CSSS General Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, July 29th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 12:30 PM Sid chairs.

	Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
	David Miiller		DoA
	Farzin Ahmed		Exec at Large
	Jordan Toering		Treasurer
	Chad Malla		CS Major
Attendees	Isis		Member
	Kevin O'lamey		Member
	Alex		Member
	Jonathon Lo		Member
	Helen		Member
	Antonio Abaya		Interim DoR
	Andrei Vacaria		Member (Director of Time)
	Mircea Taras		Council Rep
	Daphne Chong		Member
	Dustin Cao		Majority
	Evan Chisholm		Exec at Large
	Colin Woodbury		Prez
	Sidhaut Agrawal		Vice Presiodent
	Jason Wang		Director of Events
	Corbett Gildersleeve		App Sci Rep SFSS
	Joran Siaw		CS Major

1 Report of Officers

1.1 President (Colin)

- Talking to Rory Green to ask about the Mobify grant

    - Talking about incorporating it into our hack time
    - Looking at specific documentation form Mobify about what they
      want from a grant request

- In correspondence with Daniella who wants help with welcome day from
  the CSSS

    - We along with WICs would occupy the DSU/Society station
    - Considering showing the equipment around
    - Considering that Sid and Colin would man it

1.2 Vice-President (Sid)

- Policy meeting occurred, will summarize at a later point in the agenda

  - We do want to amend the constitution
  - We want to call a general meeting to announce the beginning of amending the constitution
  - 12:30 would be perfect for most, so we'll hold a super short meeting next Wednesday at 12:30

- My dad went down to the states and got the parellela that helps create a distributed raspberry pi system (We got two)

1.3 Director of Events (Jason)

- Hope to do an EoSS

  - Will decide on what to do and talk about it at the next meeting

- Still working on getting a study hall event running

  - Will start setting it up in 9896

1.4 Director of Resources (Anton)

- Pop order came in
- Now has signing authority

1.5 Director of Communications (Kenneth)

- Could not attend
- Sent regrets

1.6 Council Rep (Mircea)

- Council meeting tonight

  - Will report next meeting

1.7 Director of Archives (David)

- Went to policy committee
- Added a suggested amendment to the constitution that the DoA should take minutes

1.8 Treasurer (Jordan)

- Nothing huge to report, we are fairly good in financial standing

- Lots of coins need to be carried down to the bank; Will be driven down today.

- Did the coke check come in?

  - No the coke check has not came in

1.9 Execs at Large (Farzin and Evan)

- Nothing

2 Frosh Report

- Corbett and Kenneth sent a brief overview:

- Kenneth and I are trying to finish up any remaining sponsorship issues like invoice and mailing info.

- A Thinking Ape will be giving us some lanyards for the frosh kits

- EA will be giving us 20-25 games for group prizes

- Mobify will be giving us an assortment of swag that will come next week

- Google's swag and android plushes (prizes) have already arrived

- We are still sorting out the invoice stuff for Simba

- Checking with Absolute Software

- Archiact has sent funds

- A few companies said no to frosh but were interested in other events. So, I've sent them details on possible future events like a hackathon.

- The flag is completed. It cost us just under $200. It will have white glow in the dark thread for the white disc on the logo. And, the flag maker added blue and orange paint to the relevant sections. She said it doesn't glow that strongly but it's there.

3 Website Update

- Goal for this Saturdays hack time is to completely finish the website minus content

- We do not yet have a server to host it on, talking today about how to register that

- Not sure how to apply for a Go Daddy Account, may put the charge on Colin's credit for now

- Contact Antonio to ask for the SFSS credit card to get the hosting for the site

- Considered going with NameCheap instead of Go Daddy

- Anybody can work on the content (git the content)

- Would we have to motion for the money? Or would we add it as a standing order, as we will with the pop?

    - Will talk about more in the policy meeting

- Edit from later: We don't pay cost if they are for prizes

4 CS Department Swag Items

- We want to ask the CS Department to help us make CSSS Branded items

    - Refer us to whoever makes theres
    - Use their deals and buy in bulk with theirs

- Kenneth would have to be the person to go talk to the CS Department to get items

    - Resolved to ask Kenneth to check it out

- What items would we want

    - Lanyards
    - Discuss in gitter and make a list of items that would be good

5　Summary of Policy Meeting

- Refer to minutes or notes of the policy meeting for more details

- Some things happened last year related to build SFU that made us realize we don't know how policies work

- Currently they are defined as Standing Orders (How our business runs) and Policies (Which defined how we take stances on issues)

- We CAN take stances on issues but that was unclear earlier

- We did make some suggestion issues for the constitution:

- We made a branch of Policies

- Operational Policies; similar to standing orders

- And General and Transient Policies:

- General: Are general concepts, or ideas, that we support

- Transient: Temporary issues, for example 'We support the TSSU job action'

- So we want to get rid of standing order all together and just having one thing named 'Policy'

- Each one will have its own amendment time frame

- The next thing we were talking about, is if we do support somebody, what form does that support take.

- The different ways to support would be, for example:

  - To communicate to our student membership
  - Volunteering man power
  - Use of our name or logo: The X would like the CSSS support to put down something with our logo saying 'The CSSS Supports X'; They could put it on anything freely to ensure they don't abuse that
  - Money, but only in the form of reimbursement, and that must be motioned for
    * We will keep the original receipt to ensure they don't return the original items
    * We nitpicked over e-mails to ensure that people don't embezzle or take money from us

- If a group is written in under a general policy, they may get our support

- Not necessarily the full extent, but we can discuss it and implement non-monetary support to the group

- Timing for amendments to policy:

  - Operational: 2 weeks
  - Issues:
    * General: 2 weeks
    * Transient: 1 week at least
    * Also, for transient, considering giving a condition at which transient policies are invalid (May be timed, may be event based, e.t.c.)

- The process: Some group or student comes to us, asks if they will support us in this matter, we then write what the policy would be in the policy document, then when we actually vote on the policy we vote on the finalize document.

- Other Constitutional Change:

- We considered some changes on who's eligible for pushes

- We considered allowing honorary members to vote

- We considered making the DoA take minutes constitutionally (Because I totally am not right now)

6 CMPT 370 Removal

- 370 is one of the 5 courses specifically required for the joint CS-Business Major

- The faculty has considered removing CMPT 370

- It hasn't been taught in a while, since 2008

- Websurvey circulated amongst a certain curriculum committee about its removal, likely to be removed

7 U-Pass Compass Card Discussion

- Darwin, the SFSS VP Student Services gives a discussion throughout this section:

- Asks how many people currently use their compass card

  - 11 people put their hand up

- He is trying to talk to people about what people want from the compass card and any questions that students may have

- Every few years we negotiate the U-Pass, and Darwin is the rep from the SFSS

- The student society at sfu was the first negotiator to get a U-pass

- Negotiations for the new one starts in the fall, since the last contract died in April

- The price is usually the highest priority in any negotiation

- As of July we are completely paper pass free

- Compass card beta started in April

  - Launch in June
  - There were still issues
  - But since we have u-pass connected to the compass card, we don't get charged when the unlimited ridership breaks

- The focal point for this was convenience, because it makes it easier to get your card and reducing the fear if it is lost

- Also keep in mind the U-Pass Compass cards ARE NOT to be sold

- Right now we're trying to address the service while we renegotiate the contract, it was a lot easier when it was just sfu in the deal but theres no helping that now

- Addressing service takes time so getting that feedback now is important

- Questions from attendees:

- What about the plebiscite:

  - The Plebiscite doesn't look like it is affecting the U-Pass price
  - Some of those projects are still getting through anyway
  - It comes up at the table sometimes, but not often

- What's the second most brought up concern:

  - Privacy; Students are concerned about privacy
  - There is obviously no easy way to ensure students privacy
  - This data is for sure there, it is intended to help them improve the service
  - The general public has anonymous cards; But students cards are connected to their U-Pass number

- The long and short is; Any thoughts you want to submit can be sent to the SFSS

- This is to help students to understand the services that they pay for

8 Open Floor

8.1 Welcome Day Station

- CSSS will join a station at Welcome Day

8.2 Club Days

- We will have a booth

8.3 Motion to Table the Discussion on the U-Pass to next meeting

- We will have a booth

8.4 New BBQ

- Kenneth wants a new BBQ; a lot of DSUs have BBQ. We can probably just share?

9 Approval of the Minutes

- Anton motions to move the approval of the minutes of July 15 2015

  - Colin Seconds
  - Majority favour
  - None opposed

- Sid motions to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM

  - None opposed
  - Motion passes

Meeting is adjourned at 1:44 PM.