

Dalhousie Computer Science Society
Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm – Thursday, January 31, 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
Hussain Abdellatif – Athletic Rep
Aaron O'Connor – Undergraduate Computer Science Rep
Scott Perry – Graduate Rep
Matt Gale – Co-op Rep
Liz Legere – Member-at-large
Mike Porter
Maria Naggaga
Evan

Absent with Regrets:

Liam Spencer – Senior Undergraduate Rep

Absent without Regrets:

Noah Cohen – Multidisciplinary Graduate Rep

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm by Chair, John Doucette

1. Gabe's Fridge

- \$40 – contingent on transportation
- Holds 12 cans – 1 year old
- Society would like photos to determine condition, etc.

2. ReadMe Society Newsletter

- Have received many positive remarks
- Dean of Faculty, Dr. Shepherd has requested a column in the next issue in exchange for printing costs
- WiTS has also requested a column
- Send pictures to Tim

3. Society Events Update

- Some students are disappointed with society events
- Would like more multicultural themes similar to polish geekbeer
- Indian theme suggested – students are willing to cook

4. Society Desk Proposal – spoken to by Maria

- Suggested a book buy-back program
- Themes at Society Desk – decorations and candy
- Proposed monthly T-Shirt sales promotions
- Would like to purchase and sell energy drinks – need to find out if this will be feasible
- Suggestion box to be set up at desk
- Suggested selling P-mail postcards

MOTION by Liz: Allocate up to \$40.00 per month for Society Desk theme
Decorations and candy

SECONDED by Hussain

MOTION PASSES unanimously

MOTION by Aaron: Allocate \$66.00 for the purchase of 44 cans of XS drink

To be sold at Geekbeer, and potentially, in the future at Society Desk

SECONDED by Liz

MOTION PASSES

5. NetHack

- Suggestion to set up a society NetHack server
- John has hardware we can use
- Ashley, Scott, and Aaron will to help

6. Collaborative Events

- Spanish Society has a meeting tomorrow – Aaron will attend
- Would like to plan an event with them – we provide bar services

7. Position Reports

a. VP External - Ashley

- Nothing to report

b. Secretary – Melanie

- Dalhousie Marketing has sent CS Day information to high schools
- Probably not feasible to schedule visits to high schools

c. Co-op Rep – Matt

- Met with Linda and other reps from Engineering
- Concerns about CS student interests
- Co-op office to speak to 2nd year students about placement process
- Suggested a weekend seminar vs. the online orientation
- Suggested an informal get together of former co-op with those about to go

d. Member-at-Large – Liz

- WiTS would like to collaborate with CS Society on the Child's Play fundraiser
<http://www.childsplaycharity.org/>

e. President – John

- Mentorship program details are being worked out / set up this weekend
- Breakout room has been booked for Executive meetings
- Policy document to be set up through Google Docs

f. Treasurer – Andrew

- Budget has been approved

g. VP Internal – Tim

- GB waste is being put into wrong bins

h. Social Rep – Natasha

- Trouble obtaining a license for SuperBowl on such short notice
- John and Andrew to talk to Greg at GraWood

i. Grad Rep – Scott

- CS Days brought up at Faculty Council meeting: www.cs.dal.ca/register
- UCIS interested in overseeing out network
- Grad Committee – interested in changing grad student requirements
- Break-out event being planned with MBA students

k. Undergraduate CS Rep – Aaron

- Approached Informatics students about becoming involved with society
- Represented CSS at recent society fair

l. Athletic Rep – Hussain

- Upcoming meeting of Intramural Society
- Will send out email to gauge interest in events

8. New Business

Counter-Strike – Spoken to by Evan

- Representing Dalhousie E-sports Society
- Suggested collaboration to run servers for Counter-Strike
- Interested in having an event in the Atrium – possibly sponsored
- Will send a message to csannounce

9. Attachments

A – “CS Society Desk Plans for the Winter Semester”, Maria Naggaga

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

CS SOCIETY DESK PLANS FOR

THE WINTER SEMESTER

Proposal by Maria Naggaga (Desk Manager)

Current Employees

❖ Elizabeth Legere

❖ Manya Sivanandam

❖ Tim Mankowski

As the new manager of the society desk, my goal will be to increase the desks revenue, along with helping to promote the Computer Science society as a whole. My team and I sat down and came up with a few ideas on how we can achieve this.



Book Buy Back

Our idea for Computer Science students could be to bring their CS text books to us where we would help them find a buyer. This is how it would work:

- a student would bring their books to the desk.
- We send an email out informing student about used books for sale with their prices(given to us by the original owner). Or post a book list on the society web page.
- Once the sell is complete the desk takes a _%(To be determined by the CS council).



Themes

This idea is not one that would happen every month, but once in a while just to get people to start coming to the desk. Our idea for the month February is..... you guessed it ;Valentine. Our plan is for the week leading up to Valentine day we would put up a **few** decorations and sell a few valentine items these could include: candy hearts(to be given out for free), Valentine cards, fake flowers and chocolate. If this turns out successful we would like to do the same for Womens Day in March.

Advertising

We came up with two ways to advertise the desk, these included:

- Newsletter - using the society newsletter to advertise the items we have
- TV displays in the atrium.

Sales



If we reduce the price of particular items such as T-shirts for example, we will be able to promote more sales of these items, and thus attract more customers. In addition, we could also sell these T-shirts at their original price. With this purchase, the customer may choose any additional item at the desk for under a dollar.

Snacks and selling and giving away



To give people incentive to come to the desk, we came up with the idea of giving away a free cup of coffee ,tea or candy.

How do we intend to do this?

- First of all there is no need to buy a kettle or coffee maker, because we already have them at the desk.
- Tea , coffee and sugar can either be at the expense of the desk or society.
- As for cups we are suggesting that whoever wants a hot drink could bring their own cup.

Selling cold drinks

- Selling of cold drinks like water and energy boosters.

Suggestion Box



With a suggestion box we can find out what students would like the desk to start supplying.

Future plans

- Society postcards(Pmail@cs.dal.ca)
- Society bookmarks