

CSSS General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Meeting called to order at 15:34 in TASCI 9204E by Jonathan Loewen.

Minutes taken by Dawn Chandler.

Attendance

Name	Email (@sfu.ca)	Discord (Optional)	Affiliation
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Bryan Chan	bca69@sfu.ca		Member
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Courtenay Huffman	chuffman@sfu.ca	cocopuff	Director of Events, WiCS Communications Coordinator
David Miller	dmiiller@sfu.ca	Fundai	President
Dawn Chandler	dschandl@sfu.ca	dawnchandler	Director of Archives, WiCS President
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Eric Ly	ekly@sfu.ca		Member

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Henry Zhao	mhzhao@sfu.ca	Xifos	Director of Communications
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Vijender Bakhshi	vbakhshi@sfu.ca		Member
		lsvan (via Discord)	

1. Report of Officers

a. President (David Miiller):

- i. Had a meeting with David Mitchell, some FAS staff, and some CSSS execs about changes to 2.4 GPA policy.
 - 1. David Mitchell was very open to our concerns, is interested in establishing a clearer, but still compassionate system.
 - 2. Students with CGPAs 2.0-2.4 will be given support to improve their GPAs.
 - 3. Students with CGPAs <2.0 will be removed from their CMPT program because they are taking up valuable seats.
 - 4. Ample warning will be given before the changes are implemented.

b. Vice President (Jonathan Loewen):

- i. Has been selling tickets (\$20/each) for Halloween Pub Crawl in ASB Atrium that MECS and ESSS are organising.

c. Treasurer (Dustin Cao):

- i. Regrets:
 - 1. Needs to do cash run.
 - 2. Financial Update:
 - a. Dev Equipment: \$4,003.37
 - b. Contingency: \$1,000.19
 - c. Community Service Package: \$3,173.40
 - d. Core: \$1848.49

d. Director of Communications (Henry Zhao):

- i. Writing next newsletter to cmpt-students.
- ii. Continuing to book CSIL for Blender club regularly.

e. Director of Events (Courtenay Huffman):

- i. Halloween Boardgames Night will be next Tuesday October 31.

- ii. CUSEC [<http://2018.cusec.net/>] tickets go on sale November 1.
- f. Director of Resources (Kia Mirsalehi):
 - i. Pop order arrived.
- g. Director of Archives (Dawn Chandler):
 - i. Uploaded and organised meeting minutes.
 - ii. Will be recording audio for general meetings and deleting it after editing meeting minutes.
 - iii. Meeting minutes now attached to meeting announcements via Google Docs.
 - iv. Tidying maillists by transferring ownership to csss and making csss-doa a manager and the moderator.
- h. First Year Reps
 - i. Anna Tang:
 - 1. Will hold LAN party on Friday, November 10, starting in evening and going late.
 - ii. Noble Tan:
 - 1. Regrets:
 - a. Nothing to report.
- i. Exec at Larges
 - i. Ryan Vansickle:
 - 1. Nothing to report.
 - ii. Eric Gao:
 - 1. Has concerns about condensed milk and popcorn in common room.
 - 2. Needs more tasks.
- j. WiCS President (Dawn Chandler):
 - i. CodeMavens is happening every Wednesday at 3:30PM in TASCI 8003, for anyone who's interested in practising for technical interviews.
 - ii. WiCS Halloween Social will be on Monday, October 30 in place of our regular meeting, in TASCI 9204. All are welcome.

- iii. WiCS is hosting a TechTalks event with technical employees from EA on Tuesday, November 7, open to all FAS students. RSVP form is almost at capacity.

k. SFSS Board FAS Rep (Jeffrey Leung):

- i. Please fill out the 5-10 minute survey for SFSS budget consultations.
- ii. SFU budget consultations are going on. The SFSS will hold a demonstration against the tuition increases on Friday, October 27 at 12:00PM in Freedom Square.
- iii. FAS Formal committee has been working hard. Still deciding on date, venue, theme. Looking for sponsors.
- iv. Held FASSU (Faculty of Applied Sciences Student Union) meeting. FASSU will be a club starting in Spring 2018. Student Unions will be able to send representatives who will receive roles within the FASSU. Looking for feedback from students.

2. 2.4 GPA Changes

- a. David Miiller: See Report of Officers.

3. Hackathon

- a. David Miiller:

- i. Committee of CSSS members has been formed.
- ii. Hackathon will take place January 20-21, 2018.
- iii. Website and sponsorship package will be ready soon. Will begin reaching out to companies by end of the month.
- iv. Registration will open in November.
- v. Please contact David Miiller [csss-president@sfu.ca] if you would like to help organise the annual CSSS hackathon.

4. Hoodie Sale

- a. Jonathan Loewen:

- i. Looking for volunteers to help him sell hoodies (and tickets to the Halloween Pub Crawl) and take preorders on hoodies in the ASB atrium from 10:00AM-2:00PM tomorrow.
 - b. No updates on the latest hoodie order. Waiting 1-2 more weeks for them to respond before poking them.
 - c. Money for this order already approved.
 - d. Square receipts are still going to Corbett; should redirect to csss and will filter them into a folder.
 - e. Can mix and match hoodie colours and logos.
- 5. Halloween Socials
 - a. MECS/ENSC organising a Halloween Pub Crawl this Friday, October 27.
 - b. CSSS Halloween Boardgames Night:
 - i. Instead of having Boardgames Night this Friday, there will be a Halloween Boardgames night on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:00PM-late.
 - ii. Oscar Smith-Sieger and Jeff Wang are the main organisers.
 - iii. There will be a costume contest (with prizes!), food (i.e. pizza), candy, Halloween movies, and (of course) boardgames.
 - iv. Oscar Smith-Sieger motions for up to \$350.00 from External for food and prizes for the Halloween Boardgames Night on Tuesday, October 31.
 - 1. Mitchell Gale seconds.
 - 2. Motion passes.
 - 3. None opposed.
- 6. GameJam Support
 - a. David Miiller:
 - i. BC GameJam (a hackathon where people make games) happening February 9-11, 2018 at BCIT.

- ii. Many CSSS members attended last year, had a good time. Oscar Smith-Sieger is an organiser.
- iii. For \$500, sponsors receive logo recognition, tickets, 30 seconds of speaking time, and a table. We might also be able to get an SFU lounge.
- b. David Miiller motions for \$500.00 from External for the CSSS to sponsor the BC GameJam happening in February 2018.
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Student tickets are \$10. There will be food and an opportunity to win prizes.
 - 2. There is also a Global GameJam near the end of January.
 - ii. Corbett Gildersleve seconds.
 - iii. Motion passes.
 - iv. None opposed.

7. Open Floor

- a. Replacing a Boardgame
 - i. Eric Ly:
 - 1. Lent his own personal copy of Exploding Kittens during Boardgames Night and did not get it back.
 - ii. Eric Gao motions for up to \$55.00 from External to replace Eric Ly's copy of Exploding Kittens.
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a. We will keep a better eye out to avoid thefts (if this was a theft).
 - 2. Eric Ly seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes.
 - 4. None opposed.
- b. Dev Equipment Purchase
 - i. David Miiller: Kai Zhang, a CSSS member, wishes to purchase some accessories for his own Raspberry Pi

project, which would be owned by the CSSS and on loan to him through the dev equipment library.

ii. Kai Zhang wishes to purchase:

1. camera module - 29.95

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/3099>

2. display module 7" - 79.95

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/2718>

3. usb microphone - 5.95

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/3367>

4. speaker phat - 12.95

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/3401>

5. mini keyboard - 17.5

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/1737>

iii. Total cost is \$146.30, with 20% contingency for taxes and shipping, gives \$200.00.

iv. Others are welcome to make proposals purchase hardware with the CSSS's earmarked dev equipment funds.

v. David Miiller motions for up to \$200.00 (CAD) for the items discussed from Dev Equipment.

1. Oscar Smith-Sieger seconds.

2. None opposed.

3. Motion passes.

vi. Might have to review amounts/items if underestimated the total cost.

c. Engineering Competition

i. Corbett Gildersleve:

1. The ESSS organises a qualifier competition that feeds into the Western Engineering Competition.

2. They have added a coding component (a monitoring system for a rail system).

3. They are looking for a judge for this software component. Please speak to Corbett Gildersleve or David Miller if you would like to judge the competition this Sunday. If you have co-op experience and are a CS student, you are more than prepared.

d. IRP Data

- i. Jeff Wang: Wants the CSSS to request the raw data from the SFU IRP (Institutional Research and Planning) regarding the CGPAs of CS students.
- ii. Discussion:
 1. It's better for the CSSS to approach them, than a random student.
 2. Would give us a more informed idea of how changes to the 2.4 GPA policy would affect students.
 3. Would the data be anonymised?
 4. Could we get more granularised summaries of the data that is available on the IRP website?
 5. There is a form to make a request for this.
 6. Could be a good project for a Big Data student.
 7. Having IRP compile the data and then present it to us (instead of giving us the raw data) would be fine.
- iii. David Miller will bring this up in his next meeting with Brad Bart or David Mitchell and ask them to request the data. If they say no, then we can use our student voice and contact the IRP ourselves.

e. Study Group

- i. Anna Tang:

1. Ali Khamesy and her are starting a study group called CodePotatoes, which will help people who are new to coding develop their own personal projects.
 2. This is not a group for working on assignments.
 3. More experienced students could act as mentors.
- ii. Not exactly a study group. A programming commons? A co-working space?
 - iii. Welcome to go through the CSSS to advertise or book rooms.

f. Graphics Workshop Snacks

- i. Jeff Wang: Would like some snacks for his weekly CMPT 361 workshops.
- ii. Jeff Wang runs a workshop on Thursday evenings to help people in CMPT 361 with assignments and understand concepts. He took the notoriously difficult class already.
- iii. David Miller motions for \$25.00 from External for snacks for the Graphics workshops for this and future weeks.
 1. Eric Gao seconds.
 2. Paul Allan opposed.
 3. Motion passes.
- iv. Jeff Wang might want to consider forming an SFSS club to get snack funding.

g. FAS Student Group Meeting

- i. Jonathan Loewen: Attended the meeting with other CSSS executives.
- ii. The FAS Rembrandt Robotics Competition [<https://www.sfu.ca/fas/current-student/advising/FAS-competition.html>] will be on Friday, November 17

from 4:00PM-7:30PM in the ASB Atrium. There will be popcorn and pop. Winners are partially determined by popular vote. Corbett is on the organising committee, so you can direct your questions to him.

- iii. Angelica Sypal-Kohout from FAS Academic Advising wants students to know that there is a course called SCI 301: Science Communication which teaches students how to speak to non-technical people about technical topics. Does not count towards WQB requirements.

8. Approval of the Minutes

- a. David Miiller motions to approve the minutes from the CSSS general meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 with amendments.
 - i. Oscar Smith-Sieger seconds.
 - ii. None opposed.
 - iii. Motion passes.

9. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Jonathan Loewen motions to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. None opposed.
 - ii. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 16:34.