

CSSS General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 15:35 in TASCI 9204E by Jonathan Loewen.

Minutes taken by Dawn Chandler.

Attendance

Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Discord	Affiliation
Ali Khamesy			Member
Anna Tang		atangzer	First Year Rep
Ben Katz			Member
Blaise Crisologo			ESSS Exec
Bryan Chan			Member
Ching Wang			Member
Courtenay Huffman		cocopuff	Director of Events, WiCS Communications Coordinator
David Miller		Fundai	President
Dawn Chandler		dawnchandler	Director of Archives, WiCS President
Dustin Cao		Pinsie	Treasurer
Eric Gao		xCatx	Exec at Large
Evan Coulter			Member

Gareth Moon			Member
Henry Zhao		Xifos	Director of Communications
Jace Manshadi (remote via Discord)		modernNeo	WebMaster, SysAdmin
Jeffrey Leung		Kurokaze	SFSS Board FAS Rep
Jonathan Loewen		Boris	Vice President
Karan Aujla			Member
Kasra Jamshidi			Member
Kearro Chow			Member
Kia Mirsalehi		aleony	Director of Resources, SFSS Council Chair
Matthew Morrison (remote via Discord)		Nosirrom	Member
Mircea Taras			Member, Former DoR
Mitchell Gale			Member
Noble Tan		Snowble	First Year Rep
Ryan Vansickle		Doeoeod	Exec at Large
Vijender Bakhshi			Member

1. Report of Officers

a. President (David Miiller):

i. CSSS January Hackathon:

1. See below

- ii. ACM SIGGRAPH:
 - 1. Conference happening in Vancouver next year
 - a. They are looking for 400 volunteers
 - b. Many of them could be SFU CS students
 - c. Volunteers get perks
 - iii. Presidential Event
 - 1. Supposed to do one per semester
 - 2. SFU Poker Club is AWOL, so might not be able to do a poker night
 - iv. Has been helping Jonathan Loewen with the Hoodie Sale
- b. Vice President (Jonathan Loewen):
- i. Running Hoodie Sale
 - 1. Selling hoodies, crewneck sweaters, and t-shirts in ASB Atrium until end of the week.
- c. Treasurer (Dustin Cao):
- i. Regrets:
 - 1. Financial update:
 - a. Dev Equipment: \$4,003.37
 - b. Contingency: \$1,000.19
 - c. Community Service Package: \$6,437.90
 - d. Core: \$1848.49
 - 2. There is a cheque (Visier sponsorship?) ready for pickup at the CS office.
- d. Director of Communications (Henry Zhao):
- i. Visier Event
 - 1. Spoke with Christopher Duffin.
 - 2. Visier wants to give \$500 to a workshop/presentation they will do.
 - 3. Seems like a lot of money. Can spend on catering, door prizes.
 - 4. Will need more people to plan this event.

5. Want to hold it after OpFair one day for Visier employees' convenience.

ii. Discord:

1. Been putting out fires.

e. Director of Events (Courtenay Huffman):

i. Halloween Boardgames Night went well. Attendance was low, perhaps due to the event being on a Tuesday, so there was a lot of leftover food.

ii. The next Boardgames Night will be next Friday.

f. Director of Resources (Kia Mirsalehi):

i. Pop order arrived.

ii. General state of cleanliness in common room: will get slightly cleaner.

g. Director of Archives (Dawn Chandler):

i. Been editing and posting minutes in appropriate places.

ii. Audio recordings of meetings are being deleted after minutes are approved.

iii. Is stepping down from her position as DoA because is going to Toronto for work.

1. CSSS will have to elect an Elections Officer to run the by-election, which will happen in the first week of December.

2. Might need to schedule an additional CSSS general meeting in early December.

h. First Year Reps

i. Anna Tang:

1. First-Year LAN Party will be postponed to next week or next next week because need to give Johnny (CSIL Op) enough time to install games in CSIL. Will announce new date shortly.

ii. Noble Tan:

1. Has been planning LAN Party with Anna.

2. Has booked 3x 3-hour timeslots for study rooms for first-years.

i. Exec at Larges

i. Ryan Vansickle:

1. Nothing to report.

ii. Eric Gao:

1. Been doing various cleaning/miscellaneous tasks around the common room.

j. SFSS Board FAS Rep (Jeffrey Leung):

i. SFSS Club Exec Social:

1. Had icebreakers, free food, discussed what every club was doing.
2. Might hold a similar event for DSUs.

ii. FAS Formal:

1. Looking for venues far from SFU (i.e. downtown), where food+beverage+ballroom in a hotel is minimum \$15 000.

2. Finances:

- a. Last year the CSSS sponsored the FAS Formal for \$400. This year the committee would like increased sponsorship from all DSUs.
- b. David Miiller: Even in pricier years, the CSSS gave roughly the same amount.
- c. Harder to sell tickets when the price is higher.
- d. The FAS Formal committee doesn't need all the sponsorship money right now, but needs at least some to do deposits, etc..
- e. CSSS could do a fundraiser to produce the sponsorship money.
- f. David Miiller: Any profit from the FAS Formal should go back to DSUs.

- g. Jeffrey Leung: The profit could go into the FASSU.
 - h. Conclusion: Will (maybe) present numbers and renewed pitch during Open Floor.
- 3. Event scheduled for late March. CSSS can sell tickets to FAS Formal alongside hoodies.
- 4. Looking for more members to join the organising committee. Please contact a CSSS exec (csss-exec@sfu.ca) if interested.
- iii. FASSU:
 - 1. Will be discussed during Open Floor.
- k. FAS Rep to SFSS Council (Kia Mirsalehi):
 - i. Council Meeting:
 - 1. Raised issues related to students' problems with their societies.
 - 2. There will be an advocacy meeting to discuss further.
- l. WiCS President (Dawn Chandler):
 - i. Halloween social was intimate but fun.
 - ii. EA TechTalks event was yesterday. Quite well attended (40+ people and ran out of pizza.)
 - iii. Went to CAN-CWiC conference in Montreal last weekend. (It's like a Canadian Grace Hopper.)
 - iv. Mentorship program for new female students is happening.
 - v. CodeMavens (technical interview prep workshop) still happening every Wednesday at 3:30PM in TASCi 8003. Open to everyone. Please contact Dawn Chandler if you would like to be added to a mailing list for that.
 - vi. Veggie Lunch: WiCS members and friends still meeting up at Veggie Lunch every Thursday at 11:30. <https://www.facebook.com/sfuveggielunch/>

2. Hoodie Sale

- a. Jonathan Loewen, David Miiller, and other CSSS Execs have been selling branded hoodies, crewneck sweaters, t-shirts, and frosh t-shirts in ASB Atrium every day this week.
- b. Sales are doing very well. Goal to sell over 75 items.
- c. Deadline to preorder an embroidered hoodie is this Friday, November 10 at 4:00PM.

3. Hackathon

- a. Some organisers had to bow out because of personal reasons.
- b. Priorities are getting website up and getting sponsorship package done.
- c. Need a theme by Friday.
- d. David Miiller is working on a grant to the SFSS.
- e. Funding from School of Computing Science is confirmed (\$500).
- f. Side note: Let David Miiller know if you're going to nwHacks and need a team, because he can assemble one for you. nwHacks has a great job fair.

4. Open Floor

- a. Boardgames Night
 - i. There was too much food at the Halloween Boardgames night because there were fewer people (it was on a Tuesday) and the food budget went farther (since food came from Costco).
 - ii. Eric Gao motions for \$150 from External to buy food for the next CSSS Boardgames Night.
 - 1. Kia Mirsalehi seconds.
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Dawn Chandler: There are people coming to Boardgames Night just for food.

ii. Discussion:

1. Is it okay that people are coming just for food or are using Boardgames Night as dinner?
2. It's not the CSSS's job to feed students.
3. Food contributes to the Boardgames Night atmosphere.

iii. Analysis:

1. ~30% of people who eat the food show up just for food.
2. People in the common room rush over to Boardgames Nights when they smell the pizza being walked through the ASB.
3. Normally we run out of food, but it's a "comfortable" running out.
4. More people are coming to Boardgames Night, so costs have increased, but we've also found cheaper sources of food (i.e. Costco).

iv. Ideas:

1. We can get a grant for food from the SFSS, but then we'd have to order pizza through MECS. Consensus over MECS pizza being horrible.
2. Sign in sheet so that only people who are there for the

boardgames at the beginning
can eat.

3. Scale back on the amount of food? Just have snacks?
4. Budget \$150, but spend \$100 on food initially and spend another \$50 if people are still hungry.
5. Implement a ticket system.
6. Charge for food.
7. Collect data on how many people eat but don't play boardgames.
8. Bring the pizza in through a backdoor in TASCII. Don't let it go past the common room.

b. Kasra Jamshidi seconds.

c. Motion passes.

b. LAN Party:

- i. Anna Tang motions for \$400 from External for snacks and prizes for First-Year LAN party.

1. Kia Mirsalehi seconds.

2. Discussion:

a. Rough budget is \$250 for pizza and \$150 for snacks.

b. 70 people RSVP'd.

c. There is frosh swag earmarked for first-years that we can give out at the event.

d. Could spend some of the money on prizes (raffle and/or competition), such as Steam cards or games.

e. How late will the event go? Very late.

3. Kia Mirsalehi amends the motion to include prizes and other supplies in addition to pizza and snacks.
4. Mitchell Gale: opposed.
5. Motion passes.

c. BCTech Summit

- i. Ben Katz is advertising it (May 14-16, 2018).
- ii. Might be able to get funding to attend through FAS Dean.
- iii. Funding to attend is available through the SFSS Travel and Conference fund. Any member can motion for funding at CSSS general meeting before attending the conference.
- iv. There's <\$400 remaining there for the CSSS. Odds of applying to increase it and being approved are good.

d. FAS Formal:

- i. David Miiller: CSSS could sponsor \$650 but doesn't want FAS Formal to make money off of DSU's sponsorships. Doesn't want sponsorship to increase every year.
- ii. Revenue could go to FASSU.
- iii. Currently FAS Formal has no money in the account. Need money upfront to book venues, etc..
- iv. Eric Gao motions for \$650.00 from External to sponsor the FAS Formal for various expenses.
 1. David Miiller seconds.
 2. Mitchell Gale opposed.
 3. Motion passes.

e. FASSU:

- i. Will be an SFSS club in the Spring, ideally set up before start of semester.

- ii. No DSUs opposed. DSU Execs will meet to discuss implementation details. Club proposal for next year.

f. Constitution:

- i. Discussing and approving changes to CSSS Constitution were put on hold because of Frosh.
- ii. Voting on the amendments will take place mid-Spring.
- iii. Should add something about FASSU.

g. Snacks for Graphics Workshop:

- i. Jeff Wang motions for \$25.00 from External to buy snacks for the CMPT 361 (Graphics) weekly workshop.
 - 1. David Miiller seconds.
 - 2. Discussion:
 - a. 3-4 people have been attending week-to-week.
 - b. Could do a one-time bulk grant for providing snacks/supplies for these workshops instead of motioning at a CSSS meeting every 2 weeks. SFSS processes smaller grants processed more efficiently.
 - 3. Motion passes.

h. SFU Institutional Research and Planning (IRP)

- i. Jeff Wang wants to see more of the data related to Computing Science students' GPAs.
- ii. David Miiller will talk to the IRP and look into it more.

5. Approval of the Minutes

- a. David Miiller motions to approve the minutes from the CSSS general meeting on October 25, 2017 with amendments.
 - i. Kia Mirsalehi seconds.

ii. Motion passes.

6. Motion to Adjourn

a. Jonathan Loewen motions to adjourn meeting.

i. Kia Mirsalehi seconds.

ii. None opposed.

b. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56PM.