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From: reyanne roberts
Subject: CSSS Minutes for November 26, 1999
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Hey guys, sorry this is so late.

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CSSS Minutes for November 26, 1999

Attendance

Satoshi Iura	President
Geoff Rispin	VPA
Peter Lypkie	VPR
Richard Walters	Treasurer
Reyanne Roberts	Secretary
Chris Steinbach	Forum Rep

Richard Drozdik
Michael Schwartz
Andrew Yang
Matthew Lam
Alvin Leung
Eric Lin
David Yan
Abhijit Rege
Andrew Gordon

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Agenda

Treasurer's Report
Final Social Preparations
President's Report

Open Floor

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Minutes

Geoff Rispin to chair meeting since we can't find Satoshi. :-)
Call to order at 3:40 pm

1) Treasurer's Report
    - $4800 dollars since SFSS paid us for Tech Fair
    - 4-5 outstanding companies from Tech Fair; we are responsible for collecting money
    - owe Geoff Rispin $$ for server
    - in general, $3000.00 in account

2) Final Social Preparation
    - rrispin getting better machines, arcade games, and pinball machines
    - Social on December 3, 1999
    - problems w/ getting arcade games back to place of rental
    - free for all w/ arcade games until about 3:00 pm, then competitions
    - rrispin not dealing with Beaver Foods; food IS taken care of
    - only issue is needing people to pick stuff up
    - iura would like to sell t-shirts at the Social

3) President's Report
    - last week heard that School of CS is getting a new instructional lab (w/in the next year or
two)
    - iura talking to Co-Op Advisory and Business; requests that someone continue to attend
    - iura would have liked to expand CSSS presence in the university

4) Alan's Notes
    - UCC further discussion of 316 as a requirement for Software Engineering and Multimedia
    - someone (?) would like to propose alternates for 316
    - waltersb says there already are
    - Russ Tront proposed a 316 Special Topics course for distributed objects
    - rrispin suggests breaking up CMPT 379 since too much material
    - agordon suggests that MACM 300 (Finite Autonoma) be a prerequisite for CMPT 379
(Compiler Design)
    - rrispin suggests outline for CMPT 379 too ambitious
    - UCC is looking at redoing entire CS program

5) Alvin's Notes, Part II
    - aleunga brings up topic of anti-calendar or online professor evaluations
    - website called profscan.com run in Concordia
    - students who run profscan would like to share expand it to SFU
    - 2 students would be needed to monitor comments
    - plypkie suggests disclaimer/doing rebuttals for stupid behaviour instead of monitoring
    - rrispin suggests that not monitoring comments changes validity
    - plypkie things that censorship will change validity
    - Concordia site asks specific questions
    - plypkie suggests moderating comments, similar to Slashdot

- most agree this would be good :-)
- waltersb asks if such a site could be put on the webserver
- rrispin thinks we need to distance webserver from school
- iura says that Drew Miners has asked that disclaimer be put on webserver site denying affiliation with School of Computing Science
- plypkie fears that SFU will not allow this site to be put up
- Concordia wants to protect their code, but we will have access to own database
- plypkie suggests finding other code for a similar idea that we can control
- rrispin brings up issue of cost, management, etc.
- Plypkie says would rather have solutions w/ code we can handle
- Michael suggests using Caucuses, but we don't have code for that
- aleunga says that starting from scratch would take too long; using Concordia's site would be immediate
- plypkie suggests we find our own resources
- rrispin says we must create a tolerance point if not used properly (minor comments, etc)
- rrispin also brings up points with hotmail accounts; worries about profs commenting themselves
- Michael suggests user names and passwords
- rrispin says there are legal problems with that
- plypkie and agordon suggests having return email, rrispin says can get around that with maillists
- rrispin asks "how do we deal with improper behaviour?"
- plypkie suggests prof. rebuttal section
- rrispin also asks if we have enough resouces (dynamic content)
- rrispin and plypkie says server can be used for anything students want to put on it, not just as a webserver
- plypkie says we need more information from Concordia
- aleunga says that there will be a lot of implementation, and that we should give Concordia a chance
- plypkie wants to know about our customization
- plypkie suggests asking Concordia about releasing source so we can have more control
- rrispin asks what will happen if system goes down
- aleunga says these are issues that would exist even if we chose to use our own site
- rrispin asks if we can get prof. evaluations
- aleunga says we can get course evaluations, but not prof.
- rrispin suggests handing out our own evaluations

6) Open Floor

- Michael suggests getting vests for CSSS like EUSS
- can get made to order to cut costs
- waltersb says we need a display case to sell merchandise we have
- talk to Drew?
- plypkie suggests replacing one of the bulletin boards with display case
- rlrobert also suggests CSSS stationary

- Irma requests $$ from CSSS for darkroom club for a student exhibition space in the Pub

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- iura asks how much, Irma says any amount
- waltersb asks what $$ will go for; Irma says matting, food for opening ceremony
- all donors will have names displayed
- Irma says estimated budget is $400.00 for opening ceremony
- MOTION from waltersb to donate $200.00, seconded by rjd
- 3 absentions, motion carried

Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm by rrispin.

Meeting adjourned.

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Please direct all questions and comments to: