**Weekly Report for 2019-09-23**

**Student Name:** Daylen Mackey (1444775)

**Group Name:** Milky Way Solutions

**Group Members:** Leo Marroquin, Jia Xiang Yang, Ian Then

**Progress this week:**

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| **Goals From Last Week (including goals carrying over from weeks prior)** | | |
| **Goal #** | **Goal** | **Status** |
| 1 | Narrow idea list down to 5 strong ideas | In Progress |
| 2 | Rank list of potential clients | In Progress |
| 3 | Create a *Trello* for task delegation | Completed |
| 4 | Make contact with the potential client | In Progress |
| 5 | Learn more about the biomedical project | In Progress |
| 6 | Start developing sub-groups for our team based on specialties and tasks members may accomplish | In Progress |

Goal 1 & 2

Progress on these two goals were halted as we pursued the biomedical project mentioned in class.

Goal 3

We made a Trello account this week to aid with task management and planning. It appears to be a good application, but we’re not sure if it is necessary yet.

Goal 4 & 5

As I am writing this, the client list has not yet been released, so we have not contacted them. Adding these goals this early on into the schedule may have been a bit ambitious. We’ve have taken additional steps to learn about the project through Dr. Barlage (described in evaluation).

Goal 6

We have not finalized group member specialties yet, but we have an approximate understanding of what each member’s role will be. Leo will handle complex hardware, Tony will be in charge of the communications aspect of the project, Ian will be largely responsible for developing methodologies and researching accurate techniques for radioisotope measurement, and I will be responsible for most of the codebase.

**Evaluation from last week:**

We did not hit all of our milestones, but we still found some success. The trello account was created, we developed a better understanding of our roles within the group and settled on Tuesdays as our dedicated day to meet with our manager. Leo had the biggest breakthrough when he suggested the possibility of using a *scintillator* to pick up the radioisotope. The scintillator will emit a light in response, that an avalanche photodiode would be able to pick up. The specifics of this technique are still vague, but it seems promising.

**Goals next week:**

* Learn more about the efficacy of using a scintillator as a measurement device and how to integrate it into our device.
* All the “In Progress” goals in the table above remain.

**Concerns: None**

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**Weekly Report for 2019-09-16**

**Student Name:** Daylen Mackey (1444775)

**Group Name:** Milky Way Solutions

**Group Members:** Leo Marroquin, Jia Xiang Yang, Ian Then

**Progress this week:**

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| **Goals From Last Week** | | |
| **Goal #** | **Goal** | **Status** |
| 1 | Narrow idea list down to 5 strong ideas | In Progress |
| 2 | Rank list of potential clients | In Progress |
| 3 | Create a *Trello* for task delegation | In Progress |
| 4 | Create a *Slack* channel for group communication | Completed |
| 5 | Finalize a 4th group member | Completed |

Goal 1 & 2

Progress on these two goals were halted as we pursued the biomedical project mentioned in class.

Goal 3

We have not created a *Trello* yet. Since we are still working on delegating roles, missing this milestone is not damaging. The *Slack* channels have served us well, so this goal may be abandoned if deemed unnecessary.

Goal 4

A general *Slack* channel was created for our group. Several sub-channels have also been created to discuss potential ideas, names, and task delegation.

Goal 5

Ian Then was added to the group.

**Evaluation from last week:**

We did not hit all of our milestones, but I am not concerned. When we learned about the opportunity to aid an external client with a biomedical project, the group shifted their focus towards that goal. We met as a group to make sure each member would be happy pursuing this, then contacted Dr. Barlage to ensure he was also aware of our excitement, and motivation. I see this as a great first step for the team.

**Goals next week:**

* Make contact with the potential client (may not be possible)
* Learn more about the biomedical project (potentially through their patent or a brief summary)
  + Learn which radioisotope(s) we would be measuring
* Start developing sub-groups for our team based on specialties and tasks members may accomplish (groups may change with time)

**Concerns: None**

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**Weekly Report for 2019-09-09**

**Student Name:** Daylen Mackey (1444775)

**Group Name:** TBD

**Group Members:** TBD

**Progress this week:**

* Selected 3 potential group members
  + Leo Marroquin
  + Jia Xiang (Tony) Yang
  + Ian Then
* Had a round table meeting with potential members
  + Discussed project ideas
  + Reviewed each member’s strengths and weaknesses
  + Created a list of potential clients to pitch to

**Evaluation from last week:**

As this was the first week, we didn’t come in with any concrete goals. We are making good progress, but I would like to see more novel and potentially patentable ideas on our list next week.

Communication between team members is strong, but we need to be more disciplined moving forward.

**Goals next week:**

* Finalize a 4th group member
* Narrow idea list down to 5 strong ideas
* Rank list of clients
* Create a *Slack* channel for group communication
* Create a *Trello* for task delegation

**Concerns:**

There are no concerns at this time, only eagerness to begin.