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Hey guys, sorry this is so late.

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CSSS Minutes for November 26, 1999

Attendance

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Agenda

Treasurer's Report
Final Social Preparations
President's Report

Open Floor
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Minutes

Geoff Rispin to chair meeting since we can't find Satoshi. :-)
Call to order at 3:40 pm

1) Treasurer's Report
   -$4800 dollars since SFSS paid us for Tech Fair
   - 4-5 outstanding companies from Tech Fair; we are responsible for collecting money
   - owe Geoff Rispin $$ for server
   - in general, $3000.00 in account

2) Final Social Preparation
   - rrispin getting better machines, arcade games, and pinball machines
   - Social on December 3, 1999
   - problems w/ getting arcade games back to place of rental
   - free for all w/ arcade games until about 3:00 pm, then competitions
   - rrispin not dealing with Beaver Foods; food IS taken care of
   - only issue is needing people to pick stuff up
   - iura would like to sell t-shirts at the Social

3) President's Report
   - last week heard that School of CS is getting a new instructional lab (w/in the next year or two)
   - iura talking to Co-Op Advisory and Business; requests that someone continue to attend
   - iura would have liked to expand CSSS presence in the university

4) Alan's Notes
   - UCC further discussion of 316 as a requirement for Software Engineering and Multimedia
   - someone (?) would like to propose alternates for 316
   - waltersb says there already are
   - Russ Tront proposed a 316 Special Topics course for distributed objects
   - rrispin suggests breaking up CMPT 379 since too much material
   - agordon suggests that MACM 300 (Finite Autonoma) be a prerequisite for CMPT 379 (Compiler Design)
   - rrispin suggests outline for CMPT 379 too ambitious
   - UCC is looking at redoing entire CS program

5) Alvin's Notes, Part II
   - aleunga brings up topic of anti-calendar or online professor evaluations
   - website called profscan.com run in Concordia
   - students who run profscan would like to share expand it to SFU
   - 2 students would be needed to monitor comments
   - plypkie suggests disclaimer/doing rebuttals for stupid behaviour instead of monitoring
   - rrispin suggests that not monitoring comments changes validity
   - plypkie things that censorship will change validity
   - Concordia site asks specific questions
   - plypkie suggests moderating comments, similar to Slashdot

- most agree this would be good :-)
- waltersb asks if such a site could be put on the webserver
- rrispin thinks we need to distance webserver from school
- iura says that Drew Miners has asked that disclaimer be put on webserver site denying affiliation with School of Computing Science
- plypkie fears that SFU will not allow this site to be put up
- Concordia wants to protect their code, but we will have access to own database
- plypkie suggests finding other code for a similar idea that we can control
- rrispin brings up issue of cost, management, etc.
- Plypkie says would rather have solutions w/ code we can handle
- Michael suggests using Caucuses, but we don't have code for that
- aleunga says that starting from scratch would take too long; using Concordia's site would be immediate
- plypkie suggests we find our own resources
- rrispin says we must create a tolerance point if not used properly (minor comments, etc)
- rrispin also brings up points with hotmail accounts; worries about profs commenting themselves
- Michael suggests user names and passwords
- rrispin says there are legal problems with that
- plypkie and agordon suggests having return email, rrispin says can get around that with maillists
- rrispin asks "how do we deal with improper behaviour?"
- plypkie suggests prof. rebuttal section
- rrispin also asks if we have enough resouces (dynamic content)
- rrispin and plypkie says server can be used for anything students want to put on it, not just as a webserver
- plypkie says we need more information from Concordia
- aleunga says that there will be a lot of implementation, and that we should give Concordia a chance
- plypkie wants to know about our customization
- plypkie suggests asking Concordia about releasing source so we can have more control
- rrispin asks what will happen if system goes down
- aleunga says these are issues that would exist even if we chose to use our own site
- rrispin asks if we can get prof. evaluations
- aleunga says we can get course evaluations, but not prof.
- rrispin suggests handing out our own evaluations

6) Open Floor

- Michael suggests getting vests for CSSS like EUSS
- can get made to order to cut costs
- waltersb says we need a display case to sell merchandise we have
- talk to Drew?
- plypkie suggests replacing one of the bulletin boards with display case
- rlrobert also suggests CSSS stationary

- Irma requests $$ from CSSS for darkroom club for a student exhibition space in the Pub

- iura asks how much, Irma says any amount
- waltersb asks what $$ will go for; Irma says matting, food for opening ceremony
- all donors will have names displayed
- Irma says estimated budget is $400.00 for opening ceremony
- MOTION from waltersb to donate $200.00, seconded by rjd
- 3 absentions, motion carried

Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm by rrispin.

Meeting adjourned.

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Please direct all questions and comments to: