

Computer Science Society
Meeting Minutes
5:30pm – Teaching Lab 3 – Thursday October 23rd 2008
Compiled by: Liz Legere

Roll Call:

Andrew Aikens
Karen Thorsen
Liz Legere
John Doucette
Jignasa Shah
Stewart Rand
Scott Perry
Liam Spencer
Kat Magee
Michael Shepherd

Absent With Regrets:

Srividhya Barath

Absent Without Regrets:

Sandy Chatman

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by President John Doucette

1) Minutes

a. Adopted

2) Appointments to Council Positions

3) Reimbursements

a. Liz moves to approve honorariums for society members who have submitted EOT reports and approve others on a case by case basis.

b. Liam seconds

c. Motion passed

4) SNOBOL Update

a. Going well

b. Sent an email to csall

c. Holding a ticket for Norm, Rosemary, and sponsors

d. Have \$1000 from corporate funding so far

e. Having issues getting funding from DSU

f. Will have a chocolate fountain

4) Games

a. A student, Matthew, wants to start a video game programming club

- i. Society will provide free advertising
- ii. If he gives us a price estimate we will provide pizza for their first meeting

5) Reports

- a. Stewart Rand – Acting VP External
 - i. Went to DSU meeting
 - 1. Our request for a grant for SNOBOL has not yet been approved or denied
 - a. Issue is lack of president for amount we are asking for
 - b. The DSU recently changed their grant policy
 - c. Makes it hard to get more then \$500
 - d. Though if you say you are depending on it and have gotten it before you can still get the money
 - e. Talked with Daniel Boyle – he says there shouldn't be a problem getting the money
 - 2. NSPRIG issue still going on – they have modified their constitution and are on their way to being ratified
 - 3. Board of Governors discussion
 - a. Currently there are 2 student representatives on the board but they are not allowed a vote
 - b. They are trying to get at least one voting position
 - c. The issue is that the board's decision making is based on a consensus.
- b. Jignasa Shah – Member-At-Large
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Scott Perry – Graduate Rep
 - i. Fixed up song forms
- g. Kat Magee – Senior Undergraduate Rep
 - i. Put up posters up around the building about SNOBOL
 - ii. Found out that Paintball is about an hour drive out of town
 - a. will send out email to csall about Paintball
- h. Liam Spencer – VP Internal
 - i. Went to APEX Programming Competition along with John, Andrew, and others
 - a. We did well
 - b. John's team placed 5th out of 23
 - c. Overall we had the highest scoring University team
 - ii. Faculty Council Meeting:
 - a. Working on industry outreach
 - b. Convocation was successful
 - c. Balanced the budget for the year so far

- d. Graduate fair on Tuesday
- e. Will be going to Dean's Exec & Undergraduate committee meetings

from now on

- i. Andrew Aikens – Treasurer
 - i. Given Liza enough info to get banquet order placed
 - ii. There is a new fridge with wheels in the cage now

- j. John Doucette – President
 - i. Convocation
 - 1. John & Andrew set up
 - 2. John bartended
 - ii. Volunteered to be on DSU election's committee
 - iii. Grad ring company coming here next week

- k. Liz Legere – Secretary
 - i. Got Newsletter printed and out
 - ii. Made an inventory of the number of T-Shirts we have left
 - iii. Got the locker renewal process done
 - iv. Will send out an email to csall reminding students that next week is the last week to nominate people for: The Srini Teaching Excellence Award, The Staff Award, The Ann Elizabeth Beringer Student Appreciation Award.
 - v. Report for Society Desk
 - a. Sold 50 items
 - b. made \$80

- l. Karen Thorson – Junior Undergraduate Rep
 - i. Nothing to report

- m. Michael Shepherd – Faculty Representative
 - i. Building Hours
 - a. Currently the hours have been reduced to 7am-12am for everyone
 - 1. CS students can pay a deposit and get key card access to the building which is good for as long as they are at Dalhousie
 - b. Since we have changed the hours Dave Green has reported that there has been virtually no theft or vandalism
 - c. Few students have payed the deposit for key cards so far
 - d. Issue 1: Extended hours during midterms and finals, didn't remember till midterms were already over
 - e. Bonnie is getting pushed back out of our faculty and the Gazette is at her door
 - f. Had a meeting with Bonnie and Sandy (security): not keen on having longer building hours
 - g. Faculty will honor the commitment at Christmas time is students want it – i.e. having the building open till 2am starting the week before exams up to the end of exam period

1. Discussion:

a. Liam: our constituency is satisfied as is already, there is no need for the extended hours

h. Result: Keep hours as is

ii. Will be getting touch sensitive screens for the CS building

a. One will be going up by the end of the semester (they cost \$5000 each)

iii. SNOBOL:

a. talking with Rosemary – we have two corporate sponsors and are working on getting a third

Adjourned at 6:45pm