

Dalhousie Computer Science Society
Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm – Thursday, February 7, 2008 – Teaching Lab 3
Compiled by: Melanie Tupper

Roll Call:

John Doucette – President
Ashley George – VP External
Timothy Mankowski – VP Internal
Andrew Aikens – Treasurer
Melanie Tupper – Secretary
Natasha Bodorik – Social Rep
Noah Cohen – Multidisciplinary Graduate Rep
Liam Spencer – Senior Undergraduate Rep
Aaron O'Connor – Undergraduate Computer Science Rep
Scott Perry – Graduate Rep
Matt Gale – Co-op Rep
Liz Legere – Member-at-large
Dr. Nauzer Kalyaniwalla – Faculty Rep
Mike Porter
Franklin Fezu

Absent without Regrets:

Hussain Abdellatif – Athletic Rep

Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair, John Doucette

1. Approval of last meeting minutes

- Minutes from January 31, 2008 adopted

2. Society Desk Proposal

- Concerns about offering free beverages and snacks.
- Tigerbooks is already established
- Society desk could act as an intermediary – a place to drop off and pick up the books
- Liability issues – person dropping off would sign a waiver / release form

3. Recognition of Multicultural Holidays

- John has received a list of holidays – will forward to mailing list
- Concerns about spam
- Alternative would be to put messages on the TV's in the Atrium and circulate paper handouts
- Putting messages on TVs is adopted as Society Desk policy – needs to be added to written policy
- List of holidays to be maintained in a file on Society Desk computer

4. Policy and Constitution Document

- A copy of the current constitution will be posted to Google Docs
- Note the changes you make
- Will be readdressed at council in a few weeks

5. Position Reports

a. Social Rep – Natasha

- Good turnout for Superbowl
- Pie Throw put on hold for now due to concerns over cleanup
- Bob Marley night this Friday
- Need ideas for next week

b. Treasurer – Andrew

- GIC has been purchased
- \$452.49 in unallocated funds

c. President – John

- Nothing to report

d. VP Internal – Timothy

- Welcomed Dr. Nauzer Kalyaniwalla as Faculty Rep
- Nothing to report on committees

e. Member-at-large – Liz

- Nothing to report

f. Secretary – Melanie

- Will send out all future issues of Society Wire to mailing list for additions/omissions/revisions before sending to csannounce

g. Multidisciplinary Grad Rep – Noah

- Planning a meet and greet / movie night
- Showing “Office Space”

h. Dr. Kalyaniwalla – Faculty Rep

- Received a proposal to shut down the Learning Center during exams
- Would like Society to recommend a course of action:
 - shut it down
 - restrict hours of operation
 - leave as is
- To be discussed in Section 6: New Business

i. Senior Undergrad Rep – Liam

- Nothing to report

j. Co-op Rep – Matt

- Linda Burke will be addressing second year students
- Would also like her to talk with third year students
- Will send a message to csannounce in regards to setting up an informal discussion with new and experienced co-op students

k. Undergraduate CS Rep – Aaron

- Will not be able to attend Spanish Society meetings for the next 2 weeks

l. Grad Rep – Scott

- Setting up meeting with President of MBA Society
- Would like John, or other exec members, to attend as well

k. VP External - Ashley

- Attended DSU meeting where they:
 - examined constitutional amendments – making more consistent
 - discussed trying to phase out the Diversity Committee to be replaced by a Diversity Day once / year
 - discussed deleting a section concerning society recognition rules
- DSU AGM – February 20 @ 6:30 pm
 - Will be voting on amendments
 - Quorum is 75 students, so please go if you can
- Teaching Award nominations are due February 15 – information is available on the front page of the DSU website
- Rick Mercer will be on campus Monday

6. New Business

a. GB bartending policies

- New bartenders should be required to train with experienced bartenders
- Suggestion to hire bartenders outside faculty to avoid issues of having to cut off friends
- Suggestion to develop and post a “Rules of Conduct” policy for the bartender
- Such a policy relieves liability – can simply point to the document

b. African Soccer Championships

- Final is on Sunday
- Hussain would like to broadcast

c. Mentorship Program

- John to visit second year classes

d. Exam Study Sessions

- Offer a place to study during peak study times
- Deferred until finals

e. Unfilled Society Positions

- Junior Undergraduate Rep and Undergraduate Informatics Rep positions are still vacant

f. Learning Center Hours of Operation during exams

- Discussion indicates that we have all used the Learning Center during exams at some point

MOTION by Liam: Operate the Learning Center during exam periods with, at least, the existing amount of hours.

SECONDED by Aaron

MOTION PASSES unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm