

# WUTE Session 2

Meeting 1

WU CSE Alum and Entrepreneur  
**Sunil Hirani**

# Agenda

- Introduction to WUTE
  - Lead Volunteers
  - Club Vision
  - Getting Involved
  - Next Event
- Announcements
- Guest Speaker: Sunil Hirani
- Q&A
- Refreshments

# Lead Volunteers

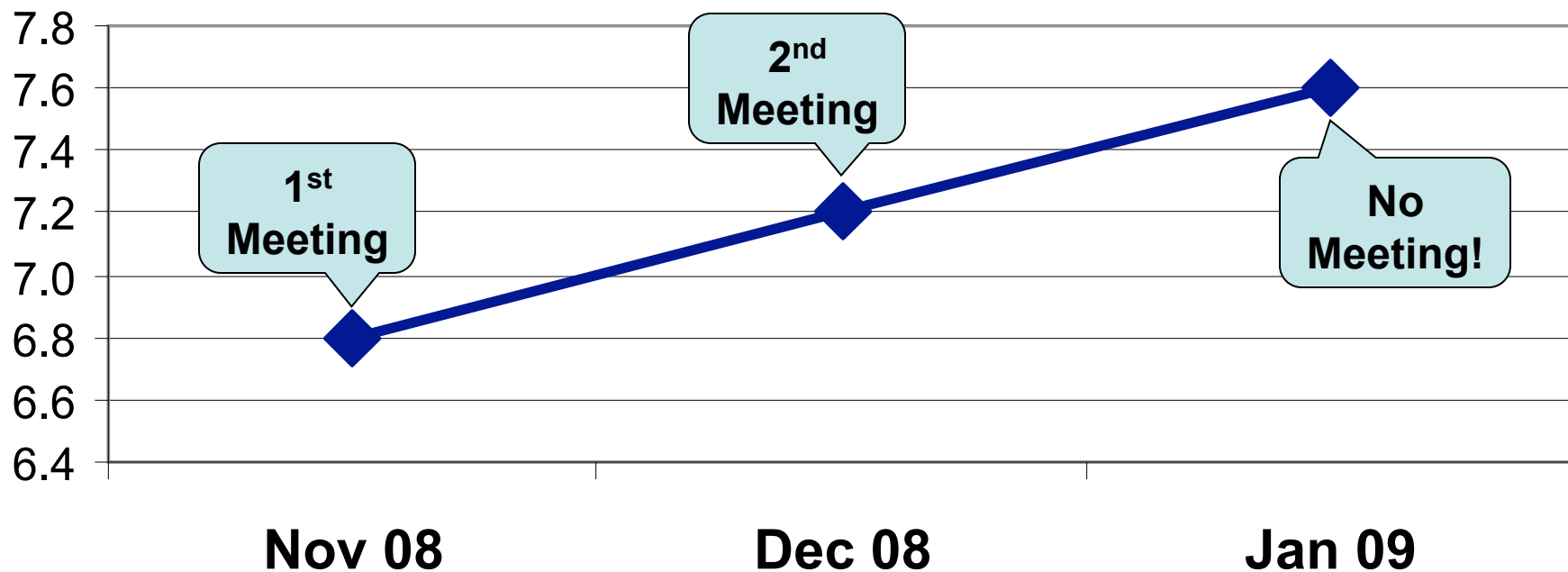
- Brent Axthelm
- Patrick Crowley
- Sam Fleisher
- Mart Haitjema
- Shakir James
- Nathan Sokoll-Ward

# Club Vision

- Purpose: To support and grow WashU tech entrepreneurs
  - Students, faculty, and staff from all schools & depts
- Plan: To meet once a month
  - Talks from experts, “Skills” talks, Team-building
- Expectation: To have a high turnover in club leadership & membership
  - Members will join, form teams, and start companies

# What Impact Has WUTE Had?

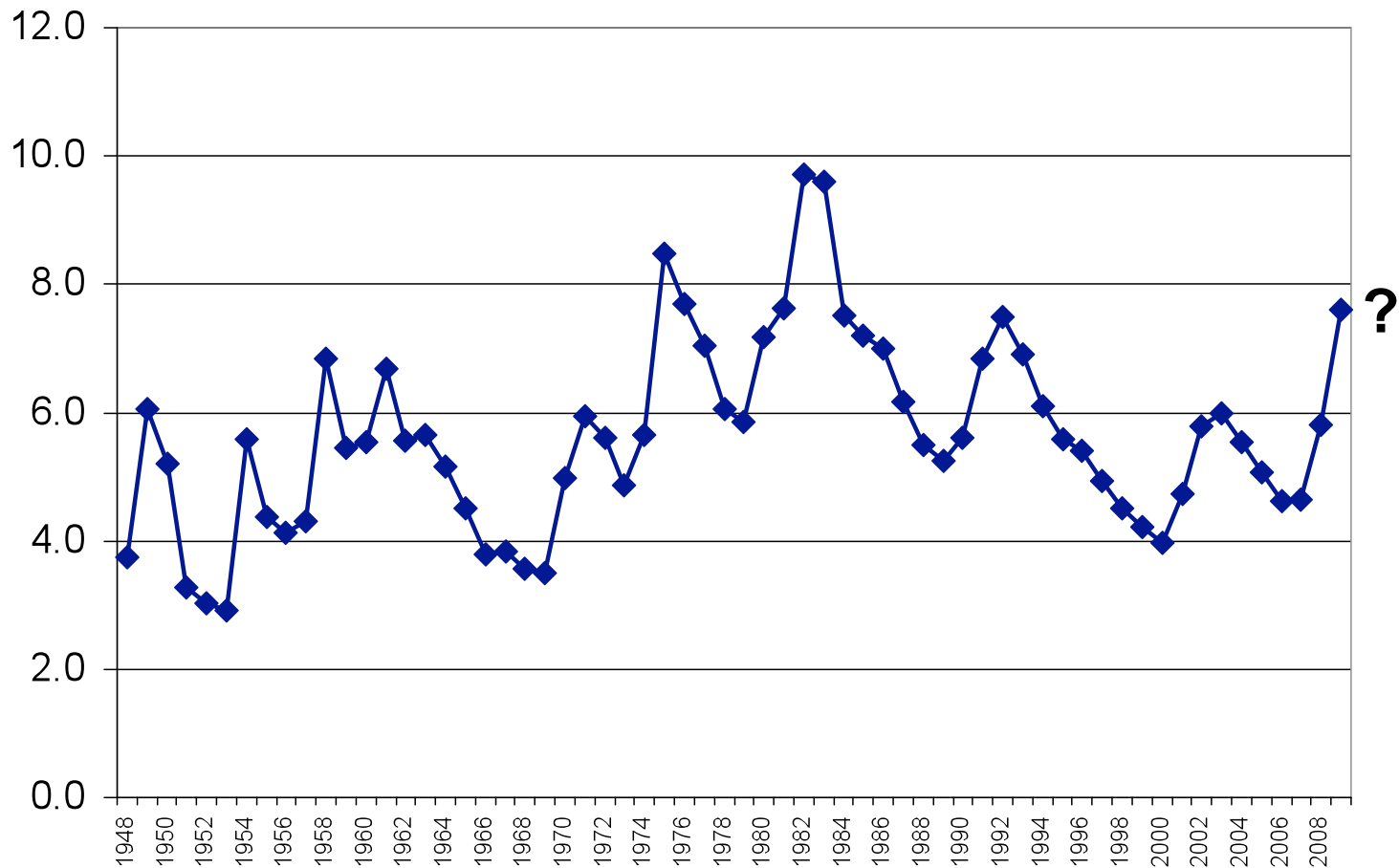
## Unemployment Rate



- Probably not our fault...

# Historical Perspective

## Unemployment Rate



# Entrepreneurs are Vital!

- Start companies and create new jobs
- More important today than ever
- Make their own way in the world

# Getting Involved with WUTE

- Attend Events
- Join the wiki & email list ([wute.wustl.edu](http://wute.wustl.edu))
  - With an account, you can change everything
  - What would you like to learn or do? Suggest it!
- Take a leading role
  - We aim for frequent turnover in leadership
  - Join us on Monday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30pm-3:30pm in Jolley Hall Room 542

# Next Meeting

- We will meet next on March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
  - Location TBD
  
- Guest Speaker
  - Carter Williams, sold Gridlogix to Johnson Controls in late 2008

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