Victoria’s Leadership Presentation

SIBC BOSCH!
+ Student International Business Council

+ 800 **active** members from Notre Dame & Saint Mary’s communities

+ Our vision: **Peace Through Commerce**

ABOUT THE COUNCIL
Team Introduction

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Why did I want to be a project leader?

• Previously had been on research team for Cardinal Health and Bosch
• Wanted to try something new, see project process through a new perspective
• Enough exposure of good and bad strategies in leadership that I wanted to try my own method
• Easies to make the transition with a company already familiar with
Project Leader Responsibilities

- Plan weekly meetings and homework assignments
- Have weekly meetings with Chris and Bob to discuss progress and logistics
- Set vision for project and work with team to determine outline and slide content
- Edit slides and compile final deck
- Foster team growth and community
Challenges: Prompt

1. Define connected construction (C.C.)
   a. C.C. is still relatively in its infancy, find out what this currently means
   b. Examples of C.C. from industry / Case Studies in how connected construction is being implemented today

2. Onsite
   a. Role of the General Contractor (GC) and how to make their life easier
      i. Understand what a GC does
      ii. How C.C. makes the GC’s life easier – further opportunity areas to be provided by Bosch
   b. Supply chain / logistics related to building materials
      i. Drop shipping of materials - further info to be provided by Knauf

3. Future Trends
   a. Short-term
   b. Long-term

4. Recommendations
Bosch, partnering with City Tech and Knauf, seeks to understand the potential of Connected Construction and its particular influence over the General Contractor and Supply Chain of a construction site.
Further Challenges

Slide Deck
• Editing slides is very time consuming
• Fostering quality visualization and research of topics
• Creating recommendations

Determining Scope
• Telling people to cut slides
• Given almost too much freedom
Leadership Style

Coaching and Democratic
- Individualized feedback
- Took opinions and group conclusions to make decisions

Visionary
- Had to make choices that define our end goal
- Feel more comfortable making these decisions
- Affirmed in feedback at presentation
Best Results:

- Team was able to engage in conversation at the end regarding future of industry
  - VERY good research
- Able to provide tangible impact for organizations
- Saw growth in myself & in rest of the team
Feedback

• From Topher - fellow project leader
• Coaching, Visionary, and Pacesetting
  • Checking progress with team members
  • Good grasp of project scope
  • Striving for quality
  • Communicating vision
• Change about experience: take moments to look at bigger picture
What’s Next?

- Work will be shared with other Connectories
- Group from UIC will be working with our research
- Decided not to apply to be STEM Director
- Which project to lead next semester?
- SIBC India International Economic Exchange (IEE)
QUESTIONS?