Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Goldberg Slonim Room

Present

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

Absent

• 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**
  o **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
  o **Halloween Meetup** – October 31 7pm
    ▪ During the peer mentorship meet-up time
    ▪ Activities planned, talk to Samara
  o **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](https://www.can-cwic.ca/program1.html)
  o **Internal Event** – TBA (November)
    ▪ Fill out the form on Slack and given in meeting
  o **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
  o **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
  o **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
  o **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
  o President (Alicia)
    ▪ Went to CORCS 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
  o 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)
  o VP Internal (Samara)
    ▪ Please fill out the form (link in Slack and given at meeting)
    ▪ Planning activities for Halloween peer mentorship meetup
  o Treasurer (Emma)
    ▪ If you know of anyone who caters, let us know
  o 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
  o Future Events
    ▪ Halloween
      • Suggestions for activities:
        o Gourd painting
        o 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
      o Initial speech to introduce themselves, then networking-style event
      o Various parts of tech, not just development
        ▪ Broad exposure to potential careers
      o We have 6 speakers
• Food
  o Thinking about appetizer food, sandwiches, meat and cheese platter, crackers
  o Want it to be fancier than pizza, but can’t spend too much

• Promotion
  o Bios will be posted soon

  ▪ Self-care Night (November 21)

• Activities
  o Mario Kart, other video games
  o Knitting
  o Origami
  o Board game society may have games we can borrow
  o Cookie decorating
  o Painting – watercolor would be easiest to clean up after
    ▪ Must keep tidy (garbage bags over workspace)

• Food
  o Veggie tray, fruit tray
  o Hot chocolate, tea
    ▪ We will need kettles

  o Feedback on Women Entrepreneurship Week Event
    ▪ Questionnaire/quiz didn’t seem relevant
    ▪ Good information, good speakers

  o 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
  o Join Our Slack: dalwits.slack.com (use Dalhousie Email to sign-up)
  o Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Dal.WiTS/