

Dalhousie Computer Science Society
Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm – Thursday, January 10, 2008 – Teaching Lab 3
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Roll Call:

John Doucette – President
Liz Legere – Member-at-large
Melanie Tupper - Secretary
Aaron O'Connor – Undergraduate Computer Science Rep
Hussain Abdellatif – Athletic Rep
Scott Perry – Graduate Rep
Matt Gale – Co-op Rep
Noah Cohen – Multidisciplinary Graduate Rep
Liam Spencer – Senior Undergraduate Rep
Ashley George – VP External
Natasha Bodorik – Social Rep
Tim Mankowski – VP Internal
Andrew Aikens – Treasurer
Dr. Mike McAllister – Faculty Rep
Mike Porter
Pete MacDonald
Eric Snow

Absent without Regrets:

Samira Thomeh – Junior Undergraduate Rep

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair, John Doucette

1. Vacant Position Appointment

- a. Co-op Rep
Matt Gale – passes unanimously
- b. Undergraduate Computer Science Rep
Aaron O'Connor – passes unanimously
- c. Undergraduate Informatics Rep
Position still unfilled
- d. Social Rep
Natasha Bodorik – passes unanimously

2. Outline Objectives for the term

- a. Expand social offerings – broaden scope
 - Ideas:
Philosopher's Café

Movie nights

Gaming tournaments – Counterstrike suggested

- Hussain would like to coordinate with students from Sexton campus to reserve the gym for basketball or volleyball
- John to email Dr. McAllister for Nicole's contact information @ computer engineering
- John requests that anyone with other ideas send them to him via email

b. Policy Revisions

- John to spearhead a committee to revise bylaws and policies
- If you see anything that you think should be changed, let John know

c. Increasing interactions with other societies/groups

- WiTS
- International students
- Graduate students

d. Increasing interactions with student body

- Peer-mentoring group - sign up sheet passed around
- Better communication with first and second year students
 - go into classes
 - start next week when everyone is back
 - Aaron and Liz volunteer
 - Better use of TV's in Atrium
- High schools
 - now is an optimal time
 - Aaron, Liam, and Melanie to look into this
- set up wiki / knowledge base
 - minimize loss of information
 - document everything you do in your position for future reps
- CS handbook
 - Matt, Liz, and Melanie volunteer
- Video tutorials

3. Logo Change, website, and changes to names of Society events

a. Logo Change

- Potentially change the image of society
- We are currently using old faculty logo with "society" added
- Andrew and Tim present a tentative design
- Have a logo design contest

MOTION by Liz: Allocate \$50 and 3 CS t-shirts for prizes for a CS Logo design competition to be run until January 31, 2008. Use Andrew/Tim's logo until the winning design has been chosen.

SECONDED by Aaron

MOTION PASSES

b. Society website

- The society website is old, black / white, and boring
- Executives to update the site
- Anyone with experience with plone who would like to help, please contact executives

c. Changing “geekbeer” name

- Name may deter some from coming out
- This issue has been addressed before
- Many people have already spoken out against this – not a good idea
- Name adds goodwill / brand value, should not be changed

4. Cage Security

- Cage was broken into over the break
- Money was stolen
- We now have a new cashbox that locks
- Propose changing the cage lock, limiting the number of keys, and engraving them
- 5 keys:
 - Social rep
 - Treasurer
 - President
 - Tech Support
 - Help desk

5. Council Introductions

6. Society Office

- We need an office – used to have one
- There are non available

7. Proposed Budget

- Andrew will send out the budget to the society mailing list
- Capital expenditures include filing cabinet, security upgrades, etc.

8. Executive Projects

- Newsletter
 - On 8 ½” x 11” paper
 - Something for students to read in the atrium
 - Send content ideas to Tim
 - Expect template from Tim in a week or so
 - Column from sports rep, treasurer, social rep, etc.
- John will send out other ideas via email

9. CSSCS Tournament (Counterstrike)

- Tentative date is Saturday, January 18
- John to send out further details

10. Bachelor Auction with French Society

- Nothing Scheduled yet
- More details later on

11. NSCAD exchange

- Idea is to put artwork in CS building, liven it up
- Problem is that many areas are not secure
- Need to find out if we are allowed to place the items, or if facilities management must do this (they would probably charge us for it)
- Alternatively, we should look into educational content on the walls in the Learning Center

12. Council Social Event

- Would give everyone a chance to get to know one another
- Team building
- Reduce angry debates in the future
- Propose next weekend (January 18/19)

13. Philosopher's Café

- Idea is to have an open discussion, possibly initiated by a guest speaker
- Nothing concrete has been planned

14. Movie Nights

- John to talk to Chris Maxwell
- We can possibly get movies through the DSU that have not yet been released

15. New Business

a. ITANS TechLounge

- Next Thursday (January 17) at 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the Atrium
- Refreshments provided by Eastlink
- Cash bar available
- Great networking opportunity

b. CIPS

- Would like to do a presentation to CS students
- If you are a rep, mention to students

c. Honorariums for Past Council Members

MOTION by Andrew: Reimburse society fees for council members and society +

DSU fees for executive members who have submitted Fall 2007 end-of-term reports.
SECONDED by Liz
MOTION PASSES

16. Position Reports

- a. VP Internal – Tim
 - Drop by the society desk if you have ideas for the newsletter
- b. Social Rep - Natasha
 - Nothing to report
- c. VP External - Ashley
 - Tickets are on sale at the DSU desk for the Munroe Day ski trip and Charity Ball
 - There are DSU committee openings:
 - Board of Operations – union/management issues (1-2 hours/week)
 - Society Review Committee – open to non-council member
 - Let Ashley know if you are interested
- d. Senior Undergraduate Rep – Liam
 - Nothing to report
- e. Undergraduate CS Rep - Aaron
 - Nothing to report
- f. Secretary - Melanie
 - Distributed Fall 2007 EOTR to social rep, senior undergraduate rep, grad rep, and VP External
 - Previous year reports are on the society website – look them up (society.cs.dal.ca)
- g. Member-at-large – Liz
 - WiTS AGM next Tuesday
 - Would like to borrow projector and use liquor license
 - Will remind John via email
- h. President – John Doucette
 - Geekbeer meet and greet tomorrow night – may have guitar hero there
 - Scott to bartend
 - Set up at 5pm – if you are free, come out and help
 - Weekly meeting time
 - Thursday @ 5:30 pm seems to work for everyone
 - Next week's meeting will be postponed until January 22, due to ITANS TechLounge. Regular meetings on Thursdays to commence the following week (January 31)
- i. Treasurer – Andrew

MOTION by Liz: Allocate \$34.00 for the purpose of a cash box that locks.
SECONDED by Aaron
MOTION PASSES

Meeting adjourned at 7:10