CSSS General Meeting Minutes

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Friday, September 26, 2014

Minutes Approved on October 9, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:36PM, Colin chairs.

	Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
	Nicholas Hoekstra	nhoekstr	Secretary
	Jason Wang	jwa131	Major
	Chris Hamilton	crh4	Major
	James Hannah	jhannah	Major
	Gavin Haynes	gavinh	Major
	Jade Andersen	jadea	Minor
	Ben Rogers	appscirep@sfss.ca	AppSci Rep
	Amandeep Saini	assaini	Major
	Dylan Parker	dylanp	Major
Attendees	April Wang	ayw7	Major
	Jonathon Lo	jcl60	Major
	Alexander Chung	ackzu	Major
	Andy Sun	hpsun	Major
	Colin Woodbury	cwoodbur	VP
	Corbett Gildersleve	cgilders	President
	David Miiller	jmiiller	Major
	Quinth Smith	qsmith	Major
	Kenney Wu	kenneyw	Major
	Gareth Moon	gmoon	E@L
	Yi-Hsuan Wu	yihsuanw	FYR
	Steven Yang	hyyang	FYR

1 Report of Officers

1.1 President (Corbett Gildersleve)

- Went to the bank and got access to our online banking. Also deposited the CS Office cheque for FroshWeek.

- We currently have $2700 in the account, and another $1700 in core funding available.

- There is around $2000 in expenses that still need to be paid out for Frosh-Week. T-shirts have already been paid for.

- We need to pick up the FroshWeek cheques from FAS and the Co-op Offices.

- We'll have enough money to afford the coin counter and purchase some other common room improvement items.

- Went to an Applied Sciences Student Committee meeting with the FAS Dean, Co-op Office Staff, and other student group representatives.

- Many other student groups are interested in working with us on offering workshops throughout the semester.

- Microsoft Campus Ambassadors would like to plan another Microsoft Hackathon with us in the spring semester.

1.2   Vice President (Colin Woodbury)

- Linux posters are now up in the common room, they look awesome.

- We'll be getting some more posters put up throughout this semester.

1.3   Treasurer (Brandon Wong)

- Unable to attend, sends regrets.

- Nothing to report.

1.4   Secretary (Nicholas Hoekstra)

- Brought minutes from the first meeting of the fall semester and the last meeting of the summer semester to be approved.

- Now has ownership of the CSSS mailing lists and will update them this weekend.

1.5   Director of Resources (Joel Teichroeb)

- Unable to attend, sends regrets.

- Pop machine is running fine.

- We have a second pop machine key now.

- Will order a coin counter once we switch banks.

1.6   Director of Activities (Kenneth Kwok)

- Unable to attend, sends regrets.

1.7   Executive at Large (Gareth Moon)

- Now has a pop machine key and will fill it regularly on Fridays.

1.8 First Year Representatives (Steven Yang & Yi-Hsuan Wu)

- Working on event ideas for this semester.

- Some discussion on what events would be most inclusive, i.e. Female Friendly events to encourage a wide demographic of people to attend.

- Would like to update the website with more resources for prospective and current students.

  - More information about the CSSS.
  - Note about the exam bank.
  - Perhaps a CSSS Wiki would be useful. This would need moderating.
  - Course chart that shows the flow of CS courses to take.

2 UoT Hackathon

- Haven't been in communication with University of Toronto organizers recently.

- They approached us to help organize a national hackathon.

- This would be a competition between schools with prizes.

- Happening late January.

- We would need to help by finding external sponsors and getting teams organized.

- Need to form a committee to work on organizing this event.

- UBC turned them down since they are working on their own Hackathon happening around the same time.

3 OpFair

- Happening at the beginning of February.

- We're looking to get some CS people involved with the committee.

- Downside with OpFair in the spring is some companies like Google and Microsoft are finished their recruiting for the summer in the fall.

4 Bank Account

- Signing authority still needs to be transferred to the fall semester executives.

- Colin will talk to Antonio about the procedure for switching our current bank account at VanCity to the Scotiabank on campus.

5 Workshops

- Linux Tutorials

  - Students and professors have been wanting 'Intro to Linux' tutorials.
  - Target audiences would be those who want to learn Linux as a CS major as well as people who want to set up a dual boot system and development environment.
  - Gnome would be a good visual environment similar to windows.
  - We could offer free food and drinks to encourage people to come to the workshops.
  - Suggestion to load USB sticks with a Linux installation so students could try it out without having to make any modifications to their laptops.
  - Workshops would most likely be a drop in style over a few hours to maximize availability.
  - It would be a good idea to offer each workshop twice.

- Version Control

  - Suggestion to offer a workshop about basic version control software.
  - CourSys currently has SVN repositories available to students and will have Git repositories in the future.
  - Students don't really get taught this in any classes and knowledge of a version control system is a very important skill to have.

- Web Development

  - This could include an overview of HTML, Javascript, and Python.
  - WICS and WEGS have both expressed interest in helping out with this.
  - Management Information Science has also contacted us in the past about the possibility of offering HTML workshops.

- It is decided that we will start by first offering a Linux workshop to test the waters and expand to other workshops form there.

- Jade motions to form a committee to plan a Linux workshop.

  - Colin seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes.

- Jade, Colin, James, and Chris volunteer to become a part of this committee.

- Anyone who would also like to help can send an email to csss-exec@sfu.ca.

6 FAS Formal

- First official meeting happened on September 25th.

- There are currently four potential dates.

  - Friday March 27
  - Saturday March 28
  - Friday April 10
  - Saturday April 10

- April 3/4 will not work since it is Easter weekend and people may be away then.

- Venues are currently being looked at.

- Last day of classes is April 13 and the first day of finals is April 15.

- Ben is currently looking for more people to help plan the event, at least one rep from each of the FAS DSUs.

- Gary volunteers to help out on the committee. Corbett says he will also help out.

7 Pop Machine

- Joel is planning on hooking up a Raspberry Pi to the pop machine so that we can randomly distribute pop from all the pop machine columns.

- The machine has a built in random function but it just rotates between each of the columns. The Raspberry Pi implementation would give us true pseudo-randomness.

8   Open Floor

8.1   Miscellaneous

- If we ever need any graphic design for events we can always contact the IATSU.

  - They would be able to get us into contact with IAT students.
  - Rate would be about $10/hr for any design work.

- A suggestion is brought up to put workshop information onto the CSSS Wiki.

- There is a request to get a local CSSS network/router set up in the common room. We could have to contact IT Services about this.

- Chris brings up that the common room needs to be cleaned.

  - We should email Sustainable SFU to replace the waste cans with bigger versions.
  - We are also missing our paper recycling bin.

- Pizza Friday needs to be advertised better.

  - Post in the Facebook group the day before.
  - Occasionally send out an email.
  - Put up on the CSSS calendar.
  - There is a suggestion to try out a different food, i.e. Sushi Friday

8.2   Magic Draft

- Kenneth is running a Magic Draft next Friday.

- The event will be revenue neutral.

- Colin motions for up to $360 for the Magic Draft.

  - Chris seconds.
  - Motion passes.

8.3   Keys

- We need to make copies of keys that we are missing or need more of.

- All Executives should have keys to the Exam Bank.

- Jade recommends giving Antonio at the SFSS a master copy of each key in case we ever lose keys and need a backup.

- The previous Executive at Large had his keys stolen from him so they all need to be replaced.

9 Approval of the Minutes

- Colin motions to approve the minutes from August 1st and September 11th.

    - Chris seconds.
    - Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:45PM.