

Dalhousie Computer Science Society
Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 – Teaching Lab 3
Compiled By: Scott Perry

Roll Call:

Andrew Aikens – Treasurer (Acting Chair)
Liam Spencer - Athletics Representative
Kat Magee - Senior Undergraduate Representative
Manya Sevanandam – Society Desk Manager
Scott Perry – Graduate Representative (Acting Secretary)
Mike McAllister – Faculty Representative

Absent with regrets:

John Doucette
Liz Legere

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by acting Chair, Andrew Aikens.

1) Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes from previous Society meeting (May 15, 2008). Motion put forward by Liam.

Motion Seconded by Kat.

Motion accepted.

2) CS Society Fees:

Motion for “approval of refund of full CS Society fees (2007/2008 winter term) for Bev Rodgerson due to illness”. Background info: Dal and DSU have both approved refund of tuition and DSU fees, and John Doucette has already spoken to Bev's student advocate. Motion put forward by Liam.

Motion Seconded by Kat.

Motion accepted.

3) Position Reports:

Graduate Representative – Scott Perry

1. At a previous meeting, the question was raised as to whether grad students who do not have a supervisor will be able to get after-hours key card access to the CSB. Scott has contacted tech support and is awaiting their response regarding this issue. It appears that if key card access is granted, all CS students will be entitled to a key card, so this may no longer be an issue.

[Thanks to Mike McAllister for elaborating on the following two issues:]

2. At the Faculty Council meeting, it was mentioned that ~ \$100,000 of unused funds are available to the Faculty for advertising purposes. The funds were originally an ERBA offset for Informatics, and expired on March 31, 2008. Alan Shaver has offered the funds to CS in an effort to increase enrolment. The Faculty is currently working on an advertising plan at the request of Alan Shaver.

3. Another issue discussed at the Faculty Council meeting was that the plans for the CS floor of the new Coburg building were not accepted by CFI. The Steering Committee had requested lounges, offices, and other forms of 'common space'; however CFI will not

provide funds for this type of construction. The plans will have to be re-visited.

Society Desk Manager – Manya Sevanandam

Manya presented a proposal to the Society, and discussed the following items:

1. Candies – Candies will once again be given out at the Society Desk. Manya has already picked up 3 packages of candies, and will begin to distribute them within a day or two.
2. “Everyday is special” - Manya found a website that lists a different theme for every day of the year. She would like to have the themes displayed within the CSB (perhaps on the Society TV or an LCD screen). Mike suggested that there could be a quiz in the Society newsletter that pertains directly to the different themes, in order to help promote the idea.
3. Day Trip – Manya discussed the idea of organizing a CS day trip, perhaps to Peggy's Cove or Lunenburg. The cost of the trip and other logistics have not yet been explored, although Andrew mentioned that the Society may be able to help subsidize the trip.
4. T-shirts on display – It was suggested that the t-shirts should be displayed at the weekly CS barbecues as a form of advertising. Andrew also suggested that Manya should print a poster to help advertise the t-shirts. Hoodies were briefly discussed, although the consensus was that we should wait until the fall term.

Faculty Representative - Mike McAllister

1. Mike thanked the Society for all of the help with Convocation.
** Also refer to Graduate Representative items 2 & 3

Senior Undergraduate Representative - Kat Magee

1. Feedback regarding key card access - Kat has asked several students how they feel about after-hours key card access to the CSB. She found that the majority of students were in favour of the key card access, although a few had concerns about whether or not it would be worth the cost. i.e. - many of the students who used the building after hours were not CS students, so the costs of installing/maintaining a Dalc card scanner shouldn't fall entirely on CS students. At this point, Andrew pointed out that the existing key card scanner could be used, so costs would be negligible.

Athletics Representative – Liam Spencer

1. Soccer – Most leagues have already completed registration. If there is interest in playing soccer over the summer term, it might be better for the CS Society to book some field time specifically for CS students.
2. HURL team – There is still time left to register for an ultimate frisbee team with HURL. Liam will focus on trying to put a team together.
3. “CS Fun Day” - Liam has received good feedback from students regarding the idea of having a CS Fun Day.

Mike suggested that perhaps CS would like to put a team together for the 'Halifax Ultimate Challenge' – a city wide scavenger hunt. Liam will try to figure out the details of the event and gauge student interest.

Treasurer – Andrew Aikens

1. Financial Statements and budget will be available by the end of May
2. Satellite Charges – Charges for the satellite service will be recurring throughout the summer term, as it does not make sense (financially) to cancel and resubscribe every time Society would like to use the service at an event. Liam may try to organize a Stanley Cup Final game event, if the series goes to game 7.

4) New Business:

Motion: “There will be a firm deadline for the submission of end-of-term position reports (for the Fall term) of 11:59 pm on May 31st in order for council members to qualify for the refund of Society fees”. Motion put forward by Liam

Motion seconded by Scott.

Motion passed unanimously.

Scott will send an email to let everyone know about the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.