IEEE Meeting Minutes

Final Officers Meeting of the semester

8:00 P.M. – 9:28 P.M.

Attendance: Allanah Matthews, Carolyn, Connor, Daniel Brown, James, Joshua, Jun Won Oh, Kiran Aziz, Tony, Emily Stryker, Robin, Matthew Cheung, Brandon Tiev (left before 8:15)

Introductions

* Name
* Grade
* Position in the club
* Major
* Favorite language
* James
  + Senior
  + Chair
  + C++ main
  + Goat at minesweeper
* Carolyn
  + Grad vice chair
  + Phd student
  + Python
* Connor
  + Senior
  + Cs mat
  + Vice chair.
  + C++
* Joshua
  + Sophomore
  + Cs mat
  + Java
  + Treasurer
* Robin 🇰🇷
  + Senior
  + Cs major
  + Webmaster
  + No favorite language. Definitely not python or javascript
* Tony
  + Junior.
  + Cs mat
  + Secretary
  + favorite language is pony
  + President of the running club
* Allanah (uh-lay-na)
  + Comp engineering with concentration in computers
  + Senior
  + Cannot get past moderate or hard level in guitar level
* Daniel brown
  + Freshman
  + Computer engineering and electrical engineering
  + Intelligence director
  + Big history guy
* Emily
  + Junior
  + Cs mat general concentration
  + Outreach director
  + C++ buff
  + Fun fact: favorite non programming language is sign language
* Jun won oh
  + Senior
  + Cs major
  + Social media director
  + Doesn’t have a favorite language
* Kiran (keer-ahn)
  + Sophomore
  + Is junior vice chair
  + Math and cs dual major
  + Favorite language is python
  + Used to do gymnastics and can do a back handspring! Trained to do a backflip at one point
* Matthew cheung
  + Technically a senior but really a sophomore
  + Major is cs
  + Junior chair
  + Thinks every language is cool 🥰
  + Has two dogs (Pomeranians)

Semester retrospective

* Overview of the attendance
* What have we done well?
  + We hit our goal of 11 workshops hosted
  + 5 side project development nights
  + 6 professional development nights
  + We recruited a j board and d board
  + We got money from the SA
  + We launched youtube, Instagram, and github accounts
  + We built advertising piplines
* What could we do better?
  + We don’t have as much attendance as the IEEE had when meetings were in-person
  + Some workshops may have been too complicated for some people
  + We didn’t have a company give a talk or any people give research talks
  + We didn’t have a very coordinated hackathon effort
  + No one at side project development night actually worked on any side projects
  + Solutions?
    - We could use dev post to host a hackathon
    - We also need to get help from MLH and MLH has minimum requirements for attendance
    - MLH’s local hack day is easier to host
    - Hosting a ‘UAlbany Hacks’ type event would take a ton of organization
* Semester feedback
  + James
    - Favorite: machine learning workshop
    - Workshop for next semester: quantum computing, electrical engineering
    - Events for next semester: research talks and company talks
  + Allanah
    - Machine learning workshop
    - Red team implants
    - Not sure
  + Carolyn
    - Github workshop
    - Petko for research talk
  + Connor
    - Github workshop
    - More beginner workshops
  + Daniel
    - Quantum computing
    - More computer engineering workshops
    - Soldering workshops
  + Emily
    - Game engine workshop
    - Computer engineering workshops
    - Assembly workshop
  + Joshua
    - Tony’s, his, connor’s
    - More professor or company talks
  + Jun
    - Liked the git and android workshops, the ones where you follow along
    - Web development workshop
  + Kiran
    - Github workshop
    - Do workshops that will garner more freshman members
    - How to use an ide
  + Matthew cheung
    - The og coding night workshop (Tony’s)
      * Said it was realistic because connor made him sweat hehe 🥵
      * James was being toxic to some person 🥴 (jk)
    - Electrical engineering and computer engineering things
    - Wants tesla to give a talk
  + Robin
    - Has no favorite workshop and thinks they are lacking a lot 😔
      * Criticisms: he got bored, timing on workshops was poorly done
    - AWS, docker, VIM, electrical engineering, audio engineering
  + Tony
    - Game engine workshops
    - Wants game development and web assembly
    - Wants company talks: Jahnel group, regeneron, commerce hub, gray castle

Winter Break Plans

* Winter Side Project Initiative (WSPI)
  + What is it? What are our goals?
    - James’ thoughts: hosting teams of side projects, anyone can volunteer to be team captain, cap the number of projects/team captains (4?), we get people to sign up in the discord
      * Individual projects included as well
      * Anyone who wants to participate will submit a proposal by dec 15th describing the projects, indicating whether they want to work individually or on a team, how many projects they want to work on
      * People can start assembling their teams this week if they know who they want to work with or if they need to find people
      * We will keep hosting the side project development nights on Fridays where people can get help
      * Don’t take ghosters too seriously
        + Team captains can fire them?? 😣
      * Due date: no hard deadline
  + How do we keep people engaged?
  + Should we keep it contained to the winter break or extend it to spring semester?
  + Team or individual projects?
  + Ideas for groups
    - Connor is interested in being a team captain
    - James in interested in being a team captain
      * Likely AI based, wants to use non axiomatic reasoning AI
    - Operating system team
    - Web development team
    - 8-bit processor VHDL
    - Robin: what if we had team project proposals?
* Winter meeting schedule
  + Robin will continue hosting the coding night if he can keep up with the time zone difference
  + James will continue hosting the side project development night
  + Workshops: if someone wants to host one, just speak to James about it to set up a date, but we will not be adhering to a strict schedule, you could also do a joint workshop and team up with someone
  + Side project development night is getting transmuted into WSPI night
  + All dates and times are the same

Administrative matters

* Treasurer’s exam
  + Joshua planning on taking it soon
* VTools registration
* TLPI
  + D board members need to schedule a meeting with the chair
  + J board members need to schedule a meeting with the chair and their e board counterpart
  + Talk about future plans for the club and training

Party

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