



## CSSS General Meeting Minutes for 2005-11-30

### Attendance

Email	Name	Affiliation
	Alix Cote	Major
	Cynthia Lee	Major
	Ted Tate	w/ Flair
	Tim Kim	I *heart* Apple Juice
	Devan Yin	CS Major
	Simon Kwok	MAC - looking Windows!
	Michele Lee	Business Sucks!
	Eugene Chin	FISH FISH FISH FISH FISH
	Dan Leslie	Subjective Understanding
	George Leung	PIU Master (in training)
	Dominic Lau	Casino Manager
	Benton Lam	lw \$brain,666
	Robert Hetzler	/(bb/[b]2)/

Meeting called to order by Yang at 16:02

### Report of Officers

#### President Noah

- Went over what has changed since the last report in 2001. Registration into courses is now possible! Increased offerings of courses by research/core people. Surrey is getting better but still sucks because of TechBC. The school is still worried about establishing a campus culture. They are going to try offering niche programs instead of offering a general program. They have no idea which niche(s). Things such as network security or possibly biomedical (which has problems) and will think on it more. There is a major problem with dealing with TechOne and them being ready to handle becoming CS majors especially as it is a valid course into the program – 20/400 by the end. They blame the lack of math in TechOne. There was some discussion between Dan and Noah about what TechOne is more like, CS or Communications. There is a ScienceOne program which is actually better for the CS degree so they might recruit from there. To deal with the faculty issues they are considering migrating people from here down there.
- Undergraduate program. The issues are unlikely to get settled soon. UPC is king. We have too few students and it hits the department where it hurts – their wallet. DTO money has fallen through and even lowering the entrance GPA didn't help. The average number of semesters, including time off, to graduation is 19.2! The department are mildly concerned about this, but don't care too much as it helps bolster FTEs. Apparently a four year degree is possible as long as

you are careful. The lowest highschool average accepted was 74%, imposed by the dean. A few years ago this was 93%.

- Three important questions were asked: do we lower internal standards or do we deal with having less money. They don't like lower standards and so are preparing for a lower budget. This most likely won't affect classes, but is more likely to affect grad students, sessionals and lab space. Lack of TAs may become an issue. There were words of them overspending the TA budget by 100% to pay grad students and keep them in food.
- Noah would like to note that undergrads are the departments bread and butter, but probably won't start liking us. It might be nice that the administration understands this and won't listen to the profs who hate us.
- Mumbling happens.
- Other interesting stats. They are having trouble placing 30 students this semester because there are no students. People mumbled about hating BOL.
- Dan mentions that there are bidding wars over coop students.
- The current FAS Dean's term is up and has reapplied for reappointment. There are concerns about this as his middle management sucks. There has been talk about leaving the FAS. Suggestions of where to go are: informatics, talk to the engineers, our school should split into one or more departments(Tom Shermer), the University should create a department to teach computer literacy to the general student body(Tom).
- This is apparently part of a massive University restructuring. Likely candidates are: Engineering and CS, CS math and stats, Engineering math stats physics aka hyperdorks (Dan). The hyperdorks has problems with CS being in a faculty with natural sciences. Kines will most likely go the Health sciences as they don't yet have schools. Communications is likely to go back to arts. The total number of faculties is unlikely to change, especially note greatly.

#### **VP Operations** Yang

- Yang doesn't remember what he was doing. He has signed up for clubs days. Expect and email.

#### **VP Activities** Diane

- Absent.

#### **VP Resource** Travis

- I forgot to buy pop, so I bought pop, we now have pop.
- Noah complained about being out of root beer.

#### **Treasurer** Eugene

- Other than the social, no one spend money. Travis is trying to bankrupt us.
- He is doing this for two reasons. 1. We need pop. 2. We need to show the school that their giant cabinet idea isn't going to work. We all feel sorry for Marcel who will need to put it away.
- Revenue is up == good.
- Playland - They complained that we hadn't paid, even when we had. Turns out they lost it in their finance department. They forwarded us to a collections agency.
- Business objects still hasn't paid. Noah hasn't resent the invoice, he blames the crappy wireless.
- Wings was paid for.

- Travis asked for a chart of the yearly revenue. It is shown. There are complaints about the use of Go SFU 'semester' numbers. Noah asked for the integral, aka how much money. We had a total revenue of \$21208 for pop and \$10248 for the photocopier. Profit/costs have not yet been calculated but the photocopier is almost pure profit.
- There was discussion on how the photocopier was almost pure profit and the contract and if we would ever need to actually pay for the toner costs.

#### **Exec @ Large Marcel**

- Absent.

#### **Secretary Alix**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Forum Rep Dan**

- We finally got quorum. Interesting things happened.
- Dan was infact getting payed for those meeting which didn't reach quorum.
- Applied Sciences and cronies have taken over FASC.
- He has been on the Dean search committee. He begs for us to respond to the email that has been sent out about this. The Dean search committee believes we don't care. Dan says we should complain and respond loudly.
- No other committee has met because of no quorum.

## **Wings and Bowling aftermath**

Wings happened and was good. Pub policy changes (the date) caused bowling not to happen. Free pizza could have been had if you pretended to be a grad student.

## **Social**

Diane and Marcel are probably sleeping.

They need volunteers, badly. Morning dealers especially. The Social is this friday, please volunteer. Talk to Dom.

## **Ski Trip**

The deadling is Dec. 7, one week from today. There is still tons of time and tons of room. More people are prefered. Sign up and tell your friend.s

## **CUTC**

Interviews are Friday, during the social. Fucking department. If anybody is interested it is still an option. Airfair has already been worked out, so you'd be one your own for that, but hotels and conference stuff hasn't been done yet. Talk to Jenn and/or Noah.

For those who have already paid the conference fee they will probably return some.

## Common Room Report

The wall has come down! It will done eventually. They say 1-2 weeks, but the start of the next semester is all that is really likely.

### Seating

We still have the MTF common room, so what do we do about couches? We don't have the furniture. The couches at the MTF will be ours when they move back.

Travis suggests we steal from the atrium. He also suggests a shelf/bin for bags.

Eugene will probably be talking to Chingtai tomorrow.

There is some discussion about department/society dealings. Renting a room was discussed and kiboshed as a bad precedent.

## CSSS Logo

Simon has made the changes mentioned in the last meeting and it is in the forums. Go see the forum.

Note: Noah was borrowed.

## Employee Open House

Anthony's but he is sleeping. It's sometime in February.

Dan predicts a massive failure.

## CSSS Website

Why is this here? Nobody knows.

Dan wants read access to the current repository.

Security changes reduced the current website to uselessness. This is Dant's code. Apparently we don't own the current code and thus shouldn't work on it.

## OpFair

Apparently Yang is on the committee and might be doing something soon. A big problem is splitting the proceeds after all is said and done. There will be a meeting between the appropriate parties.

Volunteers will be harassed for in January. Employers will be around Jan. 25.

## Mouse Castration

Our mouse has been castrated. Travis would fix it but he can't spend money.

## First GM Date of Next Semester

Noah proposed the first Tuesday of the next semester around this time. Dubbed not cool.

Monday? No/few complaints.

There was some discussion about us getting the word out.

## Election Advertising

Just did it above. The Peak and MySFU. We get free classified in the Peak and a single small add free every semester. Noah wants to save it for the major elections in the Spring.

## Approval of Minutes

*Yang motions to approve the previous meeting's minutes; Ted seconds. Motion carries.*

## Open Floor

### Noah thanks us all

Noah thanks us for the semester and wants us all to show up to the end of semester social. There will be good stuff for the volunteers.

Noah motions for \$80 for a volunteer appreciation thing at the pub for friday. Dan seconds. Motion passes.

### Eugene and the Social

Eugene motions to up the budget for the social to \$800. Seconded by Dan. Motion passes.

### Eugene and the coin counter

Benton found a new coin counter to replace our broken one. Eugene motions to pay Benton \$36.32 to pay for the counter. Seconded by Courteney. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 17:09