

Dalhousie Computer Science Society
Executive Meeting with Dean Minutes
5:30 – Tuesday May 13th 2008 – Dean’s Boardroom of the Computer Science
Building
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Roll Call:

Andrew Aikens – Treasurer
John Doucette – President
Liz Legere – Secretary
Michael Shepherd – Dean

1) Building Hours:

- a. Background – for a while now the Faculty has been struggling with security in the CS building. The main issues surfaces mostly during exams: building getting trashed, garbage, computers getting moved and disconnected, floor tiles getting scratched, stuff (chairs, tables, etc.) getting moved, drawing on leather, not respecting the cleaning staff and help desk employees when they try to enforce the rules (i.e. no drinks around computers, etc.). The problem is that we have no real security guards to stop these things from happening. The person at the front desk and the people at the help desk (who are only here till 9pm) are students, not security guards. Also not everyone respects & listens to them.
- b. What to do – Since the people at the help desk and at the front desk are not real security guards the Dean looked into hiring real security guards. The cost for this would be \$39/h per guard and they must work in pairs. The CS Faculty cannot afford this. The Dean then went to Bonnie and the idea of locking the building from 12am – 7am was reached.
- c. Our Side’s issues
 - Lack of student involvement – Dean apologises for the lack of student input and will do his best not to let this happen again in the future.
 - 24 hour study space – Dean says to meet with Bonnie
 - Safety issue for women – Dean says it is a Red Herring in the sense that the past practice has not offered any more security than having one student security guard at the front desk. The only real safety is in numbers. The FCS and the Dean are very concerned about student, staff and faculty safety but there is not a lot that can be done about it.
 - Undergrad issue (wanting access to the building) – Idea: having banner card or key card access for CS students. Issue: who is a CS student? Idea from John: Classify all Bachelor of CS, informatics, and Bachelor of Science with a Major in CS as CS Students and handle the rest case by case. Concern from Dean: this is a grey issue. Idea from Andrew: let the CSS handle it – students go to CSS, give a deposit, and the CSS gives them a key card for the building. Decision: Dean will look into cost of key cards or banner card access to the building and get back to us.

- Another Approach – Leave things as they are: Have the building open from 7am – 12am during the majority of the year and then have the building open from 7am – 2am during midterm week
- Note: depending on the cost CSS would be willing to chip in.

Summary:

Dean apologizes for the lack of student input and will do his best not to let it happen again.

If grad students don't feel safe they should have friends around when in the building.

Will leave the hours as they are except for midterm week and exam time for which the hours will be 7am – 2am.

Dean will look into cost of key card access and will meet with us again with the information.

2) Student Lounge Space:

Dean hopes to address this issue but cannot do so immediately.

Once the new management building is built the CS Faculty is getting a floor for which they are moving some of the CS groups which should give more space for a CS undergraduate lounge.

Dean will deal with this issue in the fall.

Concern with the camera in the learning center – Dean will ask Dave Green about it.

- Dean has an open door policy when he is in his office and says to feel free to come see him with any concerns or make an appointment with Anne.
- Dean would also like to run a “town hall” type meeting in the fall to give students a chance to ask the Dean questions and the Dean will answer them as best he can.
- Idea: set up a regular meeting once a term with the Dean to open communication between the students and the Faculty.
- John will set up appointment with Anne to have a meeting with the Dean and Mike McAllister to talk about co-op.