# CSSS Minutes for November 12, 1999

### Attendance

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# Agenda

Discussion Forum Report - Chris Steinbach's motion UCC Report Discussion CMPT Course Registration Treasurer's Report Planning Semester-end Social Discussion CSSS Web server

Open Floor.

Meeting called to order at 340 pm

1) Chris Steinbach's motion involving voting for Co-op Students

- cgs asks for support from CSSS for forum meeting on Wednesday regarding voting for Co-Op students

- motion is to allow mail-in ballots with information and self-addressed envelopes

- cgs supports this motion because Co-op students pay student fees and therefore have the right to vote.

- mpede asks if Co-Op students would have to apply to vote

- cgs says no, too difficult, sent to all students on Co-op

iura asks if cgs has spoken to any Co-op coordinator involving this matter

- cgs says no

- mispin says verification of voting may be difficult; no way of knowing if Co-op student has filled ballot or someone else
  - someone (?) makes suggestion of photocopying student cards this seen as awkward
  - concerns about costs and waste of paper who would pay???
  - cgs says minimum election costs for Co-op students is \$1500.00
- Irma suggests putting money into raising awareness of elections on campus rather than spending on Co-op not too many people will respond
  - cgs says that since Co-op students are paying for votes, they have the right to a vote
  - rrispin says would like to support motion as long as interactions are secure
  - ayang asks if this is a political thing cgs is involved in
  - cgs says no, this has been on the table for some time
  - cgs asks for approval for the motion in principle

- plypkie suggests making a way for ALL students to vote online
- cgs says this would cost too much money
- plypkie and rrispin strongly disagree
- rrispin says Netscape Navigator can be bought for \$3000, and very secure, as opposed to the \$1500-\$5000 that would be spend on paper and postage for mail-in ballots
  - cgs says internet voting costs estimated at \$40 000
  - rrispin sees problems with paper and security
  - rrispin and plypkie say that web voting would be better and that estimated cost is unreal
  - plypkie again says that having web voting for all students would be the ideal way, especially for off-campus

# votiing

- someone (?) also suggests voting through telereg
- rrispin asks cgs how much telereg voting would cost, cgs does not know
- also, problems with getting addresses from everyone; SFSS has to get signed consent to use them
- cgs says that someone would be hired for help with extra mail
- rrispin says this would raise cost greatly since SFSS employees paid a lot
- MOTION from mpede to have mail-in ballots for Co-op students
  - 3 in favour
  - 9 against
  - Motion rejected
- MOTION from mpede for off-campus voting using already existing secure methods such (i.e. telereg, webreg)
  - Unanimously passed
- cgs asks if iura or rirobert write a letter outlining our concerns and decisions regarding off-campus voting
- cgs says he will approach forum with original intention and support the motion as a short term solution, but make a note that CSSS does not support motion
- rrispin objects and reminds cgs that he (cgs) represents the CSSS, not himself, and should present the views and opinions of the CSSS at the forum meetings
  - cgs asks rrispin to outline his idea of using existing secure methods and give to cgs for next forum meeting

# 2) Treasurer's Report

- NO TREASURER!!!!! -(
- 3) UCC report from Michael Pede
  - Wo-Shun pushing to have 316 needed for software engineering
  - coath asks how many UCC reps there are
  - 2 Mike and Alvin
- coath says that there is usually only one vote per committee, and suggests that mpede bring this up and get votes for both himself and Alvin
  - cgs asks if alternates can be appointed
  - answer yes, but alternates can't vote
  - iura asks about course capping
- mpede says that students with GPA's between 2.25 2.5 must go through a lot of "beaurocratic sh\*t" to get even one ud cmpt
   course, but this was meant as probationary, not permanent
  - iura brings up other course limit problem, as stated below
    - cmpt majors with 33 or more ud cmpt credits 1 course/semester
    - cmpt majors with 30-32 ud cmpt credits 2 courses/semester
    - cmpt majors with > 30 ud cmpt credits 3 courses/semester
    - cmpt minors 1 course/semester (reyanne is doomed!!!!! )-
  - MOTION from mpede to tell UCC that CSSS does not support restrictions as stated above, seconded by iura
    Unanimously passed
  - rrispin says closer one is to graduating, the longer it will take
  - tweir suggests talking to administration, this is shot down
  - Elma is on our side, but she cannot break limits for anyone
  - mispin suggest that limited spacing due to TA's not enough people to mark or comment assignments
  - rripsin suggest that one more TA for UD classes would double the size
  - mpede asks if we should discuss alternates to course capping
  - plypkie and rrispin ask for information from UCC direction and why course capping in effect
  - how was motion passed? what alternatives were discussed?

- mispin thinks loophole in UCC reasoning behind course capping

# 4) Planning Semester Social

- biggest concern is capitol and funding for social
- iura assures there will be \$\$ for social
- rrispin no longer buying meat from Beaver Foods

# 5) Treasurer's Report (again -)

- SFSS will not give money to CSSS since some companies from Tech Fair have not paid
- will get about \$4000.00
- roughly \$2500.00 in account presently
- owe mispin approx. \$2600.00 for web server
- all debts from Tech Fair paid
- \$2500.00 profit from Tech Fair but money won't be seen until remaining companies pay

#### 6) Web Server

- currently in pieces at rrispin's house
- mpede asks if there is a place to put it
- rrispin says there has been talk with SmartNet, but not pursuing this until machine is built
- rrispin suggests talking to Paul Olynek for more information

# 7) Swap Meet

- can't happen this semester
- possible next semester
- recommendation that mpede contact Chris Demwell

# 8) Adam Coath's motion regarding Colour Conference

- coath requests \$100.00 from CSSS to go to colour conference
- MOTION from mpede allow coath money as long as report is given after
- rid seconds
- unanimously passed \*\*

#### 9) Bob's Motion

- Bob (?) is doing a run for Heart and Stroke foundation and has requested donation from CSSS
- MOTION from waltersb for \$50 donation
- mpede seconds
- cgs abstains from vote, everyone else ok's motion passed.

# - iura suggests next meeting in two weeks

Meeting adjourned.

Please forward any questions or comments to

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Thank you.