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Assignment 2-5 Journal: Scrum Master

As the scrum master, I am in charge of facilitating the various scrum events that will punctuate the different stages of the development lifecycle of the website we’re creating for SNHU Travel. While the product owner is responsible for controlling the vision and direction of this project, it is my job to help facilitate the team’s efforts. I am a support role, offering guidance and structure, and removing impediments, so that the development team is free to self-organize and efficiently complete tasks within the product backlog.

For the initial sprint planning meeting, I will be responsible for getting the product owner and the development team into a room together, so that they can hash out the user stories for the upcoming sprint. While it is up to them to decide the stories and their respective priorities, it is up to me to think of ways to keep the development team in the flow and working at maximum efficiency. Once the product owner and the team have decided on the product backlog for this upcoming sprint, I will be responsible for organizing things and enabling the team to move forward on their tasks.

To keep the team in tip-top condition, I will also be responsible for holding daily standup meetings. My job will be to organize the meeting, establish its basic structure, then kick things off and hand them over to the development team. As the development team update one another on their progress towards completing the product backlog, it will be my responsibility to keep the meeting on-track and look out for ways to either enable the team or remove impediments for them. As the development cycle marches on, I will help the team stay in the flow. These daily meetings are a big part of that, as they allow all team members to stay informed and in communication and collaboration with one another.

At the end of each sprint, I will hold a sprint review meeting. Through organizing this meeting, I will allow the development team to present the latest iteration to the product owner for approval. These scrum events will be very important in ensuring that the final product adheres to the product owner and client’s vision for the product. By holding these events, I allow the development team and the product owner to stay in communication.

Last but not least, following the sprint review, I will gather the development team together to perform a sprint retrospective. The scrum event will allow me to get the team talking about the lessons they learned and progress they made during the last sprint. This feedback and information helps them to be more productive and informed moving forward, ensuring they deliver quality work for the stakeholders.

As a scrum master, my role is to be a servant-leader. My job is to enable the development team to perform high quality work that aligns with product owner and clients vision for the product. I am there to guide, encourage, and facilitate the team. While I may not spend much time in the spotlight, I am a crucial part of making the product development lifecycle run smoothly.