

**Dalhousie Computer Science Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 pm – Tuesday, January 22, 2008 – Teaching Lab 3**  
**Compiled by: Melanie Tupper**

Roll Call:

John Doucette – President  
Ashley George – VP External  
Tim Mankowski – VP Internal  
Andrew Aikens – Treasurer  
Melanie Tupper – Secretary  
Natasha Bodorik – Social Rep  
Aaron O'Connor – Undergraduate Computer Science Rep  
Liam Spencer – Senior Undergraduate Rep  
Scott Perry – Graduate Rep  
Matt Gale – Co-op Rep  
Liz Legere – Member-at-large

Absent without Regrets:

Noah Cohen – Multidisciplinary Graduate Rep  
Hussain Abdellatif – Athletic Rep

*Meeting called to order at 5:46 pm by Chair, John Doucette*

**1. Movie Night Volunteers**

- To be held in atrium
- John to look into license

**2. CSS Dinners**

- The idea is to hold regular CSS dinner like the one we had last weekend for Council members, but for all CS students
- Bi-weekly
- Will start on Saturday, February 9

**3. Position Reports**

a. Grad Rep – Scott

- Graduate meeting cancelled
- Faculty Council meeting on January 24, 2008
- Chris Jordan is talking to people from MBA program
  - Interested in working together on start-up companies
  - Hopefully a presentation by Chris at the next meeting

b. VP External - Ashley

- DSU meeting is tomorrow
- Check out the DSU website for Winter Carnival events
- Society Fair Thursday

- Aaron available
  - Andrew to talk to Dr. Sedgwick about aibo
- c. Social Rep – Natasha
- “Transformers” for movie night
  - ¼ page flyers on cardstock will be distributed around campus
  - Announcements In classes every other week
  - We need to find out if we can actually get the Superbowl in CS building
  - Pie throw for charity – Child’s Play
  - Will send out event schedule to csannounce Mondays and Thursdays
- d. Treasurer – Andrew
- We had 3 cash bar events last week
  - Ashley will find out if budget needs to be distributed to council
  - If so, Andrew will send copy to council mailing list
  - Will look into getting a new filing cabinet
- e. President – John
- Executive meeting yesterday
  - Newsletter soon
  - Council get-together went well – was fun – we should have another one
  - Will send out email concerning unfilled council positions
- f. Secretary - Melanie
- Trying to get in touch with Marketing Department to ask about going into high school classes to promote software competition
  - First issue of CSSociety Wire to be sent out soon
- g. Member-at-large – Liz
- Recalled Junior Undergraduate position
- h. Co-op Rep – Matt
- Met with co-op office
  - Record low enrollment in co-op program (~30 students total)
  - Looking for new solutions – reasons why application rates are so low
    - Make co-op more accessible
    - Closer than Sextant campus interviews
    - Limit paperwork required
    - There are many opportunities for students, even those who are not in co-op
    - Need to stress the benefits to students
- i. VP Internal – Tim
- The full year informatics 1600 course has been divided into 2 one-term courses
  - Wants to put council members photo on big board – asks for objections

- j. Senior Undergraduate Rep – Liam
  - Andrew S. still has not heard back about grad rings
- k. Undergraduate CS Rep – Aaron
  - Generated interest in CS social events for first year students – some new students came out for last geekbeer
  - Passed on the list of students wishing to have a mentor to John
  - We should collaborate with engineering societies on events
  - Feedback about mentoring program. Students:
    - Would like co-op info
    - Would like info about courses / profs

#### **4. New Business**

- a. Superbowl Party – Spoken to by Natasha
  - Need to allocate funds to get a feed of the game and buy supplies

MOTION by Melanie: Allocate up to \$250.00 for Superbowl party expenses.

SECONDED by Liz

MOTION PASSES unanimously

- b. Budget – Spoken to by Andrew

MOTION by Andrew: Approve the budget for the Winter 2008 term as circulated at the last meeting.

SECONDED by Scott

MOTION PASSES unanimously

- c. GIC – Spoken to by Andrew
  - Put Society emergency funds into a cashable GIC
  - Rate is locked in
  - Will cover term bank fees

MOTION by Andrew: Purchase a \$2000 cashable GIC with CS Society reserve funds.

SECONDED by Liz

MOTION PASSES unanimously

- d. Co-op Video – spoken to by Matt
  - Could request 10-15 minutes at the end of CSI or CSII to show video
  - Matt will create video as part of a course assignment
  - Video will make some sort of economic argument for co-op (proof that the fee is offset)
- e. Engineering Society – Spoken to by Aaron
  - They are trying to get the comedic troupe “Picnicface” to do a dedicated show

- We should try to partner with them on this
- In general, we should increase interactions as previously mentioned by Hussain (athletic rep)

f. Energy Drinks

- We are considering selling energy drinks at the society desk
- Gabriel has a mini-fridge for sale
- Need to look into feasibility – if Aramark will let us

g. Little board

- These are the TV's in the CS building that display society news/info
- The system for these displays is being updated
- The old system was hard to update – physical access to the machine was required
- The new system allows remote access

*Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm*