

CSSS General Meeting Minutes

Chris Parsons

September 19th, 2007

Meeting starts at 15:32, Allen chairs.

Name	E-mail	Affiliation
Allen Pike		VPO
Phil Boutros		VPA
Tim Kim		VPR
Chris Parsons		Secretary
Jenn Von Geyer		Executive At Large
Yang Zhao		Major
Sepand Gojgini		Major
Sean Mauser		Major
Courteney Ryan		Major
Cory Brassington		Major
Kevin Dong		Major
Dave Hughes		Major
Ryan Shea		Major
Cindy Lew		Major
Vladislav Kouchnorev		Major
George Lemaq		Major
Kyle Sakai		Major
Jeff Sipko		Major
Travis Brown		Major
Jordan Klassen		Major
Angelica Lim		Major
Horatiu Halmah		Major
Jesse Paris		Major
Shawn Janspear		Major

1 Report of Officers

1.1 Tim

- Tim announces that a router came out of a CSSS cabinet, and it needs to be returned.

1.2 Courtney

- Courtney motions to honour “*International Talk Like A Pirate Day*”.

Motion fails.

2 Constitution

2.1 Semesterly Position Changes

- Allen announces the constitutional change.

Change the wording of Section 4.1 from

...The President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Resources, Vice-President Activities and Treasurer shall have a one year term of office. The Secretary and Executive at Large shall have a one semester term of office ...

to

...The President, Vice-President Operations and Treasurer shall have a one year term of office. The Vice-President Resources, Vice-President Activities, Secretary and Executive at Large shall have a one semester term of office

Change the wording of Section 6.2 point one from

The terms of office for the positions offices of President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Resources, Vice-President Activities and Treasurer shall be one year beginning May 1st through April 30th of the following year.

to

The terms of office for the positions offices of President, Vice-President Operations and Treasurer shall be one year beginning May 1st through April 30th of the following year.

Change the wording of Section 6.3 point one from

The terms of office for the positions of Executive at large, Secretary and any departmental student representatives shall be from the first quorate general meeting of a semester until the first quorate general meeting of the next semester.

to

The terms of office for the positions of Vice-President Resources, Vice-President Activities, Executive at large, Secretary and any departmental student representatives shall be from the first quorate general meeting of a semester until the first quorate general meeting of the next semester.

- Discussion starts about how this meeting is about voting towards constitutional changes, and not discussing the changes.

Motion passes, unanimously.

2.2 Larger Executives so Surrey has positions

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Change the wording of Section 4.1 from

...The executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Resources, Vice-President Activities, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive at Large and the First Year Representative.
...

to

...The executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President Operations, Two Vice-President Resources, Two Vice-President Activities, Treasurer, Secretary, Two Executive at Large and the First Year Representative. The responsibilities of office pertaining to the SFU Surrey campus shall be the responsibility of one Vice-President Resources, one Vice-President Activities and one Executive at Large. The responsibility of office pertaining to the SFU Burnaby campus shall be the responsibility of the other Vice-President Resources, the other Vice-President Activities and the other Executive at Large....

- Discussion about the workload for the Surrey rep.
- Discussion about Surrey positions if no one is elected. If that happens, the positions will just remain unfilled.
- Discussion about CSSS expanding into Surrey. They wish to attract SIAT and a new program specializing in software engineering. More CS courses will be soon added to the campus. This constitution change should push CSSS into Surrey, and add to the CS presence.

Motion passes, unanimously.

2.3 VPA Event Reports

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Add to the wording of Section 4.1.VPA, that is the responsibilities of the VPA, the following text:

Write a report containing procedures and contacts for each class of event for future CSSS members.

- Discussion about the types of events this would apply for. FroshWeek would not count, but for movie nights, wing nights, LAN parties, and such, would count.
- Discussion about current event reports.

Motion passes.

2.4 Secretary Record Responsibility

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Add to the wording of Section 4.1.Secretary, that is the responsibilities of the Secretary the following text:

Maintain the records of the CSSS, including but not limited to the minutes archive, financial records and exam archive.

- An unfortunate no brainer.

Motion passes.

2.5 Forum Reports

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Add to the wording of section 4.1.2, that is Forum Representative, the following text:

Submit a written report for each meeting to the Secretary for public distribution and filing.

- Another no brainer.

Motion passes, unanimously.

2.6 Departmental Representative Reports

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Add to the wording of section 4.1.3, that is Departmental Representatives, the following text:

Submit a written report for each meeting to the Secretary for public distribution and filing.

- Discussion about allowing the CSSS meetings to become more public.
- Discussion to change to the wording to “*distribution to members*”.

Motion passes.

- **Yang** did not vote. He is playing Nethack.

2.7 Equal Burnaby and Surrey Meetings

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Change the text of Section 5.1 from

There shall be at least four general meetings in any given semester, the first of which shall be within the first 3 weeks of classes, the final one shall be within the last two weeks of classes.

to

There shall be at least four general meetings in any given semester, the first of which shall be within the first 3 weeks of classes, the final one shall be within the last two weeks of classes. There shall be an equal, or as near as is possible, number of general meetings in any given semester at both the SFU Burnaby campus and the SFU Surrey campus.

- Discussion about the number of meetings there are. Currently there are six meetings a semester. This constitutional change would make three meetings in Surrey.
- Discussion about the latest meeting in Surrey is positive.
- **Courtney motions to have the next meeting in Tahiti. No seconds.**
 - **Angelica motions, Courtney seconds, to change the wording of “equal, or as near as possible” to a specific number, 2.**
 - **Motion passes.** Travis and Phil voted against.

Motion passes. Jesse voted against.

2.8 Required Meetings of the Activity Committee

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.

Add the following text to Section 5.1:

There shall be at least four general meetings in any given semester, the first of which shall be within the first 3 weeks of classes, the final one shall be within the last two weeks of classes. There shall be at least three meetings of the Activities Committee in

any given semester, the first of which shall be within the first four weeks of classes, the final one shall be within the last four weeks of classes.

- Discussion about the activity committee starts. There is no Activity Committee, or it has just never met.
- **Allen** announces that this will just create more work for the Vice-President of Activities.
- What exactly is a activity committee meeting?
- The current Vice-President of Activities, **Phil**, feels that this isn't a bad idea.
- Discussion about how many "good" things to practice are not required to be in the constitution.

Motion fails.

2.9 Mandatory Minutes

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.
Add between Section 5.1 and 5.2 a new section titled Record Keeping with the following text:
All meetings of the CSSS, including but not limited to General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Emergency General Meetings, Executive Meetings, Activities Committee Meetings, Event Planning Meetings and ad hoc meetings, shall have minutes produced and supplied to the Secretary for public distribution and filing.
- Discussion starts about the definition of ad hoc. Many members believe it is any impromptu meeting. Travis defines ad hoc meetings as, "*meetings of committees that have been made up, but are not in the constitution*". Phil notes that the definition of ad hoc should be as defined in "Robert's Rules of Order".
- Discussion starts about footnoting the word ad hoc at the end of the constitution.
Phil motions, Jenn seconds, to add "ad hoc as defined in Robert's Rules of Order" as a footnote.
 - **Travis motions, Yang seconds, to put all Robert's Rules of Order in the footnotes. No.**

Motion passes.

- Discussion about what can be made off record and on record. All discussion can be off the record, but all motions and voting must be on the record.
- Discussion about public distribution of minutes. The website and forums would be sufficient.
- Discussion about minutes saving us from becoming evil.
- Discussion about the laziness of meeting minute takers. This may lead to less announced meetings.

Motion passes.

2.10 Minor Announcement Changes

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.
Change the wording of Section 5.3.1 point three from
A minimum of seven posters distributed amongst the CSSS common room(s), the applied sciences building and undergraduate computing science lab facilities.
to
A minimum of ten posters distributed amongst all the CSSS common room(s), the applied sciences building and all undergraduate computing science instructional lab facilities. No fewer than three posters must be posted at each campus of Simon Fraser University where there exists computing facilities for the express usage of undergraduate Computing Science students.

Motion passes.

2.11 Standing Order Power Classification

- **Allen** announces the constitutional change.
Add a new point to Section 7 with the following text:
* Standing orders shall be considered equal in power to the Constitution, except when a standing order violates the rules and regulations set forth in either this Constitution, the SFSS Constitution, or the SFSS Policy Manual, it shall be struck down and considered invalid.
- For example, if the CSSS was required to make a change to the constitution to run day to day activities, the CSSS executives could enact standing order in a general meeting, instead of requiring a six week period to make changes to the constitution.

Motion passes.

3 Open Floor

- **Phil** asks if his position counts over the term or the semester. It is noted that he can resign if need be.
- **Courtney** asks if the CSSS owes any member money.
 - **Phil** motions, **Jen** seconds, on behalf of **Dan** for “*All Glory to the Hypnotoad*”.

Motion passes.

Chris motions to adjourn at 16:43. Meeting adjourned.