

Minutes of the Computer Science Society
Wednesday, May 18th, 2005
4:30-6:00pm

1 Attendance

- Dave Nichols (President)
- Geoff Johnston (Vice President External)
- Mark Kilfoil (Treasurer)
- Vicki Ha (Fourth Year Representative)
- Haewon Chung (Graduate Representative)
- Azza Abouzied (Co-op Representative)
- Franklin Fezeu (Social Representative)
- Martin Seaboyer (Athletic Representative)
- Andrew Wong (Fundraising Representative)
- Tony Abou-Assaleh (Member-at-Large)
- Michael McAllister (Faculty Representative)
- Ashley George
- Mike Smit
- Corey Parsons

2 Resignation

- Chris Jordan offered in absentia his formal resignation which was accepted by Council and the President.
- Haewon Chung nominated Ashley George for the position of Secretary; Ashley accepted this nomination.
- Council held a confidential vote; a majority appointed Ashley George to the position of Secretary.

3 Unfilled Positions

The following positions remain unfilled.

- 1st year representative
- 2nd year representative
- 3rd year representative
- MHI representative
- MEC representative

4 Executive Reports

4.1 President (Dave Nichols)

4.1.1 Convocation Reception

- CS Society has volunteered to support the reception.
 - May 25th, 11:30am in the Atrium. (lasting 2-3 hours)
 - Need 4 volunteers (contact vha@cs.dal.ca or nichols@cs.dal.ca)
 - Relatively formal. Quartet, wine & cheese...

4.1.2 INDISA Movie Night

- Dave Nichols: Can they book the auditorium..?
- Various: yes, but they may have trouble getting access to the projector. It is currently unavailable after business hours without the supervision of a Help Desk employee.

4.2 Vice President External (Geoff Johnston)

- Notes it is not possible to vote at DSU meetings by proxy.
- “Meal Exchange” is running a survey on campus to get input on a location for a campus food bank.
 - But how valuable is a survey run during the summer...?
 - Any suggestions for a suitable location?
- Rick Hansen “Wheels in Motion” Fundraiser for Spinal Injury Research (see All Other Business section)

4.3 Treasurer (Mark Kilfoil)

4.3.1 Assorted Money Items

- Received bar invoices from the DSU
 - These are still being processed
 - Approximately \$2000 owing
- Examined the remainder of Geoff’s budget item from the previous meeting
 - There was an extra labour charge whose meaning was unclear.
 - * It was a labour fee for bar setup/teardown.
 - * The fee was modelled after DSU standard fees.
 - Typically, a \$50 flat fee; or \$15/hour (min. 3 hours)
 - Additionally, 15% gratuity on sales.
- The Info Desk requested a \$124.06 reimbursement for personally purchased paper. (Chris Jordan)

4.3.2 Grant Requests

- In case of ties, grants are handled on a first come, first serve basis.
- Grad Representative requests \$500 for Grad Orientation and \$100 for next week’s Grad Potluck. (Thursday, May 26th, 5:30-7:30pm)
- Assorted conference grant requests. (see below for all grant-associated motions)

4.3.3 Undergraduate Committee Report (Mark Kilfoil)

- There is a high school credit programme “Programming 12” in the works.
 - Mike McAllister noted: it may be equivalent with CSCI1100 and therefore require students who have taken “Programming 12” to take another credit instead of CSCI1100. (Unless P12 can be a transfer credit (Mike: “Unlikely”)
- Committee suggested more information about completing work term reports be conveyed in CSCI 2100
- Co-op representative information
 - The Co-op office has their own representative that they hand pick
 - * That person could attend our meeting as a representative of the co-op office in future terms.
 - (Current rep is “Norm MacDonald” (??))

4.3.4 Scholarship Committee Report (Mark Kilfoil)

- Gold, Silver and Bronze Faculty scholarships replaced by Rosetti scholarships.
- In addition to money, this grants a Rosetti distinction to award winners.
- Suggestions for grad scholarships?
 - Best TA?
 - Best Thesis?
 - Best DCSI Paper?
- Noted: more awards require more money.

Motion: (Dave Nichols) “Grant \$100 to the Graduate Student Committee to support the Graduate Potluck.”

Motion Passed.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Reimburse Geoff Johnston for \$207.45 for assorted expenses detailed in aforementioned budget.”

Motion Passed, unanimously.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Reimburse Chris Jordan for \$124.06 for Info Desk paper purchase.”

Motion Passed, unanimously.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Fulfill \$100 Conference Grant Request for Albert Liu”

Motion Passed, Tony Abou-Assaleh abstained.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Fulfill \$100 Conference Grant Request for Yongzheng Zhang”

Motion Passed, Tony Abou-Assaleh, Ashley George abstained.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Fulfill \$100 Conference Grant Request for Indranil Gupta”

Motion Passed, Tony Abou-Assaleh abstained.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Fulfill \$100 Conference Grant Request for Philip O’Brien”

Motion Passed.

4.4 Graduate Representative (Haewon Chung)

4.4.1 Graduate Orientation Planning

- Call for volunteers (email chung@cs.dal.ca)
- Request for unified orientation committee
 - To avoid scheduling conflicts for undergraduate and graduate orientation
 - Potential committee members
 - * Haewon Chung (committee chair)
 - * Vicki Ha
 - * Sean Smith
 - * Mark Kilfoil

4.5 Social Representative (Franklin Fezeu)

4.5.1 Barbeque Event

- Estimates \$150 dollars necessary to purchase food and refreshments.
 - Suggests 25 cent gratuity on burgers... less for hot dogs?
 - * Mark Kilfoil adds that past practice has been to charge break-even prices.
 - Mike Smit notes that the propane tank for the BBQ must be located. Also, that to fill the tank it costs roughly \$25.
- In the future, possibly run a BBQ event simultaneously with a sports event.

Motion: (Mark Kilfoil) “Provide \$150 for Franklin’s BBQ Event.”

Motion Passed.

4.5.2 Movie Night

- inquiries to the DSU have received no response (by email).
 - Franklin tentatively suggests these occur on Wednesday nights.
 - Need to talk to David Green about using the projectors.
 - Tony mentions that movie lists can be obtained from the distributors associated with the DSU.

4.5.3 Games Night

- Vicki wonders if the Geekbeer and Games night should be separate?
 - Vicki: May have different audiences or different needs.
 - Franklin: However, it is currently easier to colocate them rather than finding a separate room to have the event.
- Use the Society Wiki to coordinate the Games Night (ie, who is bringing what.)

4.6 Fundraising Representative (Andrew Wong)

Nothing

4.7 Fourth Year Representative (Vicki Ha)

4.7.1 Outreach Committee Report (Vicki)

- 2 Aibo units bought by faculty for in-class demonstrations
- Undergraduate Phonathon successful
 - Minimal complaints, many satisfied and interested contactees.

4.7.2 Undergraduate Student Mentoring (Vicki)

- Need volunteers to mentor new students.. (email vha@cs.dal.ca)

4.8 Co-op Representative (Azza Abouzied)

- Student Employment Centre isn't finding opportunities.
- Series running June 16 onward.

4.9 Athletic Representative (Martin Seaboyer)

- There is a \$50 team registration fee for softball.
- Last term's hockey trophies will be engraved this term. (funds granted previously.)
- We need new softball mitts.
 - Current mitts are a poor fit for most players.
- Should we get shirts for softball? (under consideration.)
 - Mark: Choose appropriate sizes... we had many leftover XL shirts last time.

- Softball times: Monday through Thursday, 12-1:30. Rain day is Friday.
 - Coed league
 - Need 8 players minimum.
 - * Need 4 more players now. (need valid Dalhousie ID)

Motion: (Martin Seaboyer) “\$150 dollars for various athletic expenses.”

Motion Passed.

4.10 Member at Large (Tony Abou-Assaleh)

- Requested monthly financial statements (possibly on website)
 - Mike Smit: Having financial statements on a website invites misinterpretation and confusion.
 - Suggested another procedure should be concocted for interested parties to access financial information.

4.11 Info Desk and Services Update

- Staples was out of legal paper and we could not restock. However, more should be available soon and Dave Nichols will order more stock.

5 Other Business

5.1 Rick Hansen’s “Wheels in Motion” Fundraiser for Spinal Injury Research

- Runs, walks, skates, etc.
- Sponsorship information from Geoff Johnston (johnston@cs.dal.ca)
- More information can be seen on poster on Society Board
- For society involvement...
 - Funds are tight; why not use some of the Geekbeer bar profits?
 - Mike: We could have a cap on the amount of profits donated.
- Will faculty donate? (no word...)
- Location: At Rehabilitation Centre on Camp Hill

Motion: (Dave Nichols) “Adjourn this meeting.”

Motion Passed.