

CSSS General Meeting Minutes

David Müller

Wednesday, July 15th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 12:33 PM Sid chairs.

	Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Affiliation
Attendees	David Müller		DoA
	Mircea Taras		Council Rep
	Evan Chisholm		E@L
	Jonathon Lo		Major
	Antoni Abaya		DOR
	Chris Hamilton		Major
	Daphne Chong		Major
	Dustin Cao		Major
	Jordan Siat		Major
	Jordan Toering		Treasurer
	Colin Woodbury		President
	Corbett Gildersleeve		FAS Rep
	Siddhaut Agrawl		Vice President

1 Discussion from Rory: Mobify Grant

- Recently got funding from mobify
- Want to fund a company from SFU with a mobile focus
- This is an opportunity to help us fund various initiatives, as long as it has a mobile focus, and credits mobify in some way
- \$10,000 dollars to use as the school wishes
- The CSSS needs to write out a plan, let them know what you want the money for; Whats the event, when, whats the purpose, mobile element, celebrate mobify.
 - Hosting at mobify office is a suggestion
 - A mobile technology event
 - Industry nights
- Another idea is to schedule a talk with mobify; Get students in touch with them, talking to humans, networking
- Discussion about if the hack time could be integrated with this event
- Semester or year end prize to best mobile projects
- To contact Rory, e-mail her at roryg@sfu.ca

2 U-Pass Feedback discussion

- Moved to end of meeting (Gentleman is currently not here)

3 Report of Officers

3.1 President (Colin)

- Removing phone from the common room
- Website is on its way, we need to write content and add imagery
 - Looking at a person from the department that takes pictures to help us with that
- Other than that we're on the way for the site to be done soon

3.2 Vice-President (Sid)

- No updates
- It's been fairly tranquil
- Want to have an oculus example working by the Fall
- Also looking into buying a Myo, still

3.3 Director of Events (Jason)

- There was a committee meeting Saturday
- Wants to have lots of easily set up small events during this term and future terms
- We want to make it feel less like the director is having events and more like the CSSS is having events

3.4 Director of Resources (Anton)

- Pop order came in on schedule
- Got the common room terminal working, the one on the desk by the sink
- Changed the password to something more manageable
- Pop machine was fixed

3.5 Director of Communications (Kenneth)

- Has a Frosh update: Will go into detail about that later
- Will be asking for a C-Lan grant later as-well
- Has been building up the contact list again. Will ask co-op if we can have any contacts from them
- Ideally we would try to get events and hackathons sponsored
 - Also let's look into sponsorship for Dev equipment from certain companies where sponsoring hardware sounds more sensible then sponsoring hackathons
- Has been contacting alumni and adding them and their companies to our network and sponsors
- Not expecting a ton of responses until people come back from the Canada day vacation
- David has also passed on alumni lists of former execs, 2011-2014, plans to add more tonight
- Wondering what we should do for our social media
 - We want to have someone responsible for its regular use, but also maintain the spontaneity of it
- We need to build a template for the news letter

3.6 Council Rep (Mircea)

- The TSSU job action ended due to a technicality
- Council learned about the magic of different voting systems, could eventually apply STV to the SFSS
- Council was going to write a letter to the administration saying we support the TSSU, but couldn't
 - The council cannot contact anyone other than the board and students

3.7 Director of Archives (David)

- List of past alumni still being worked
- Kept up with the agenda this week, which was a large one
- Will refill the printing card today

3.8 Treasurer (Jordan)

- Pop lock has been fixed
- Finances are all OK
- Still expecting a Konica e-mail, may have to continue his inquiries higher up in the company

3.9 Execs at Large (Farzin and Evan)

- Evan took that check to Strand Hall
- Evan was at board games night, will report for Jason
 - Went well
 - The two of them were there to 9:00
 - Wasn't advertised on CMPT-Students, so turn out wasn't as large as we would like

4 Frosh Report

- Sponsorship updates:
 - FAS gave \$250
 - Simba gave \$1000
 - Working with absolute software, first time working with this company, but could be more than \$1000
- Working on the survival guide
 - Mircea has been doodling imagery and logos
 - It would be helpful if people would curate the room list for accuracy; For example, parking services moved
- There's an idea that we might be able to share some of the theme with other student societies
- For instance, engineers want to use a bunch of puns in their house names where as ours are programming paradigms and languages, but would still keep the Game of Tron theme
- The idea is if we share the cost of the graphic design we'll save some money

5 Website Update

- Mircea has spoke to Nikita and is offering to help us set up our website
 - Is offering to reference us to a company called Dime VPS that could offer us good service for \$7 a month
- Digital Ocean service is offering for \$5 month
- Will keep our options open, we're currently leaning to Digital Ocean on the basis that we don't need that much service for the purpose of our site

6 TSSU Update and Taking Stances

- There is precedent for taking stances, as we have done with an incident in Cog Sci. before, though that was more offering students the opportunity to sign in solidarity
- Colin talks about whether or not we can take stances, which is summarized in point below
 - Last semester we had a discussion about build SFU and taking a stance with No To Build SFU
 - It makes sense to take stances since our parent association, the SFSS, does, all the time
 - And theres nothing in our constitution that says that we cannot
 - People make the argument that we can't stand for the opinion of the students
 - But as elected representatives isn't that the whole point
- Chris: If we were to take a stance, would it have to be more than 50%?
- Colin: That's the thing, we have no mechanism for this yet
- Corbett: The SFSS has two sorts of policies, ones that are implemented and ones that are stances, operational policies vs issue policies
- Corbett: I've always thought that was how it should be
- Consensus is that our current rules are lacking when it comes to informing us how to carry out these policies
- Corbett: [Currently] It takes four weeks to approve a policy and two weeks to approve a standing order
- Ideally we need to give students a chance to chime in about taking a stance, so we cannot have the power to immediately impose one

- Another argument is that our policy should be focused only on the major and the department, for example 'We support open source'
 - There is some discussion about previous examples of this and the arguments that this is what we should stick with
- It is discussed how, as the lowest branch of student governance, can we not take a stance as our parent organization does? After all, we are closer to students voices, in some way.
- An example of a prior policy is the CSSS opposing Microsoft expanding its programs distributing free licenses at SFU
 - They got some blow back from some people who felt they didn't have time to respond to the CSSS imposing this policy
- We need to establish rules for settling this issue
 - Resolved to strike a Policy Committee meeting
 - Resolved to make a doodle for a Policy Committee meeting, to settle a time to meet
 - Make a doodle for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday to discuss this bureaucracy
- Furthermore, will postpone a decision on the TSSU until later, as we need to clear up stances

7 Open Floor

7.1 Exec Photos

- There is a gentleman that takes photos for the department, we'd like to use him for our future events
- We also need to figure out what CSSS branded stuff we would like
- What are we going to wear for these photos in the next few weeks, and where are we going to take them
 - Could pass the CS Hoodies around
 - Photos could always be changed once we get branded clothing
- We'll set up an appointment
- Pure black t-shirts with a white CSSS Logo and a pure white t-shirt with black CSSS Logo suggested as ideas for branded t-shirts

7.2 Miscellaneous

- Will add to the agenda for next meeting: Asking the CS Office for department items (Goodie Items, Swag, e.t.c.)

7.3 Motion to Table the Discussion on the U-Pass to next meeting

- Sid Motions
- Chris Seconds
- Majority favor
- None opposed
- Motion passes

8 Approval of the Minutes

- Anton motions to move the approval of the minutes of June 17 2015
 - Majority favour
 - None opposed
 - Motion passes
- Anton motions to move the approval of the minutes of July 2 2015
 - Majority favour
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 - None opposed
- Sid motions to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM
 - None opposed
 - Motion passes

Meeting is adjourned at 2:00PM.