**Dalhousie Women in Technology Society**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2018  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Goldberg Slonim Room

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<td>Alicia Wong (President)</td>
<td>Ava Paulino</td>
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<td>Samara Burton (VP Internal)</td>
<td>Megan Deering</td>
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<td>Emma Travers (Treasurer)</td>
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<td>Maria Jessen (Interim Secretary)</td>
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<td>Ian Sifton (Technical Coordinator)</td>
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<td>Rebecca Ansems (Education Rep.)</td>
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<td>Mira MacNeill (Marketing &amp; PR, CSS Rep.)</td>
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<td>Rasleen Kaur Gandhi (Events &amp; Social Rep.)</td>
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Agenda Items:

- **Introductions & Attendance**
  - Join the Society! [http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS](http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS)

- **Announcements**
  - **Women Entrepreneurship Week Event** – Thursday Oct. 18 7-9pm
    - Speakers, networking opportunity afterwards
    - There may be food
    - Hosted in ShiftKey labs (room next to Slonim room)
    - Send questions to Alicia
  - **Canada Learning Code** – October 20 & 27
    - Teaching women, students, teachers how to code
    - Volunteer mentors assist main instructor, help students solve issues
    - Issues generally aren’t difficult to solve (base CS knowledge is enough)
    - This event will be Teachers Learning Code
    - Prof. Sampangi’s web dev class – can earn marks for volunteering
  - **Can-CWiC** – November 2-3
    - Conference, career fair
    - Faculty is willing to pay majority of ticket cost ($40 out of $60)
      - Original application deadline today, but can still try sending an email to Bonnie MacKay
      - Mention that you’re in WiTS in your application
    - See what’s going on in industry, meet company representatives
    - Speakers from MIT, Carnegie Melon, Google, etc.
  - **FCS Women in Technology Day** – Friday, November 16 (reading week)
    - We’ve been asked to help volunteer
    - Female students from high schools come in to do workshops and see what CS is like
    - Volunteers answer questions, etc.
    - May get food and/or a t-shirt
    - Talk to Alicia if you want to volunteer
CS Week – November 19 – 23 (the week after reading week)
  ▪ WiTS will be doing an event
    ▪ We Talk Tech will not be during CS week (too late in semester)
CSS Snowball – November 23
  ▪ Ends CS Week
  ▪ Annual CS formal banquet
  ▪ Held at the Westin hotel this year
    ▪ Will have a WiTS table so we can sit together

• Executives’ Updates
  o President (Alicia)
  o VP External (Emily)
    ▪ In charge of We Talk Tech
      ➢ Big event for semester
      ➢ Emily has a letter to send out to potential speakers
      ➢ As of this meeting, date has not yet been finalized
  o VP Internal (Samara)
    ▪ Planning internal event in November – dinner
      ▪ Met with Emily and representative from the Graduate Student Society to discuss initiatives
  o Treasurer (Emma)
    ▪ Planning expenses for We Talk Tech, particularly catering

• Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
  o Apparel Design & Items
    ▪ Ordering through society desk, getting a budget approved
    ▪ May be able to subsidize for WiTS members
    ▪ Stickers are in the works,
    ▪ Looking into doing t-shirts, long-sleeve baseball tees, hoodies, crewnecks
      ➢ Won’t be ordering all of them, just looking at prices
    ▪ Designs are limited by cost of printing (eg. Can’t use too many colours)
      ➢ Proposed designs: full logo or small logo on upper chest
➢ Speak to Emma to see currently considered designs

  o Future Events

  ▪ Internal Event

    ➢ Preferred Date/Time: poll will be posted on our Slack channel, please fill out

    ➢ Tawa Grill – Indian restaurant downtown

      o Let us know if you have dietary restrictions that make it impossible for you to come (we will try to accommodate)

  ▪ We Talk Tech (November)

    ➢ Date and Time: between Nov 5-9

      o Poll will be posted on Slack

    ➢ Theme is “Finding Your Place”

      o Includes imposter syndrome but is broad enough to include various topics, won’t limit speakers

    ➢ Marketing: need to make posters, etc.

    ➢ Speakers – want to start making contact by next meeting

      o Emily has a letter to send to potential speakers

      o Let Alicia or Emily know if you have someone or if you have contact info for someone that we can ask

      o Hoping for majority female speakers, but open to others if they are involved in getting women into tech

      o Can have any affiliation with tech industry

      o Want to get info about speakers together for marketing materials

  ➢ Food

    o Possibility to get catering: expensive

    o If you have suggestions for catering providers, please let Alicia know

  ➢ Panel discussion, networking-type event

    o Panel discussion to start, 5-10-minute speech from each speaker about their journey

    o Next, (depending on number of attendees) hoping to talk to speakers in small groups
Location: have held it in the Collider in the Killam in the past, could have it in the SUB if we have a lot of interest

Suggestions for CS Week Event (want to decide at next meeting)

- Smaller event than WTT, aim to destress
- Suggestions:
  - videogame tournament
  - coffee house
  - luncheon, dinner
  - karaoke
  - summer group
  - movie night – would need to get paperwork done for licensing

- Want to plan something Halloween-related for next Peer-Mentorship Social
  - Talk to Samara if you have ideas

Other Information:

- Stay Connected
  - Join Our Slack: dalwits.slack.com (use Dalhousie Email to sign-up)