

To: Daniel Gipps

From: Lisa Wong

Subject: Peer Review of Report Proposal

I enjoyed reading your proposal on “Making Hackathons More Welcoming and Supportive in the Bachelor of Computer Science’s Student Club”. You are aiming to solve an important problem that many students have experienced during hackathons.

First Impressions: I had a positive impression of your proposal when I read it for the first time. It was well written. As a BCS student who has attended multiple hackathons, I have experienced some events that were more catered to those with more programming experience.

Organization: It was easy to understand the purpose of each paragraph as all your paragraphs have meaningful headings and placed in a logical order as according to the textbook example. The choice of words you chose made it easy to understand as you avoided using complex technical terms.

Introduction: You gave a clear description about the structure and examples of hackathons held at UBC. However, I suggest addressing the proposal to the event planning committee of the BCS club because they are the audience this report is intended for. In addition, you may want to explain what a hackathon is as “make something” might be a bit broad. Some of my friends who are not in computer science are still confused about what a hackathon is.

Statement of Problem: You gave a short and clear statement of the problem that the organizers will need to work on in order to support students from different backgrounds.

Proposed Solution: I think the detailed solution you gave is effective because you will be considering the opinions of the attendees and organizers before and after the event.

Scope: You listed some good enquires to investigate. However, for point number 2, you may want to expand on what you will be observing and talking to students about during the hackathon. For point number 3, I suggest giving more details on what you will be investigating about the support and mentorship during the event.

Methods: The methods you described are helpful for this report because they all relate to your proposed solution of providing better support for students during hackathons.

Qualifications: I am impressed with your qualifications as you have experienced hackathons as an attendee and as a mentor. Your experiences will help you gather more meaningful data to analyze.

One suggestion I have for this section is to consider changing “info gathering” to information gathering as abbreviations are rarely used in professional writing.

I hope you will find my suggestions useful for improving your proposal. I look forward to reading your completed report later this term. Please let me know if you have any further questions.