite learning. There seems to be organizational issues with the program as a whole.
 - Nolan will inquire about it with Donna and provide updates. Set Rep is asked to conduct a poll.
 - It may be helpful to contact students in past years who have gone through the program, but unsure how to reach them. Nolan can reach out to students in BTech to check.
- One instructor has a habit of not teaching the content until Thursday or Friday, but the assignment is due on Sunday and has taught required content after the assignment is due. It is difficult for students who do not have previous programming knowledge. The students have talked to the instructor about this verbally and he has put in a minimal description of the assignment in response.
 - Students who have taken the class have just self-taught, but this is not a solution.
 - Set reps are asked to confirm with the instructor over email, and Nolan will reach out to Donna and the instructor.
 - Nolan and some other students can try to help explain.
- An instructor is (still) quite rude to students and is impatient about the same questions coming up from students. There are students who finished an assignment early, but guidelines were changed after they completed it but before it was due, so they had to redo the assignment. The instructor is also sometimes not fully familiar with the material they are teaching.
 - Donna is aware of the instructor's attitude, but Nolan will speak with her and the instructor about the changing guidelines issue.
- One lab instructor who became a lecture instructor has various issues come up; not telling students that quiz time can be extended, testing on material that was from the textbook after telling students that only lecture material matters, poor explanations, etc.
 - Nolan will also inquire about this.

1.6 Reminders

- High tech career fair
- Distinguished Set Rep Award

1.7 Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 18:30.