

CSSS General Meeting Minutes

Devan Scott

Monday, October 6th, 2008

Chris calls the meeting to order at 3:40pm.

Attendees	Name	E-mail	Affiliation
	Devan Scott		Secretary
	Horatiu Halmaghi		—
	Josh Weissbock		—
	Cory Brassington		—
	Chani Armitage		—
	Thomas Show		—
	Peter Zenger		Major
	Ellis Ly		Major
	Ivan Jelinic		First Year Rep
	Taylor Laan		Also First Year Rep
	Chris Walkers		VPR Surrey
	Dave Hughes		Treasurer or some shit
	Chris Parsons		President
	Kyle Sakai		Sleepy Major
	Blaine Diggins		—
	Shadau Dabbagh		CMPT 165 Student
	Jeff Sipko		—
	Tim Kim		—
	Joel Pickell		—
	Curtis Muller		VP of Awesome
	Dominic Lou		Major

1 Report of Officers

1.1 President

- Cleaned up common room
- Went to UPC meeting, discussed CMPT 417 - Intelligence Systems, specifically deleting it from the Calendar. However, David Mitchell wanted to teach it, so it was decided not to delete it.
- Discussed Dual-Degree program, having an electives course list (No more credits for tennis! Oh no!)

1.2 Surrey VPR

- Made a deal with the Surrey Central Bar, we're getting a good discount on burgers and drinks at the bar.
- DSU Event in Surrey didn't go to well.

1.3 Burnaby VPR

- Not a whole lot to report, we ordered a whole shit-ton of pop. It's safely 'locked up in our vault'
- Operation Crap Reduction is going well. Crap levels in Common Room are decreasing at an astounding rate.

1.4 VPA Burnaby

- LAN Party happened 2 Fridays ago, it went well and the DS club brought their Rock Band stuff by when they finished.
- We need to start planning further events - Halloween Pub Night, a sort of games night, and a gaming tournament.
- **Max** has been working on adding actual event documentation to our repository. **Shaddagh** Volunteers to lead the Halloween Party.
- Attendance at last Wings Night (AKA Pub Night) hovered at around 25 people.

1.5 Treasurer

- Most Froshweek expenses have been settled, and our funds are doing fine.

1.6 Forum/UPC Rep

- We're suing Sean Hunsdale for \$5000 because he collected fees when he was ineligible to collect them.
- Referendum (We advised board to give the forum more power), forum passed a recommendation for the forum to hold the board accountable for their decisions.
- Forum held a vote of no confidence on Dan Carter
- Oktoberfest is happening Thursday, **Kyle** tentatively booked the 'LAN party area' for the CSSS on that day.
- Elections are going on, **Kyle** asks group if we still want him to be our rep to the Surrey forum.
- Professors John Edgar and Anne Lavergne had a big disagreement on the issue of C++ for CMPT 225. Edgar makes C++ mandatory, Lavergne makes it optional. They agreed to discuss it at a further time.

1.7 Secretary

- New Pizza/Movie Night posters are up.

1.8 First-Year Rep #1 (Ivan)

- He's been noticing that in the common room the first-years are becoming crazier. They've been asking questions regarding raping and pillaging. First-years need to know they're not in high school and that it's not all sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll.

1.9 Exec-At-Large

- Filled the Pop Machine. Again.

1.10 EMAIL REPORT: Surrey VPA

- Continuing with the tradition of updating the CSSS on the state of zombies in the school, I must report that the zombie warning status has increased from low to mid, due to the high number of MATH and MACM midterms these past weeks. As of yet, however, no actual zombies have been sighted.

1.11 EMAIL REPORT: Surrey Exec-At-Large

- Levels of 'Not Much' are at record levels, and continue to rise.

2 Froshweek Refunds (Again)

- **Dave** motions to Reimburse himself for \$1395.80. **Josh** Seconds. Vote is called.

Motion Passes

- We're at around \$1100 in funds with about \$900 more ready in a bank account to be put into the funds.

3 Corporate Sponsorship

- **Chris** says we need to let Microsoft know if we want their money - negative opinions regarding the matter have been expressed over Email.
- Ken, a Microsoft rep, was a CSSS executive 17 years ago and wanted to find out what we needed event-wise - Wings Nights sponsored by Microsoft, new Fridges, etc
- Individual events would have extra funding provided by Microsoft - possibly around \$700, per event.
- We've had offers in the past from Microsoft and other corporate sponsors and have turned them down.
- They might give us Xboxes, although security would be an issue in that case.
- **Chris Walters** asks: If they're only asking for the names, what's the problem?
- We should see what the terms really are
- **Kyle**: As long as we don't have any permanent attachment between us and Microsoft, it'd be alright. We shouldn't let Microsoft monopolize anything.
- **Dave** notes the guy we spoke to was an active CS grad, we have to keep in mind that they aren't treating this as a business deal, it's more a situation of a single guy trying to help us out.
- **Joe Palin** notes that while he's all for corporate sponsorship, but we have to ask ourselves if the sponsorship will actually convince anyone to buy Microsoft crap (The answer: probably not), and that we shouldn't get ourselves locked into an exclusivity deal.
- **Max** thinks we should have some real policy in place for whenever something like this comes up. He's against this because helping any corporate sponsor promote their name prohibits us from adequately representing our membership. Not having an exclusive agreement would help, but having this sort of relationship with Microsoft would bias us unfairly.

- **Chris Walters** asks what sort of agreement would be fair to us?
- **Max** replies that the CSSS has a responsibility to represent its members, and it should remain impartial . **Max** has a problem with putting Microsoft's name prominently in our advertising material. Doing this would cross a line we shouldn't cross.
- It depends on the terms of the actual agreement; if Microsoft were offering to buy the student society or something, we should refuse. But if they want to have specific event funding or something to that scale, then there shouldn't be a problem with that.
- **Chris Walters** agrees that accepting sponsorship would be a good idea. It seems to be a matter of pride/personal preference rather than a question of Autonomy.
- **Dave** notes this is comparable to our 'Info sessions' such as the IBM info sessions, where people care more about the free sandwiches than about IBM.
- **Jeff** motions to table this discussion.

Motion Passes.

4 Open Floor

- Dan Carter's been doing a shitty job at the forum
- **Chris** notes that while we've never needed Dan much, the previous rep was helpful to the CSSS. But should we get involved?
- **Chris** asks if we should table this for next time or just do nothing?
- Should we invite someone from ASU to the next meeting?
- **Devan** Motions to Approve minutes. **Josh** Seconds
- Minutes aren't done circulating yet!
- Our cabinets keep getting broken open, although we have a secure space inside the CS faculty.
- Apparently the CSSS needs a new toaster.
- Minutes are finally approved.

Meeting is Adjourned by Chris at 4:58 PM.