

# CSSS General Meeting Minutes

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Friday, July 7th 2017

*Meeting called to order at 11:39am by Jonathan*

Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
Joshua Wu	jyw27	Director of Archives
Jason Manshadi	j_manshad	System Administrator
Brendan Chan	bca60	Director of Events
Dawn Chandler	dschndl	Members
David Müller	dmiiller	President
Jeffrey Leung	appscirep@sfss.ca	SFSS Applied Sciences Representative
Ching Wang	cwai49	member
Mircea Taras	mtaras	Interim Director of Resources
Jonathan M. Loewen	jmloewen	Vice Preseident
Henry Zhao	mhzhao	Director of Communications
Kai Zhang	kwz	Member
David Lee	zylee	Member
Dustin Cao	dtcao	Treasurer
Gary Moon	gmoon	Member

## 1 Report of Officers

### 1.1 Director of Communications (Henry)

- Emailing Mobify for workshop
- Working with Christopher Duffin for a workshop of the same nature
  - Getting companies to send their engineering team/dev team to provide a workshop
  - Shows what the company does and provide a networking event with the devs

### 1.2 Director of Events (Brendan)

- Board games today
  - Nobody except me came to hacktime this week
- Inconsistent on availability for Tuesday hacktimes
  - Needs someone to help as Brendan is unavailable on Tuesdays
- Need to motion for money for boardgames food

### 1.3 President (David)

- FAS funding request in progress
  - Text is done but still need
  - Will be done by Monday, ahead of schedule
  - Asking for \$1500 for frosh by Oscars request
    - \* This is twice as much as we've asked for in the past
  - \$1000 for future Silicon Valley
    - \* Currently \$1000-\$2000, but don't want to push them too hard
  - FAS funding generally restricted to frosh
- Meeting with Greg Mori later on
- SV trip sorting out stuff will also be later in the meeting
- Working on longterm hacktime plan
- Writing up constitution changes
- Unfortunately cannot make it to board games tonight

### 1.4 Director of Resources (Mircea)

- Coke request system has not been working well
  - Cabinet is almost empty
  - Machine still has stock but the popular drinks are below half
  - Kia should come back on Tuesday

### 1.5 Faculty of Applied Science Representative (Jeffrey)

- Basic updates
  - Working on granting reform package
  - Improved by the board committee, needs to be written by the staff
  - Should be available around mid-fall
  - Does support it, though it's not perfect so far
- Spoke with Pierre
  - Current bylaws DSU creation requires board approval, then referendum of students
    - \* Technically paradoxical because it requires a vote of an organization that doesn't exist

- Working on how DSUs function, how to create, dissolve, allocating funding etc
- Bylaws haven't been changed much since last revision
  - Informally approved by the board
  - Board of directors is the only legally recognized organization that can manage our student unions
  - Council has had legal issues in the past due to poorly worded referendum questions
  - AGMs are still a work in progress
  - Lower quorum to 100 is still happening as recently we have not been able to reach quorum despite intensive promotion
  - AGM is intended to review the society business, new societies act requires that quorum is reached in order to review business
- Removal of faculty representatives is going through
- We could motion for bylaw proposals in the CSSS meetings as suggestions to get more support
- David:
  - The board last year was inappropriate in their marketing of these bylaw changes
- Basis of changing bylaws is to fix the structure so that they are enforceable and match our functioning
  - This is the legal backbone
  - This is 50 years of policies that haven't been written up before formally
- Kevin: Asks about when the bylaws were updated
  - 2012 and 2015

## 1.6 Treasurer (Dustin)

- We have \$1200k from the vending machine

## 1.7 President of WiCS

- WiCS has been relatively quiet
  - Meetup on July 19th Wednesday with UBC society too tea and coffee at Harbour Center 17:30
    - \* Guys are invited

- Code maven on Thursday at 17:00
  - Like hacktime, technical event
  - Don't advertise yet, more of a pilot
- FAS funding request should be done by August 19th

## 1.8 System Administrator (Jason)

- Cleaning up repository and Google Drive
  - Also cleaning up SFU vault and github

## 2 Silicon Valley Trip

- Jon
  - Trip was a success people liked it
  - Only two more reimbursements need to happen
    - \* The people requesting it are not here currently
  - David:
    - \* We will look at this prior to next meeting and invite motions
  - Anna Reva is currently on vacation until next Tuesday
    - \* Cheque requisitions from the trust and the travel conference fund won't be processed until Tuesday
  - Dawn: Has paperwork for conference reimbursement for the other two conferences
  - Our promise was that people who fill out paperwork get the money
    - \* It makes sense to fulfill that and put it under contingency
- Kevin:
  - Really good trip, great trip
- David:
  - Wants to formally thank the people involved in organizing it
  - Recognizes that it was quite challenging to take up the trip
  - Likely to happen again, or it might be Seattle
  - Creating a written post mortem, wrapped up at the end of the semester

### 3 Frosh

- Jason
  - Schedule is up
  - Everything is confirmed except for lasertag
  - David: Room bookings are done for most things
  - Photohunt is a backup plan in case we can't get the laser tag to work
  - Jeffrey:
  - People are missing
  - Coffee boys wrote the android app, good quality code
- David: Nikita is running a marketing firm and provided us advice
  - Ask the froshies what they'd like us to do to keep them in the CSSS
- David: T-Shirts should be around the 2016 amount because we want 2016 shirts
  - Mircea: Sell them or make a quilt
- Dawn: Question about a slot in the schedule for a WiCS event
  - David: Should be a spot for the usual social at Friday
  - Jon: Schedule should be flexible

### 4 Constitution Change Review

- David: Jeffrey has provided a very helpful response to the changes
  - Review from Corbett as well
  - Many redundancies like signing authority in every role and separate section
  - Committees section is unclear missing what a power might be
  - Writing a new text to address the concerns of Jeffrey primarily
  - Pushing back into the second meeting of September
  - Will be a new message in the next notice of a general meeting about the Constitution review
- Jeffrey:
  - We can get close to the societies act but it's not possible for us to match it yet
  - Jeffrey will help with aligning it more
    - \* We don't have to match the societies act
    - \* Not binding constitution, we're an artificial construct made by the SFSS

## 5 Boardgames Meeting

- Brendan:
  - Estimated 3 butter chicken pizza, 4 chicken but not butter, 1 veggie, and 1 mac and cheese
  - Estimated total cost is \$125.26 prior to tip
  - Last week they gave us two extra pizza
  - David motions up to \$145 for board games night tonight
    - \* Henry seconds
    - \* Motion passes; Majority favour
  - Brendan motions up to \$150 for board games on July 21st
    - \* Henry seconds
    - \* Motion passes; Majority favour
- Brendan: End of semester social on September 4th
- Jon: Return of Jack's retro games
- Plug in laptops to play

## 6 Open Floor

### 6.1 David Lee: CSIL Lab

- It's still too cold
- Keyboards should be cleaned
- Henry will email regarding this matter

### 6.2 Dawn: Diversity Committee

- Starting campaign posters etc
- Wants a variety of people
- Currently looking for males in CS minors, certificate programs, diplomas, or second degrees

### 6.3 Henry: Meeting with Greg Mori

- Discussion with Greg
- Planning to have a high school infosession which would encourage women in cs

- Sometime in the fall or spring
- David: Organized a similar program which reaches out to high school
- Mircea and I have both done talks like this and has a lot of material which can be cleared with FAS
- Mircea: The FAS people can make it more official and talk to the diversity committee

#### 6.4 Kevin: Computer Vision

- Wants to start a CV meetup group up at SFU, probably in TASC
- \$10 monthly fee to support
  - \$100 for a year
- Would help to build industry support
- Jon: Everyone who is taking CV is taking it in their last or second last semester
  - Not many people around to host meetups
  - Kevin: Many people are interested but cannot take the class, this would help
- There are no CV meetup groups in Vancouver
  - Confident that there is a demand
  - Currently on sale
- Kevin motions for, be it resolved up to \$65 be allocated for the computer vision meetup cost at SFU
  - David seconds
  - Kevin: Topics are very technical
    - \* Includes machine learning techniques
    - \* People who haven't done it before have been able to keep up
  - Dawn:
    - \* What other groups exist in Vancouver?
    - \* Kevin: Deep learning and data science exist but these aren't the same topic
  - Motion passes; majority favour

## 6.5 Course Committee

- David Lee:
    - May revise cmpt300
      - \* David Miiller: Do not expect changes for another few semesters
    - Jonathan: We spoke to Brad Bart about this but it may be offered eventually
    - Dawn: Asks about the mailing list for the committee related to course scheduling
      - \* David: Will add her
        - The meetings should be open for all
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- Dustin:
  - We're out of \$1 coin rolls
  - David: Suggests asking an exec at large to get them
- David Lee:
  - Question about how to raise a complaint about an instructor and who to talk to
  - Henry: Generally coming to the CSSS would be best as we can advocate for the students while individual complaints may get lost
    - \* Henry volunteers
    - \* David: Complaints should go to the President as they are the representative of the members

## 7 Approval of the Minutes

- Josh motions to approve the meeting minutes of Friday June 23rd 2017
  - David seconds
  - Motion Passes; Majority Favour

## 8 Motion to Adjourn

- Jonathan motions to adjourn the meeting at 12:38pm
  - Henry seconds
- None opposed; meeting adjourned

*Meeting is adjourned at 12:38 PM*