General meeting minutes for 2005-03-16 (Wednesday)

Attendance

Name	Email	Affiliation
Jeff Spiko	jsipko	always #1
Yang Zhao	yangz	PENGUIN!
Eugene Chin	ehc	RAWR
Andrew Kumar	aak2	NOOBMACHINE
Trevor MacPhail	tmmacpha	Major / First Real Response
Melissa Blain	mblain	Archaeology + Llamas!
JC Pablo	jcpablo	Physics
Drinking Bird		Physics
Fil Maj	fmaj	BC Marijuana Party
James Carrothers	$_{ m jimc}$	Major
Max Whitney	mwhitney	Major
Travis Brown	travisb	Slave
Igor Faletski	ifaletsk	Major
John Boxall	jrboxall	ninja
Pouya Bastani	pbastani	computing
Mark Thomson	mst	major
Dustin Thomas	dustint	King loved by all
Gavin Card	gcard	Shirt Ninja
Yu Fei	yfs	
Sepand Gojgini	sgojgini	major
Ryan Sikma	rtsikma	major
Angelica Lim	alimb	major
Tim Kim	tkim1	teh chair

Meeting called to order by Tim at $15{:}35$

Report of Officers

President Angelica

- has been working closely with EUSS: they have lots of documentations hundreds of pages of procedure and transition guides. Our executives will be creating similar documents as well: try to keep it up
- executive nominations are going this week; nominate more people
- DiGRA: they're alive! CSSS is a sponsor. The Lims will be running a DDR tourney. There's also going to be a game-swapping fair, so bring your old games for trading.
- Formal Banquet update: discussed later
- Frosh Week: we'll start planning soon
- IMPORTANT: be friendly to strangers in the common room (collective glare at certain unnamed individual); we don't want to come off as a mean bunch

VP Operations Noah Absent: reports via proxy

• Some formal things: details in later agenda item

• OpFair

- OpFair was a big success, and actually turned in a tidy profit, as much as \$2500, pending the yet-to-arrive invoice from Facilities for clean-up
- it was agreed that doing a joint event lent a lot of credibility and really helped in getting the ball rolling; next year, we should contribute to a greater degree
- profits from OpFair are tentatively being split towards 4 things: dinner for organizers (\$100), next year's OpFair (\$1000), money for EUSS since they did most of the work, and fund set aside specifically for joint DSU events. Amounts for last two items are TBD, but the engineers have been asked
- Volunteer appreciation: similar to last year, Noah propose that we hold a volunteer appreciation evening at the pub following the semester end social. Anyone who has volunteered at our events this year is invited!

Angelica motions up to \$100 for volunteer appreciation event following the semester end social; Jim seconds. Motion carries.

VP Activities Jeff

- Has been away at San Fran for GDC it was awesome.
- Now he's sick it sucks

VP Resource Travis

- copier has paper, pop machine has pop, and we now have two, yes TWO, terminals, one of which is a XTerm
- everyone go surf the gallery: it needs testing

Treasurer Eugene

- got more invoice from CIT financial. They used receive our photocopier lease, except we are no longer under contract with them, and they've been billing us wrongly. Has been told to ignore it, and has been. Hopefully it won't again
- account has about \$830 unallocated, accounting for what will be motioned for in this meeting
- photocopier revenue has gone down: don't know why. Pop machine's made up for it

Exec @ Large Tim

- has been doing remedial tasks assigned by Travis, including heavy lifting
- there are apparently more planned, which is disheartening

Secretary Yang

• nothing to report

Formal Update

Angelica brought transparencies, and lots of 'em.

We have a ginormous budget: \$15000+. Since the last meeting, we have received the following funding commitments:

- \$1850 from SFSS Grants
- \$700 from SFSS Forum

• \$600 from School of Computing Science

(As an additional note, last year Hattie gave us \$2000 in SFSS money, and this year we actually had to approach committees and forum. Though it was more work, it paid off in moral support and appreciation from the committees. It seems that both the SFSS board and Forums love us for putting on something as cool as this, and would have given us more money if they had it. In the future, it would be cool to capitalize on this. AppSci student unions are becoming the darlings of the university.)

The venue has been decided to be Sheraton Wall Centre in downtown.

Tickets are currently priced at \$35, but that's subsidized from more than twice as much.

Additional funding for AppSci Formal

Angelica motions to allocate an additional \$300 to AppSci Formal. Eugene amends that \$100 of that \$300 come from core funding, bringing to the total to \$800, comprised of \$600 from core funding and \$200 from CSSS account. Travis seconds. Motion carries.

Establishing faculty/staff community involvement award

We're planning to an award away at the formal to an outstanding faculty or staff member who has shown significant involvement in the student committee.

A standing order, current draft below, is in the works:

Following the end of classes in Spring semester, the CSSS shall award the "CSSS Community involvement award" to a member of the faculty or staff of the School of Computing Science who has demonstrated great involvement in the Computing Science student community. Nominations for the award shall be accepted in writing until the last day of classes of the Spring semester and the executive shall grant the award at their discretion before the start of classes of the Summer semester.

Establishing volunteer award

Similar to above, Noah would like to establish an award for volunteers.

Again, draft standing order:

Following the end of classes in Spring semester, the CSSS shall award the "CSSS volunteer of the year award" to a non-executive member of the society who has demonstrated great service to the society in the past year. Nominations for the award shall be accepted in writing until the last day of classes of the Spring semester and the executive shall grant the award at their discretion before the start of classes of the Summer semester.

The exact reward is to be decided

AppSci Formal volunteer gathering

There are 5 sub-committees which are helping to organize the social: Promotions, programming, entertainment, decorations and logistics. *committee sign up sheet goes around*

Status of New CSSS Website

Testing website can be viewed at http://csss.cs.sfu.ca/testing/csss_web/trunk/

Yang is currently working on creating a template stylesheet for the page, as well as reorganizing files and contents thereof to properly support such a thing. Other than that, there are still some contents that need to be written, as well as sections that needs major improvement.

Due to everyone being busy with other tasks, the page will probably not see significant progress until after finals end.

The new, and more reasonable, projected completion date is sometime mid-semester in summer. Until then, feedbacks are welcomed, but all layout related bug reports to Yang will be ignored.

Semester End Social volunteer recruitment

Sepand shows off his fancy spreadsheet with colours and lots of charts.

The cost has been significantly reduced.

A casino is planned, and dealers will be needed, as well as other helpers.

A overhead projector starts beeping. Fil gives it a good whack and silences it.

Sepand volunteers everyone in meeting to help blow up balloons for the social.

Travis enquires about why balloon drop is so cheap. Answer: Costco

Travis asks a DVD burner as prize so he can use the DVD-R he won during the last social.

Open Floor

Wall Climbing - Jeff

Wall climbing event is coming up, but it's been postponed to next week, most likely at Cliff Hanger in Coquitlam next Saturday.

Jeff motions for up to \$100 to subsidize the up-coming wall climbing event. Angelica seconds. Motion carries.

Lots of pictures will be taken

Science Social - JC

"Science Party" is happening this Friday, 4:30pm to midnight, above Raven's cafeteria in WMX.

There'll be a live band, contests, including the kind involving beer, and lots of cheap food and beer.

MISA Paintball - Andrew

MISA is holding another paintball event, April 30th.

Shoot each other by day, barbecue by night. \$18 per person.

Hoping to get CS and Engineering people out. Trying to get more business people out too.

Also trying to get an all-girls team going (lead by Angelica? *poke poke*)

Venue TBA, but most likely Ambush in Surrey.

Reminder: NEXT MONDAY IS ELECTIONS MEETING

Approval of Minutes

Eugene motions to approve last meeting's minutes. Angelica seconds. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 16:23