



Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Goldberg Slonim Room

Present	Absent
Alicia Wong [President]	Olivia Handspiker [Interim Treasurer]
Emma Travers [Treasurer]	Jasmin Kaur [CSS Rep]
Emily Auclair [VPE]	Anna Liang [Education Rep]
Maria Jessen [VPI]	
Sanjana Swami [Secretary]	
Zaaheeda Islam [Communications Rep.]	
Mellat Mafei [Marketing and PR]	
Anaik Chacon [Events and Social Rep]	
Katie Quesnel [Member at Large]	
Pranav Mahindru	
Avijit	
Julia Olmstead	
Mikayla Webster	
Ellen Lewis	
Lohith Madhala	
Shwetha Subash	
Tabea Marzlin	
Emerson Collins	

Sarah Hughes Jenna Cogswell Adam Hisham Brynn Haley Molly Auclair Sofia Castro Kat Nhi	
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Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Attendance
 - Join the Society! <http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS2019>
- Announcements
 - WiTS Peer Mentorship Social – Wednesday January 22, 7pm
 - Government of Canada Women in Tech Social – Friday, January 24, 5:30pm
 - Event open to female identifying and non-binary students.
 - Registration is provided through Eventbrite: <http://tiny.cc/WITSocial>
 - Government of Canada Career Expo – Saturday, January 25, 9:30am – 3pm
 - Unique opportunity to chat with government officials about potential jobs.
 - Event open to everyone.
 - Registration can be done through Eventbrite.
 - DSU Society Fair – Wednesday January 29, 11am-3pm
 - Indoor society fair (in McInnes room) to provide an opportunity to incoming students to learn more about a variety of on-campus societies.
 - Next WiTS Meeting – Wednesday January 29, 7pm

- Impact Award Nominations Due – Friday, February 7
- CSS Ski Trip – Friday, February 7 (Munroe day)
 - Event at Wentworth, NS, transportation provided.
- Executives' Updates
 - President (Alicia)
 - Is currently working with public servants working with the Government of Canada on the upcoming events – making the event more suited to Dalhousie community
 - Working in conjunction with Ashley to serve the student body.
 - Assisting in sending all of the emails sent out from the society account.
 - VP External (Emily)
 - No update.
 - Responsibilities: Plans We Talk Tech (WTT), any communication with any external organization or society.
 - VP Internal (Maria)
 - Planned Women in Tech Day- event where female high school students visit the university to learn more about Computer Science at Dalhousie- the event went well, and the organizers appreciated the involvement of the society
 - Had a meeting with the society's communication team today
 - Currently organizing volunteers for the upcoming Society fair.
 - Responsibilities:
 - Manages volunteers
 - Plans internal events
 - Organize volunteer teams for different events.
 - Treasurer (Emma/Olivia)
 - Was away last term for a co-op.
 - Olivia took over treasurer responsibilities last semester.

- Responsibilities: Create budgets, manages the funds and reimburses people for any amount spent on behalf of the society.
- Secretary (Sanju)
 - Currently working on merchandise for the society along with Alicia.
 - Responsibilities: logs the minutes of the meetings and manages the email account.
- Council Updates
 - Technical Coordinator Nominations and Vote
 - Responsibilities of the technical coordinator were explained.
 - Responsibilities of the technical coordinator: Update the society website, profile pictures and the pages.
 - Nominations for the position were done by the process of self-nominations.
 - Possible candidates were:
 - Shwetha
 - Avijit
 - Julia
 - Shwetha was elected as the new technical coordinator.
- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
 - Merchandise
 - T-shirt design for Society Desk
 - Two designs were presented to the attendees.
 - The design with the plain WiTS logo was selected.
 - The placement for the design was decided as a small design on the left of the chest of the garment.
 - Newsletter
 - The call for the newsletter articles did not garner a lot of interest during the winter holidays. Due to this, the newsletter was not prepared for the beginning of the term.

- “Burnout and how to deal with it” was suggested as the theme for the next newsletter.
- Daytime Meetups
 - The attendees showed great interest for day-time meetings.
 - Maria will look to find a day and time of the week which may work for the most amount of society members.
- Peer Mentorship
 - Previous events:
 - video and board games night
 - watching movies
 - self-care night
- Next Internal Event
 - Previous events mentioned for brainstorming:
 - Visit to the beach (Black Rock Beach) during the summer term.
 - Games night- last semester
 - Potential idea suggested by Brynn: escape room
- End-of-Year Event
 - The council wants to have a year-end event at the university club, or it can be catered event in the Slonim room to celebrate a successful year.
 - Suggestion made for the event: Society members going out to dinner.
- Other Event Ideas
 - Potential event suggested: LinkedIn workshop- how to make a great LinkedIn profile.
 - Suggestion also made to structure WTT as a workshop for this term.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Other Information:

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