CSSS General Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 11:35am by Jonathan

	Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
Attendees	Joshua Wu		DoA
	Jonathan Loewen		Vice President
	David Miiller		President
	Camille Janicki		Member
	Matthew Morrison		Member
	Dawn Chandler		Member
	Farzin Ahmed		Member
	James Hannah		Member
	Jack Anderson		Member
	Mircea Taras		Member
	Dustin Cao		Treasurer
	Daphne Chong		Member
	Kia Mirsalehi		Director of Resources
	Edward Ning		Non-Member
	Oscar Smith-Sieger		Member
	David Lee		Member
	Iavor Ivanov		Member
	Robert Tan		Member

1 Report of Officers

1.1 President (David)

- Been a busy past two weeks

- Lot to get done, currently on co-op

    - Delegating for the most part during this semester but will be in contact over Discord and on the Gitter

- Major goal of constitution review, splitting into bylaws and constitution

- Met with Brad Bart

- Working with Brendan on Hacktime

- End of summer goals include:

    - Events committee

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- Starting Hacktime again
- Successful silicon valley trip
- Amazing frosh

1.2 Vice President (Jonathan)

- Over the last week working on the Silicon Valley
- Successful so far, very likely to happen

1.3 Director of Communications (Brendan)

- In charge of events
- Forming events committee, Contact Brendan if interested

1.4 Director of Resources (Kia)

- Continuing as Director of Resources
- Planning on re-hauling the vending machine
  - Replacing Fanta column with new soda
  - Diet coke with sugarless drink
  - Incentive for 1/12 pops for additional free pop, Kia has done the math to demonstrate that this is a profitable system
    * We need to sell 8 pop cans in order to recover costs associated with the incentives
    * Need cardboard paper to last longer

1.5 Treasurer (Dustin)

- Nothing to report as he does not have signing authority
- Suggests that we should spend less money on snacks during the meetings
  - David suggests that we continue this discussion in the open floor

1.6 Director of Archives (Josh)

- New director of archives
- Will be taking notes in the meetings, sending out email notifications
- Main goal of assisting David with the constitutional review

2 Silicon Valley Trip

- Jonathan:

  - Successful so far, at this point it is going to happen
  - Necessary to motion money for the trip, provided by the students
  - David motions for the reimbursement of funds to Edward Ning from the CSSS trust not in excess of $14,000 only consisting of money paid out by attending students for the purpose of the Silicon Valley Trip.
    * Oscar Seconds
  - Majority favour; motion passes

- David: Travel Conference Fund will provide $100 per student currently at a $1300 cap.

  - Dawn: Question of whether this takes away from money going to other student trips
  - We will have $200 left over for other students who want to go to more conferences
    * Possible to motion for more money, similar in principle to grants
  - Jonathan: Very few people are aware of the fund and use it.
  - David motions for $2000 from the SFSS travel fund pending an increase in our budget from that fund, used to reimburse students with $100 for each student after the trip. For contingency in case we do not get the increase, $50 will be made available to the students in place of the $100.
    * Brendan seconds
    * Majority favour; motion passes

- Jonathan:

  - No central repository of midterms/exams
  - List of exams and midterms to be reported so that we can schedule better as the silicon valley trip will be during the week
  - List will be made available in the common room for people to fill out

- Opening registration for pre-registration for the silicon valley

- Closing pre-registration on Friday, and getting

- Edward: Encourages people to go to the infosessions

- David: Prioritizing people who have attended the infosessions

  - Suboptimal but we have no choice at this point

- – Points out that it is uncommon to have a trip of this magnitude happen between exec teams

- Kia:

  - – Extends a formal thanks to Edward Ning for organizing the Silicon Valley Trip and coordinating all of the efforts that have gone into the trip.

- Jonathan: Edward has created a number of connections which are valuable and should be maintained by someone in the CSSS going forwards.

- Edward:

  - – These connections took a long time to build and have enabled the Silicon Valley trip to happen
  - – Edward will be leaving and would mean that any successor would need to start from scratch unless these connections are maintained
  - – Edward extends a welcome to anyone who wants to continue the coordination as he offers to train them in this role going forwards. Contact on discord

- Kia:

  - – The hope is that the trip can happen on a yearly basis
  - – Grants on a yearly basis will allow it to not be a constant cost for us and make the trip more possible
  - – David: Possibility of going to Seattle in the future to reduce costs

- Camille

  - – Allocated space/ outreach for female attendees
  - – Rooms in sizes of 4,6, and 10
  - – There are women in WiCS who are interested and would like to go
  - – Question of what happens if we cannot get 4 women

- Jonathan

  - – If anyone wants a female only room we will accommodate
  - – Because it is a hostel but it may be with strangers. No room sizes of three and no single rooms.
  - – Camille: Question of sponsoring certain students, possibility in the future as well
    - * No money currently allocated for that purpose

3 Election: Executives at Large

- Jonathan we want someone on the UPC meetings, not strictly an elected position

  - Exec at larges are general helpers
    * One person to help DoE and DoR
    * One to help the DoC
    * David: Hopes to create standing orders things like sweeping the floor and doing the dishes.
      · Helps the exec team and provides an opportunity to become involved without as much of the responsibility
    * Kia: A lot of jobs to be done and defaulted to the exec at large, not necessarily as hard as usual. More work involved than usual.

3.1 Nominations

- James Nominates Jack

  - Farzin Seconds
  - Jack declines

- Daphne nominates Mircea

  - Mircea declines

- David nominates Daphne

  - Daphne Declines

- Kia nominates Rob

  - David seconds
  - Rob accepts

3.2 Exec At Large Speeches

- Rob

  - Is running for the exec at large position
  - Will do his best

3.3 Results

- Rob is elected Executive at Large!

4 Election: Council Representative

- James:

  - One large group of people representing DSU getting together and discussing.

    * Some student groups have representatives.
    * Runs based on Roberts rules
    * Take notes if you want or not, vote when necessary. Get paid $35. You come to the CSSS and report.
    * Kind of advisers to board but also has the power to implement bylaws.

  - Keeps the CSSS informed about the role of the SFSS.

- Farzin

  - SFSS doesn't always consult the council and can have significant impact on us so it can be an important position.

4.1 Nominations

- David nominates Camille

  - Brendan Seconds

4.2 Results

- Camille elected council representative!

5 Frosh

- Oscar

  - Three meetings recently
  - Site is up for sponsors
  - Sponsor emails have been sent out
  - Logo is done
  - Events have started planning, ideas are setup
  - Google swag has been confirmed
  - Re-haul older events and continue events

    * Laser tag
    * Better photo scavenger hunt, or get rid of it
    * Pacmacro continuing

- Theme isn't always oriented towards something
    * Now trying to create a meta event true to theme More information to come
  - Midnight madness has typically just board games and joining the FAS events
    * Trying to make it better and more CS events
- Oscar motions $110 to pay for the Frosh Logo design for the site and the t-shirts
  - Purpose is to commission the person to make the logo
  - Kia seconds
  - Majority favour, motion passes.

6   Constitutional Review

- David
  - Push it to the next time
  - Intention to split according to BC laws to split into bylaws for how we should run and constitutions

7   Open Floor

- Some funds allocated to the consumer VR events
  - Was motioned from core, $150. We will have to pay ourselves. Already motioned
    * Normally these things go to the SFSS general office
      · We need to check the specific wording of the request
    * Either refund all the people who talk to us, or refund specific amount
- David apologizes for needing to leave the meeting early
- Rob
  - keyboard in the common room
  - Oscar has used it
  - Kia
    * Nikita has said that it doesn't work as well
    * seems to be currently working
    * May have been impacted with fluids

           * We have backup keyboards

- Rob suggests we discuss Board games

    - Jonathan no signing authority so we cannot buy them yet
    - People in general are in favour of more board games

- Henry's Regrets read by Kia

    - 1. Raspberry Pi
        * Raspberry Pi's will be used in hacktime
        * Requests permission to lend them out, takes personal responsibility
        * Currently unused assets, could be rented out
        * Probably going to do this
        * Request ID and know who they are.
        * Some units in stock for hacktime. Limited period of renting.
        * James: We acquired a bunch that nobody uses.
    - 2. Minecraft Server Funding
        * Froshies are using it
        * Many people are using it
        * Suggest motioning $10.00 USD a month to support server
        * Server also includes discord bots
        * Payment ends this month
        * $70 a semester in Canadian
        * Kia motions $10.00 USD a month for five months from core to maintain the Minecraft server which also functions as a dedicated server for the discord bot and other things
            · Iavor seconds
            · Motion passes, majority in favour
    - 3. Discord
        * Kia motions to ensure the official status
        * James seconds
        * Motion passes majority in favour
        * Formally establish the discord committee
        * Operators of the official Discord to maintain order and take action when a user steps out of line.
        * Rules will be posted publicly for users to read
        * Committee is now created:
            · Jeff Jeong
            · Joanna Chi
            · Quintin Smith

· Matthew Morrison
* Discord committee is headed by Henry
· Report to David if the committee is out of line

- James

  - Motions for $30 each to Farzin Ahmed, Camille Janicki, James Hannah to reimburse for the Polyglot Conference.
    * Kevin seconds
    * Motion passes, majority in favour

- Dawn

  - Try/catch went well
  - Got a lot of volunteers from the cmpt-students maillist
    * Had to close it quite quickly afterwards
  - Goals
    * Future events
    * New mentorship
    * Review of constitution
  - Ensuring that we're including WiCS in frosh
  - Technical interview questions is coming up
  - Kia asks about appointing a representative,
    * Haven't had first meeting yet.
  - Reminder of the suggestion of WiCS elected representative in the CSSS instead of the informal position.
    * Jonathan will include this in the next week.
    * Question of creating a CSSS member in the WiCS in reciprocity for the WiCS position in CSSS
      · Likely tabled for next meeting
      · Different structure of organization so creating an official position in WiCS for CSSS may not be necessary

- Dustin

  - Amount of money on food each meeting is excessive
  - Snacks are often redistributed into the common room
  - Pizza is a better choice as we have a finite amount of food set aside from the meeting
  - Oscar: The reason we didn't do this is because there are no pizza places open yet

- – Kai suggests that we should look at the original motion and make it a discussion item for the next meeting, decision to rescind the previous motion.
- – Kia suggest that we limit the food for next meeting regardless of how much the motion allows currently.

- Iavor questions whether we need to motion for raspberry pis to be loaned out
  - – Oscar suggest that because this is under the scope of hacktime we may be able to loan them out without a motion
  - – They are from funds specifically for hacktime so the raspberry pis should only be used for hacktime directly.
  - – Jonathan suggests that we leave this as an action time.
  - – Dustin
    - * Would like to know how to ensure that renters are held accountable for the raspberry pis.

- Board games

Board game Name	Cost
Five Tribes	$70.69
Dominion 2nd Edition	$43.49
Love Letter	$16.00
Kittens in a Blender	$19.99
Telestrations	$29.95

- Jonathan speaks for Brendan creating a board games night committee.
  - – Oscar suggests we motion for food for the board games night on Fridays
    - * Suggests $150 but keep it under limit.
    - * We typically do not order the full amount. Bamboo garden often allowed for more money.
    - * Dustin suggests that we keep the number low but initially motion 150
  - – Kia motions 150 dollars for food for the next board games night.
    - * James seconds
    - * Motion passes, majority in favor.
  - – Dustin suggests that we should buy games that are immediately useful games for the common room
    - * Edward observes that we're discussing the merits of board games, something better to keep within sub-meetings.
    - * Jon notes that Eric usually brings Love Letter and Kittens and a Blender. These two are easy to fit in storage.
    - * Decides to hold off until next meeting.

8 Approval of the Minutes

- Josh expresses his regrets that the minutes from the last meeting are not present
    - Will bring them along with the current minutes for approval at the next general meeting
- Jack motions to table minutes
    - Oscar seconds

9 Motion to Adjourn

- Jonathan motions to adjourn the meeting at 1:06pm
    - James seconds
- None opposed; meeting adjourned

Meeting is adjourned at 1:06 PM