Event Report 180DC SSCBS - Case Buddy Initiative with 180DC SVC

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Event Overview:

The Case Buddy Initiative, jointly organized by 180DC SSCBS and 180DC SVC, was designed to help consultants hone their problem-solving and interview skills in a collaborative, low-pressure setting. Each participant was paired with a "buddy" from the other college, simulating real-case interview dynamics with rotating roles of interviewer and interviewee.

The initiative was both intellectually stimulating and personally enriching, giving consultants a chance to receive immediate feedback, refine their frameworks, and learn through peer exchange.

Session Highlights:

1. **Knowledge-Building Session:**
   The event kicked off with a guided walkthrough on how to approach guesstimates and consulting case problems. Facilitators broke down the structure of effective answers, shared strategic frameworks, and offered insights into what interviewers typically look for. The session served as a strong foundation for participants to internalize key techniques before applying them in practice.

2. **Simulated Case Interviews:**
   Following the instructional segment, participants were paired with buddies from the other chapter. Each duo engaged in live case interviews, taking turns as interviewer and interviewee. This practical component allowed participants to implement their learnings in real time, receive immediate feedback, and improve their communication and analytical thinking through iteration.

Participant Experience:

The Case Buddy format proved to be both enriching and enjoyable. Consultants appreciated the structured yet informal environment that encouraged active participation, open dialogue, and a safe space to experiment and grow. The cross-college pairing further enhanced the experience by introducing participants to diverse thinking styles and problem-solving approaches.

Conclusion:

The Case Buddy Initiative was a successful experiment in peer-led consulting preparation. It reinforced the power of collaboration in learning and provided participants with actionable feedback and confidence for real-case interview scenarios. The event also laid the groundwork for future cross-chapter initiatives aimed at collective growth

Acknowledgments:

We extend our sincere thanks to the teams at 180DC SSCBS and 180DC SVC for orchestrating this experience, and to all participants who brought energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the session. We look forward to continuing this spirit of shared learning in the coming months.