

**Computer Science Society Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30pm - Thursday July 3rd 2008, Teaching Lab 3**  
**Goldberg Computer Science Building**  
**Compiled by: Liz Legere**

Roll Call:

Andrew Aikens  
John Doucette  
Kat Magee  
Liam Spencer  
Liz Legere  
Manya Sevanandam  
Michael McAllister  
Scott Perry

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by President John Doucette

1) Approval of past meetings minutes

- a. Approved
- b. Append to the minutes from two meetings (June 12) ago that Liam Spencer sent regrets

2) Trip

- a. Date set for July 26th to go to Cape Split
- b. Pricing:
  - i. \$25 per person would be needed to cover cost of bus for 28 people
    1. Idea: society will subsidize \$10 per person if they buy their tickets more than a week before the trip, i.e. by the 18th at the latest. Then if they want to buy tickets after that date it will be \$25 a ticket
    2. Liz moves to have society subsidize \$10 per ticket for the trip to Cape Split on the 26th
    3. Friendly Amendment: only subsidize if the ticket is purchased by the 18th at the latest.
    4. Scott seconds motion
    5. Motion passed

3) Reports

- a. John Doucette - President
  - i. Redrafted constitution
  - ii. Picked up alcohol order
- b. Andrew Aikens - Treasurer
  - i. Put budget up on bulletin board
  - ii. John will send email out to cs announce with the budget
  - iii. Will be doing reimbursement checks
  - iv. Would like help deciding where the coffee makers should go, John will help
- c. Liam Spencer - Athletics Representative
  - i. Missed the last two ultimate Frisbee games due to a variety of reasons including injury
  - ii. Looking into getting two Frisbee's for our team

- iii. McAllister suggests going to ultimate league, Frisbee's from them only cost \$10-\$12
- iv. Liam moves to allocate \$25 for 2 discs for the cs ultimate Frisbee team
- v. Kat seconds
- vi. Motion carried

d. Kat Magee - Senior Undergraduate Representative

i. Is interested in helping out with either the CS Faculty orientation week event or the Dal CS orientation event

e. Scott Perry - Graduate Representative

i. Went to Faculty Council Meeting, no notes here

f. Michael McAllister - Faculty Representative

i. There is a new first year class - it is an elective course designed to give students a more broad view of computer science rather than just Java Java Java. Students from 2nd year and higher are also allowed to take it as a free elective

ii. Retirement gifts were given to Jost and Gentleman

iii. There will be talk about grad courses in the upcoming graduate committee meeting next week to get approval for a new format for the masters program.

iv. Manya has a petition that a group of graduate students have written that they would like to have addressed at the next meeting

v. Dean's exec - visited with representative of local government on department of skills and work force

vi. Looking for help to start a campaign aimed at junior high and high school students to promote computer science

vii. Spent last Thursday with General Dynamics in Dartmouth

viii. Got feedback on where undergrad could be improved for students

ix. Will included in strategic plan

x. Things such as:

1. program optimization

2. teamwork

3. better identifying of when good is good enough in a problem so one can move

on

4. better grasp of concurrency multithreaded type of development, when to do it,

how to do it right

5. keen on any type of projects that can be done

6. using design patterns

7. providing support of concepts throughout more than one course so as not to

forget skills due to lack of practice

xi. Interviews are ongoing to find a web master, done with internal applications moving on to external

xii. Looking to upgrade Torch and Flame

xiii. Kate Millar is the new undergrad admin

xiv. On strategic plan front: got only one response back after the article in the CS Newsletter. Thinking of sending a general email out to get students to do a quick online survey to find out what they think about it

xv. Orientation: have heard absolutely nothing yet.

g. Manya Sevanandam - Society Desk Manager

- i. Internet is not working
- ii. Andrew is looking into it
- iii. Do we have a budget for candy?
- iv. Suggestion to base it on budget of desk
- v. Been told candy is the only good thing society's ever done
- vi. We generally spend \$10 a week on candy
- vii. Idea: go to Bulk Barn or Costco
- viii. Will contact Shouldice about getting candy from Freak Lunchbox
- ix. Got a request for more clocks in the building
- x. People wrote a petition for the grad committee

h. Liz Legere - Secretary

- i. Will have newsletter out asap

#### 4) Constitution

- a. Reviewed changes that John made to constitution
- b. John will email out the changes he has made

#### 5) Elections

- a. Coming up soon
- b. We need an elections officer

Meeting adjourned at 7pm