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Computing Science Student Society

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Location:

ASB 9802 (Computing Science Common Room)

Friday, February 1, 1991, 12:30pm

Attending:

Douglas Yee, lawrence Andreatti, John Keinanen, Andre Kostur, Mike van der Velden, Tammy Horick, Emma Dal Santo, Marie Krbavac, Terry Sanders, Jean Hewitt, Kristine Olesen, Mattew Thomson, David Shgong, Mike Lee, Peter Ruthay, Dennis Bell, Tom Niwinski, Greg Herman, Andrew Wong, Rob Peeren

Agenda:

Upcoming Events

Undergraduate Lab Access

CSSS Projects
Committee Updates
Common Room Issues

Other Issues

Chair:

Douglas Yee

M/S/C

To ratify the minutes of the previous general meeting.

* Douglas announced that the Graduate Studies seminar has been set for February 20. He went on to describe the purpose of the seminar, which is to inform potential graduate students of the program at SFU, and to recruit new graduate students to the program. Anyone interested in helping set up the seminar should contact Dr. Ja-Wai Han in the Department.

Mike van der Velden mentioned that Forum rep candidate forums are now available.

Douglas noted that a signup form has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in playing at the March 15th volleyball tournament. Rob Peeren said that a previous volleyball tournament involving Applied Sciences departments went quite successfully. He noted that it helped to foster good relations between the departments, and that the March 15th tournament should do likewise.

* Because of security problems, the access rules to the Graphics Lab have been changed. Now, only authorized students are permitted access to the lab to the lab after 6:30pm. Authorized students consist of those students taking a graphics course. Food and drink, as well as lower division students are not permitted in the lab. Douglas mentioned that Elma Krbavac wants those using the lab to be more vigilant in security.

Upper division Computing students will still be able to use the lab as study space, provided they adhere to the rules. In short, nothing has changed from the access rules in 90-3 except that policing of the lab must be stricter. It was noted that access to the lab is a privilege extended from 90-3. Those students requiring access after 6:30 should see the department.

Douglas mentioned that several NeXT machines will be arriving in a few weeks. During their installation in the Graphics Lab, access to the lab will be severely curtailed. Access will return to normal after the installation.

Access to the Hardware Lab is now restricted to CMPT 391 and CMPT 402 students only.

There are several projects being planned by the Society. They are as follows:

Mike Lee has started a project to have copies of Computing lecture notes placed in the common room. This will mean fewer long trips to the library. He has already discussed this with Dr. Paul Franklin, who has expressed a high interest in the project. Shelves will be cleared for the project. An honour system is to be used for access and usage of the notes. Mike van der Velden noted that the honour system doesn't work too well. A case in point are the CMPT 402 Turbo-C manuals, which disappeared shortly after they were available. Mike Lee also mentioned that this is to be a service of the Society to students, and that the results of the project would be evaluated at the end of 91-1.

For now, the project will involve only upper division course notes. Someone noted that the project would also help to encourage use of the photocopier. Terry Sanders asked if the Society would need to absorb the costs of the original copies. Mike replied that the Department is footing those costs. Most members agreed that the project is a good idea.

Another project in progress is the obtaining of UNIX accounts for those students who don't have one, but wish to get one. Terry expressed concern that this might strain current machine resources, but Douglas replied that the Department is moving several courses to new machines, which should compensate for any new users.

The idea of the UNIX accounts is that each student would have just one account for all courses requiring UNIX work. This will mean less strain on resources, since there will essentially be fewer accounts.

The final project was started by Rob Peeren. It involves obtaining membership in CIPS (Canadian Information Processing Society) by the Society. Rob mentioned that both BCIT and UBC are currently members, and that CIPS has expressed an interest in having SFU join. He noted that CIPS is willing to absorb all costs for SFU to join. Apparently, CIPS approached the Society in 90–3 about membership but a lack of interest killed the idea. Rob said that CIPS wants to hold an information meeting this semester at SFU. He also noted that CIPS meetings occur about once a month, and that joining would be a good way of developing business contacts.

M/S/C

To invite CIPS this semester to hold an information seminar.

It was decided that after the seminar, the Society would decide whether or not it wished to join CIPS.

* Committee updates are as follows:

Hardware/Software

Terry said that the committee will meet next Thursday to discuss a 'wish list'. Items on the list include furnishings and other capital expenditures on the APSC building. Several suggestions were put forth by members on what to add to the list. They included a pencil sharpener and shelves for the common room.

Undergraduate Curriculum Survey

Mike van der Velden noted that all surveys must be handed in by March 1. Tammy Horick, Mike, and Greg Herman will then tabulate all results starting on March 2nd. Mike said that more surveys will be handed out.

Standardization

The committee hasn't met yet, but members of it are expressing a high interest in the results to come of the curriculum survey.

Activities and Resources (ARC)

Tammy announced that rush hour videos have started. As before, pizza will be sold and pop will be reduced to 50 cents during the show. Tammy also announced that a social has been planned for March 15 to coincide with St. Patrick's day and the volleyball tournament. Finally, signup sheets will be posted to gauge the amount of interest in a snowshoe or cross country ski day and a hockey night. The hockey night involves attending a Canucks game. It is hoped that both events will be partly subsidized by both the Society and CDSU.

M/S/C

To petition the SFSS to help subsidize a snowshoe or cross country outing.

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To petition the SFSS to help subsidize a hockey night.

Undergraduate Committee

Mike van der Velden discussed the changes to CMPT 391 and ENSC 370.

Logo

Mike presented the results of the logo contest of 90-2/3. There was no clear winner in the contest. He also presented late logo entries, as well as the new Department logo.

Brochures

Rob will be attending a meeting with other departments' brochure committees. The emphasis at the moment is to produce a brochure as part of a campaign to encourage high school students to consider attending SFU. UBC is also part of the project. Rob noted that the project needs to have a interest displayed by faculty for its success.

- * Several suggestions were made on how to keep the common room clean. Terry volunteered to help keep the room (in particular the fridge and sink) clean. A brief discussion followed on the pickup procedures of recycling material.
- Douglas mentioned that the Society has declined an offer of free computer equipment (a PDP-8).

There are plans to get a pencil sharpener and stapler for the common room.

* The next general meeting is planned for February 22nd.

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