



Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Goldberg Slonim Room

Present

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alicia Wong (President)• Samara Burton (VP Internal)• Emma Travers (Treasurer)• Maria Jessen (Interim Secretary)• Ian Sifton (Technical Coordinator)• Rebecca Ansems (Education Rep.)• Mira MacNeill (Marketing & PR, CSS Rep.)• Mellat Mafei• Chloe Risk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ava Paulino• Megan Deering• Megan Grennell• Jesse Rodrigues• Zaaheda Islam• Katie Quesnel• Ellen Lewis• Lini Ye• Kaylee Kim |
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Absent

- Emily Auclair (VP External)
- Julia Kroon (Communications Rep.)
- Rasleen Kaur Gandhi (Events & Social Rep.)
- Heather Brunell (Member-At-Large)
- Raghav Sampangi (Faculty Rep.)

Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Attendance
 - Join the Society! <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
 - President (Alicia)
 - 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
 - VP Internal (Samara)
 - Planning internal event in November – dinner
 - Met with Emily and representative from the Graduate Student Society to discuss initiatives
 - Treasurer (Emma)
 - Planning expenses for We Talk Tech, particularly catering
- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
 - 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
- Future Events
 - Internal Event
 - Preferred Date/Time: poll will be posted on our Slack channel, please fill out
 - Tawa Grill – Indian restaurant downtown
 - 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
 - Poll will be posted on Slack
 - Theme is “Finding Your Place”
 - 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
 - Emily has a letter to send to potential speakers
 - Let Alicia or Emily know if you have someone or if you have contact info for someone that we can ask
 - Hoping for majority female speakers, but open to others if they are involved in getting women into tech
 - Can have any affiliation with tech industry
 - Want to get info about speakers together for marketing materials
 - Food
 - Possibility to get catering: expensive
 - If you have suggestions for catering providers, please let Alicia know
 - Panel discussion, networking-type event
 - Panel discussion to start, 5-10-minute speech from each speaker about their journey
 - 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)
 - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dal.WiTS/>