Simon Fraser Student Society
Computing Science Student Society
Policies Document

2017

1 Policies of the Computing Science Student Society

- This document shall conform with the CSSS Constitution
- All policies shall be enacted according to the process layed out in the CSSS Constitution

2 Issues Policies

- Issues policies refer to policies representing the CSSS positions on certain issues.
- General Issues refer to stances on issues that are expected to extend indefinately.
    - i.e. 'The CSSS supports open source software.'
    - Open source software is not expected to go away any time soon
- Transient Issues refer to stances on issues that have a finite extent
    - i.e. During a job action by university staff, a policy may be 'The CSSS supports x union.'
    - This support will have a built in expiry date, either time wise or event wise
- Causes that fall under any of these policies are eligible to CSSS support, including but not limited to or guaranteed:
    - Moral support
    - Communications Support (News Letter, Mailists)
    - Volunteer support
    - Use of the CSSS Logo
    - Financial support, with certain restrictions (See Operational Policies, 7)

2.1 General Issues

- February 2, 2017: Equality.
    - The CSSS is an equal opportunity society, and will not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any type. Equal opportunity to participate in CSSS events, business, and society spaces will be offered without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, nationality, age, disability, or genetics. It is the duty of the executive to ensure that the society adheres to this policy and supports all students in Computing Science at Simon Fraser University.

2.2 Transient

- Proposed-29Sept2015: The CSSS shall support the 'Student Showcase' initiative.
    - This policy will last until one month after the date it is approved

3 Operational Policies

1. Without the approval of the membership, the Executive may decide to expend funding on items which:
   (a) cost less than fifty (50) dollars and
   (b) are part of the day to day running of the Society

2. All votes which concern the holding of positions within the Society shall be by secret ballot.

3. The *csss-exec* mailing list shall exist for the discussion of matters pertaining to the running of the Society.
   (a) The membership of the *csss-exec@sfu.ca* list shall be maintained by the Secretary, and it shall include, but not be limited to:

     i. all members of the Executive.

     ii. any member of the Society who is sponsored by a member of the Executive.

  (b) Any individual may be removed from the list by a majority vote of the Executive.

4. Signing Cheques

  (a) An executive shall not sign a cheque made out to him/her self.

  (b) A signing officer will not sign a cheque without first filling out the proper stub or allocation field.

5. Awards

  (a) Following the end of classes in the 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.

  (b) Following the end of classes in the 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.

6. Organisational Documentation

For the purposes of continuity, the Executive shall maintain a repository of organisational documents including, but not limited to:

  (a) Budgets

  (b) Venue planning

  (c) Promotional materials that were produced digitally

  (d) Other planning documentation

7. Restrictions on Financial Support

In addition, monetary support has the following restrictions:

  (a) Before a motion for monetary support from a group outside of the CSSS can be made before the society at a general meeting, it must be approved for voting by a real majority (51%) of the executive not including Execs at Large, First Year Reps, and Council Rep. This approval will be more likely dependant upon if the following questions are answered in the affirmative:

     i. Does the initiative present a positive opportunity for students in Computing Science?

     ii. Is the proposal clearly and honestly laid out and is it clear what the funding is used for?

     iii. Is the requested support justifiable and within the means of the society?

     iv. Is the request coming from members of the CSSS? If not, is it from within the SFSS? If not is there a justifiable reason to support this outside organization? Is there some way we can hold the organization accountable that the funds are used as proposed?

     v. Is the opportunity requiring the funding available to all members of the CSSS

  (b) These points are guidelines, however executives must clearly explain at the general meeting where an approved motion is voted upon why certain guidelines are ignored.

  (c) An executive that is involved with the external group to which reimbursement shall be offered must state this and their approval shall not be counted for the majority needed when adding the proposal to the agenda.