

Minutes of Computer Science Society Meeting
March 27th, 2006
2:30PM – 4:15PM

Attendance

- Sean Smith
- Haewon Chung
- Franklin Fezeu
- Jeremy Gallant
- Michael Porter
- Tokunbo Makanju
- Nicholas Rajendram
- Rajdeep Raol
- Andrew Shouldice
- Anne Publicover (Staff)
- Anthony Cox (Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching)

Absent: Ashley George – Fundraising Rep
Lindsey Park – 1st Year Rep
Mayurkumar Bhoradoria – InfoDesk Manager

1. Motion (Sean, Jeremy): to adopt minutes of previous meetings.
Motion Passed.

2. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

- Anthony Cox (CS Rep. on the L&T committee) intimated the society on the work been done by the Senate Learning and Teaching committee.
- Every Faculty has a member on the committee
- Learning/Teaching issues are discussed here.
- Interested in knowing what we should stop/start/keep doing? As it relates to issues which relate to learning and teaching in Dalhousie.
- Survey on student perspective will be sent to CS Society.

Discussions

Andrew: Inconsistent use of technologies for submitting assignments.

Haewon: DSU passed a bye-law stating that students have a choice to opt out of using turnitin.com.

A. Cox: This will be addressed. Not sure if DSU has a right to pass that law.

Nicholas: CS classes should have priority in the use of the classes in the CSB.

Anne: Several factors are considered in choosing class venues, class size been very important.

3. Elections

Sean: Nominations start today and run until Friday. Nominations must be accepted by Monday.

Haewon: A lot more needs to be done to increase participation in elections. Email is not adequate

Sean: Problem is not with email, I believe the problem is with the timing of elections.

Nicholas: We could use a script that force people to vote when they log on to torch.

Anne: In addition we could use the TV's and posters in the classrooms.

4. DSU Decision

Sean: *It was decided that we had to be re-ratified and acknowledgement forms filled. Our levy is been withheld in the meantime.*

Haewon: *When do we get our levy?*

Sean: *As soon as the DSU completes the audit of our books.*

Franklin: *Do we have to be ratified every term?*

Sean: *This can only be discussed at the DSU meeting.*

5. DSU documents on rights and responsibilities

Sean: *Everyone should read it and provide feedback to the DSU Academic and External committee.*

6. Finance

- Margie has completed audit and Sean will be meeting with her on Wednesday.
- We have cash that will be deposited in the bank soon.
- Books will be submitted to the DSU as soon as they are gotten from Margie

Haewon: *What is our financial situation now? Some graduate students have submitted grant requests but have not been issued the grants even after approval. Last terms council has also still not been paid.*

Franklin: *We need to find out who approved the grant. If the approval is confirmed true, then we should pay the grants.*

7. Council Reimbursements

Sean: *Our finances are low, I am therefore recommending we do not receive our reimbursements for this term.*

Haewon: *I thought we had \$10K in the bank.*

Sean: *Most of that amount would be used to offset our bar bills.*

Haewon: *I think this council should receive something. We have done more work than other councils in the past.*

Motion (Haewon, Franklin): *Set aside \$150 for CS council dinner. Each attending council member will receive \$150 divided by the number of attendees.*

Motion Passed

8. MHI Request

Sean: *MHI students have requested that the society help them with acquiring business cards. It will cost \$100 for all MHI students.*

Franklin: *The head of the MHI students (Amir) is also willing to help the CS Society get subsidized business cards.*

Haewon: *MHI students are planning to secede from the CS Society. We should have them promise to drop this move before we help them.*

Franklin: *They are still under us for now. So we are obliged to help them.*

Motion (Franklin, Mike): *Pre-approve \$100 for MHI students' business cards.*

Motion Passed.

9. End of term reports

Sean: *Send your end of term reports to society list*

10. Executive Reports

10.1 Vice President Internal (Franklin)

10.1.1 Faculty Meeting

- Dean requested professors to perform course evaluations regardless of the size of the class.
- Two new adjunct professors appointed: John Read and Elizabeth Churchill
- Bachelor of Informatics approved by Senate and Board of Governors. Now to be called B. Inf.
- \$10K scholarship for first 5 male and 5 female first year students accepted into the B. Inf. Program.
- 7 out of 8 NSERC grant applications accepted. 3 out of 8 for Killam applications
- revised guidelines for research aptitude available on the faculty website: www.cs.dal.ca/graduate/research-aptitude.htm
- Thomas Trappenberg is stepping down as MEC program director.
- Almost all MHI students will be placed for internships.

10.1.2 Deans Meeting

- CSCI 2100 (cross-listed ENGL 2100) will have 50% of CS on two terms as of next year
- Dr. Carolyn Watters summer course may not be offered
- A better screen will be provided for the CS foyer.
- Upgrading TL1 (old machines to be renovated and rolled to graduate students).

10.2 Vice President External (Haewon)

10.2.1 DSU Meeting

- Students can now opt of using turnitin.com
- A survey will now be applied to students who choose to leave Dalhousie.
- DSU guide to rights and responsibilities ready

11. Representative Reports

11.1 Co-operative Representative (Nicholas)

- Co-op survey prepared and passed to Dr. Scrimger. Still waiting for feedback from him.

11.2 Social Representative (Jeremy)

- No social event last week
- Geek will not run this week.

***Motion (Tokunbo, Jeremy): Adjourn Meeting
Motion Passed***