

# February 7th, 2019 Meeting Resolution

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## Attendance

At the February 7th meeting of the Student Council at the College of Computing at Georgia Tech there were 19 students in attendance.

## Meeting Resolutions

Each resolution will be prefixed with the number of members in attendance that support it. The most highly supported resolutions will appear at the top of this document.

- (17) On the matter of space being opened up on the third floor of the CoC, some of the space should be allocated specifically for teaching assistant office hours space for 3000 and 4000 level classes which do not have labs. At the time of writing this resolution, these classes' teaching assistants often have troubles finding consistent space. This frustrates students who have difficulty finding help when they need it for assignments. Likewise, the difficulty finding space frustrates the teaching assistants.
- (16) On the matter of the email-based communication channel in the CoC, cc-newsandevents, the following issues have been voted by the student community as ones to be addressed:
  1. Moderation transparency: There is little to no transparency in the email moderation process. The moderation process seems to take place at odd hours of the day and has been found to be the cause of delay in important CoC announcements reaching the student body in a timely manner.
  2. Email bouncing and privacy: In recent incidents, undeliverable cc-newsandevents emails bounced and sent multiple error emails to the entire mailing list, which not only caused inconvenience to the student community but exposed a student's private email address. The CoC should take steps to resolve this issue, including considering using a more secure mailing list server than SYMPA.
  3. Redundancy and spam: On average, the student body receives between 2 - 4 separate emails from the mailing list server per day. The redundancy of news contained in emails along with their frequent dispatch reduces the effectiveness of the server in its function of keeping the CoC student body informed by frustrating its readers. The CoC should take steps to consolidate email information and curtail redundancy.
- (15) On the matter of space being opened up on the third floor of the CoC, some of the space should be allocated for general-use study space by students, and existing study spaces (such as "The Nest" in 346) should be refurbished and made more accessible. This could include updating the furniture and/or updating the selection of books in its library, which are relatively outdated for the most part. This would grant students

more places to study collaboratively and learn from one another while building a stronger sense of community within the college.

- (15) Current study spaces need to have their furniture and equipment updated. For example, there is currently not a functioning stapler by the printer in the commons. Additionally, the printer in the commons does not always function properly, and cannot print in color.
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- (14) On the matter of space being opened up on the third floor of the CoC, CoC Student Orgs should be able to book some of the new space for meetings and/or events. This could be done through the Event Management System.
- (12) On the matter of space being opened up on the third floor of the CoC, some of this space should be allocated toward a “maker space” which would allow students to check out and work with hardware devices. This would allow students greater opportunities to work with real hardware in a collaborative setting, making them more skilled and prepared to start careers which require such skills. This space could also allow hardware to be checked out, and this system could be managed by student employees. The hardware available could include development boards for courses at Tech, arduinos, VR devices, etc.