

CSSS General Meeting Minutes

Trevor Gale

Thursday, February 2 2017

Meeting called to order at 12:34pm by Daphne

Attendees	Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
	Trevor Gale	trgale	Director of Archives
	Sophia Ta	nbta	Member
	Damoon Tahmasbe	dtahmasb	Member
	Jeff Low	jelow	Member
	Cloud Kanou	ckanou	Member
	Paymon Jalali	pjalali	Honourary Member
	Karan Aujla	karana	Member
	Robert T.	rtan	Member
	Ari Blondal	ablondal	Member
	Kia Mirsalehi	kmirsale	Director of Resources
	Henry Zhao	mhzhao	DoC
	Paul Allan	pwallan	Treasurer
	Eric Ly	ekly	DoE
	Lucky Nathan	lvs1	Member
	Maddy Sol.	msoleima	Member
	Adrian Lam	ciwl11	Member

1 Report of Officers

1.1 Director of Communications (Henry)

- Overwatch club had a tragedy(the game wasn't installed for their event)
- Needs to be more closely watched next time
- Lee has not punished them so we can punish them
- Kai: What kind of punishments?
 - Clean the common room
- (We're probably not actually going to punish them)

1.2 Director of Resources (Kia)

- Things are normal
- Might get some stackable chairs
- Going to release a survey on the pop machine
- Is not planning to relocate the vending machine

1.3 Director of Archives (Trevor)

- Accidentally uploaded meeting minutes as a constitution on the SFSS website
- Since the site is intended to be history of all versions of the constitution it can't be deleted
 - Even emailed the SFSS and they couldn't delete it
- “Not really a big deal...but it's kinda funny”

1.4 Treasurer (Paul)

- | | Type | Amount |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| • | Contingency | \$729.16 |
| | Dev | \$4002.06 |
| | Vancity Cash | \$6718.13 |
| | Core | \$2649.00 |
- Outstanding cheques: \$-3330.07 outstanding to various people
 - -\$275.00 for hack time winner
 - Has to make a bank run, will do that on Monday

1.5 President (Kai)

- Hack time has been cancelled -- not enough interest/attendance unfortunately
- Weekend hack time on Sunday now
 - For people interested in Android/iOS/Rails
 - At least 2 people are interested
 - Talk to Kai if interested
- Room booking isn't good so we cannot change the time
 - Monday is the only day consistently available; hopefully this will change

1.6 WiCS Liaison (Sophia)

- WiCS wants access to the cmpt-students@sfu.ca mailing list(all students currently enrolled in a CS class)
 - Send out notification of network nights etc.
 - Give permission to wics@sfu.ca

- Valentine's day social -- right next door CSSS is also doing board games
 - Cup cake decorating; board games; movie
 - In 9204E whereas CSSS is in west
 - Possibly merge the events(open the wall)
- VR Convention – 2 free tickets
 - Supposed to advertise on Facebook

2 Policy Change

2.1 Equality

- The new new policy is attached below, with changes bolded
- Kia motions
 - Daphne seconds
 - 2/3 Majority favour; motion passes

3 Sweater Sale Budget

- Paul:
 - Idea is we float money buy shirts and sell them
 - This way we have control
 - We will get all the profits
 - Idea is we spend up to \$2500 after gauging interest within SFU
 - It was popular in the fall and more people wanted them than we could sell
 - Embroidered sweaters much more expensive
 - Maybe have pre-orders
 - Gray shirts not as popular etc.
 - Paul motions \$1149 from core and \$1351 from cash to go towards the sale of t-shirts and hoodies
 - * Trevor seconds
 - * Majority favour; motion passes

4 Board Games Night

- Last Friday board games night ran out of food
 - That time we paid \$150
- Planning on running one on the 10th
 - (reiterating) we can merge the two
- Eric motions for up to \$200 from Cash for board games night
 - Kia seconds
 - Majority favour; motion approved

5 Election of Frosh Week Chair

5.1 Overview of the Position

- Idea is that this person is the chair of the frosh committee
 - Will have other people helping you out

5.2 Nominations

- Kia nominates self
 - Trevor seconds
- Daphne nominates Paul
 - Declines
- Paul nominates Oscar
 - Declines
- Eric nominates Cloud
 - Declines
- Kai nominates Eric
 - Declines

5.3 Candidate Speeches

5.3.1 Kia

- Wants to collaborate with the engineers; This might be a problem
- Paul:
 - They decide the week of but it works out
- More rigid schedule of events
- Hopes to have Oscar as a co-chair
- Lots wanted to be there all night but there wasn't much to do
 - The whole night should be scheduled with events

5.4 Results

- Paul proposes vote by show of hands
 - Trevor sends
 - None opposed
- Vote of non-confidence
- Kia is elected!
- Kia appoints Oscar as his co-chair
- Will be given the frosh week mailing list

6 Open Floor

6.1 Pizza in General Meeting

- Henry proposes \$50 for food in general meetings(each meeting)
 - Paymon seconds
 - Discussion: Eric suggests chips/snacks instead
 - Agreed on up to \$50 from cash
 - Majority favours; motion passes

6.2 VR Showcase Event

- Adrian is proposing a VR showcase event
 - Play VR games together
 - * 2xHTC Vive
- Open to general public
- Engage students in campus
- 2-3 hour event; free entrance
- Possible locations:
 - Surrey main lobby
 - Between AQ and Saywell
 - Convocation depends on weather
- Objective is to make VR more accessible to people
- Wants \$450 in support from CSSS
- \$400 for rental of HTC Vive, \$50 for contingency
- Happening late march, no exact date
- Cost of renting devices scales linearly
- Henry addressed that there's not enough devices for the amount of people
 - Might need more than 2 units
- Will motion for money at our next meeting

6.3 New Chess Board

- Rob would like a new chess board
 - Eraser pieces are the pawns
 - \$22 on Amazon
- Kia proposes buying one himself
- Eric motions for up to \$30 for a chess board from cash
 - Kia seconds
 - Majority favours; motion passes

6.4 Contingency Fund

- Paul motions to transfer \$279.84 from cash to contingency to make it an even \$1000
 - Eric seconds
 - Majority favours; motion passes

6.5 More Board Games

- Possibly buy Bang the dice game instead of the card version
- Kia – The card game is very popular
- We will make a list of games to purchase

6.6 Dodgeball

- People are trying to organize a dodgeball event for the whole faculty
- FAS is trying to run a dodgeball event
- Not sure if it's going to be at SFU – Probably will be
- Eric is currently in contact with them
- Date not specified
- Just trying to gauge interest

7 Approval of Minutes

- Henry motions for approval of minutes with the amendments
 - Paul seconds
 - Majority favours; motion passes

8 Motion to Adjourn

- Daphne motions to Adjourn the meeting at 1:22
- None opposed; meeting adjourned

Meeting is adjourned at 1:22 PM

The new CSSS policy – with changes bolded – is attached below.

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 indefinitely.
 - 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, Mails)

- 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.