



## Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

### Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Goldberg Slonim Room

#### Present

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| • Alicia Wong (President)                    | • Mellat Mafei    |
| • Samara Burton (VP Internal)                | • Katie Quesnel   |
| • Emily Auclair (VP External)                | • Ellen Lewis     |
| • Emma Travers (Treasurer)                   | • Jesse Rodrigues |
| • Maria Jessen (Interim Secretary)           | • Megan Deering   |
| • Rasleen Kaur Gandhi (Events & Social Rep.) | • Marlee Donnelly |
| • Mira MacNeill (Marketing & PR, CSS Rep.)   | • Ye Lingyu       |
|  | • Travis Lambe    |

#### Absent

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- Heather Brunell (Member-at-Large)
- Ian Sifton (Technical Coordinator)
- Rebecca Ansems (Education Secretary)
- Julia Kroon (Communications Rep.)

#### Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Attendance
  - Join the Society! <http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS>
  - Please make sure you fill out the attendance and registration
  - Please fill out all polls so that we can plan around your schedule

- Announcements
  - TD & CGI Event – October 25 11:30
    - Executives coming to discuss inclusion, what they look for in job applicants
    - Recruitment information
    - Food provided by faculty
    - All are welcome
    - WiTS has a private meeting at 10:45
      - We'll be pitching our upcoming initiatives
      - They want to hear about female students' experiences
      - Talk to Alicia if you want to come – restricted to WiTS members, limited space
  - Halloween Meetup – October 31 7pm
    - During the peer mentorship meet-up time
      - Activities planned, talk to Samara
  - Can-CWiC – November 2-3
    - Those who have received funding have been notified
    - If you haven't registered, you still need to (not automatic)
    - If people want to go as a group, talk to Samara
    - We recommend informal business-casual clothes (not fancy, but don't come in a hoodie)
    - Full program and list of speakers and topics have been released on the conference website: <https://www.can-cwic.ca/program1.html>
  - Internal Event – TBA (November)
    - Fill out the form on Slack and given in meeting
  - FCS Women in Tech Day – Friday, November 16 (reading week) 9:30-2:30
    - HTML game planned
    - Need general volunteers – talk to Alicia
      - Good experience for co-op
    - About 120 girls being bussed in from around Nova Scotia
  - CS Week – November 19 – 23 (the week after reading week)
    - Self-care Night- November 21
      - Want to have a relaxed event, time to de-stress
  - CSS Snowball – November 23
    - Tickets available at society desk, \$20 (can take cash or credit card)
    - 3-course meal – we don't know what the food is
    - WiTS will have a table if you want to sit together
    - There will be a dancefloor this year
  - Women in Computing Exhibit
    - Created and maintained by the GEM lab
    - Looking for volunteers to create profiles about
      - Talk to Alicia if you want a bio or video in the exhibit
      - Looking for pictures, videos, stories, etc.

- Executives' Updates
  - President (Alicia)
    - Went to CORECS meeting
      - If you have concerns about respect in the faculty, Alicia can pass messages along to them
    - Peer mentorship still happening, meetups every other Wednesday
      - Halloween meetup next week
    - Emailed apparel company – no word back as of this meeting
  - VP External (Emily)
    - We Talk Tech
      - 6 speakers – what we wanted
      - Writing bios to post to Facebook, give people an idea of their background
      - Still need to decide on food – considering Sobeys, Pete's
      - Invite your friends, bring questions
      - If you still have speakers, save them for next WTT (winter semester)
  - VP Internal (Samara)
    - Please fill out the form (link in Slack and given at meeting)
      - Planning activities for Halloween peer mentorship meetup
  - Treasurer (Emma)
    - If you know of anyone who caters, let us know
  - Secretary (Amy) (Interim – Maria)
    - Building the HTML game for the FCS Women in Tech Day
      - Let Maria know if you want to get involved
- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
  - Future Events
    - Halloween
      - Suggestions for activities:
        - Gourd painting
        - Telling spooky stories
      - We will have candy
      - You don't have to dress up, but you are welcome to
    - We Talk Tech (November 7)
      - You don't have to stay for the whole time, we want this event to be low commitment
      - Speakers
        - Initial speech to introduce themselves, then networking-style event
        - Various parts of tech, not just development
          - Broad exposure to potential careers
        - We have 6 speakers

- Food
  - Thinking about appetizer food, sandwiches, meat and cheese platter, crackers
  - Want it to be fancier than pizza, but can't spend too much
- Promotion
  - Bios will be posted soon
- Self-care Night (November 21)
  - Activities
    - Mario Kart, other video games
    - Knitting
    - Origami
    - Board game society may have games we can borrow
    - Cookie decorating
    - Painting – watercolor would be easiest to clean up after
      - Must keep tidy (garbage bags over workspace)
  - Food
    - Veggie tray, fruit tray
    - Hot chocolate, tea
      - We will need kettles
- Feedback on Women Entrepreneurship Week Event
  - Questionnaire/quiz didn't seem relevant
  - Good information, good speakers
- General Questions
  - What is the best way to get information to you guys?
    1. Instagram
    2. Emails
    3. Facebook
    4. Flyers/posters – on bulletin boards, not walls

### Other Information:

- Stay Connected
  - Join Our Slack: [dalwits.slack.com](https://dalwits.slack.com) (use Dalhousie Email to sign-up)
  - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dal.WiTS/>