WiTS

Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2019

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Goldberg Slonim Room

Present:

Julia, Julia, Sofia, Anaik, Sanjana, Katie, Tabea, Emma, Emma, Sean, Ian, Jocelyn, Alicia, Samara, Emily, Amy, Maria, Ashley, Mira, Jesse, Marlee, Rasleen, Nicola, Melatonin, Mellat

Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Attendance
    - Join the Society! http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS
- Announcements
    - Mid-term Elections – Next Meeting
        - Education Representative and Member-at-Large are vacant positions
            - Education Rep
                - ☐ make sure to be linked well with Canada Learning Code; you can also connect with other community groups
                - ☐ high schools offer a barrier to outreach - we cant be representatives of Dal in schools.
            - Member at Large
                - ☐ Come to every meeting and be an active member, it is a defined role.
            - Come see Amy if you want to run for a position.

- Whoever is here next week can vote
- If you are interested in a position provide a 30 second blurb about why you should have this position

- DCSI – January 29-30
  - https://dcsi.cs.dal.ca/
  - WiTS Coffee Break we are co-hosting. Come and hang out.
  - DSCI - Dalhousie Computer Science in house conference
  - Dal's conference for student research.
    - You can put it on your resume if you would like to present. They are still accepting applications
  - Free registration and free food offered
  - Feel free to only go to part of it if you are only available for part of it.
- DSU Society Fair – January 30 11am-3pm
  - Let an exec know if you can volunteer
  - Even if you can only come man the table for half an hour that's good
  - Just hang out and chat with people
- Internal Event – TBD
  - Ideas: mini putt, ice skating at Oval
  - Mini putt is $11.50 each but an hour bus ride
  - Bowling is around $10 an option; 20 minute bus ride
  - Laser tag is $20
  - Ice skating is free
  - Vote: Mini Putt: 4 , ice skating: 15, bowling: 9, laser tag: 5
  - Decided Skating Saturday February 9th, 2019 time TBD

- We Talk Tech – TBD (Early-March)

- We are considering where we will choose for location
- Bigger scale and longer then in the past
- Let us know if you want to help plan it.
  - 2019/2020 Council Elections – Early April
    - Anyone with a CSID can vote
    - We host it as anyone can vote and elections occur at the same time as the CSS
    - At our AGM we will go over our past year and introduce the new council, from there the new council transitions in.
    - We hope to host a meeting night of speeches before this point for those running
    - This election is not just for exec but for all council members
    - we have our descriptions on our website.
    - Let us know if you have any questions.
    - You need to have 2 nominations.
    - Even running is good and a good step forward
- Executives' Updates
  - President (Alicia)
    - CS Preview Day is March 16th
      - Short day with a bunch of high school kids interested in CS
      - Gives a good sense of the school and what students will be participating in CS.
      - We need volunteers so keep your ears open
      - In the career section we are thinking of having a co-op student talk
        - Speak to Ashley Broadbent if you are interested in voluteering
    - Merch

- We are trying to push merch.

- We have sticker proofs on the way

- We are working with a clothing company to get estimates

  - Captain Marvel

    - We are trying to find a way to get funding or to see the movie together.

  - Impact Awards

    - If you think WiTS has been special you can nominate us for an Impact Award. We are proud of what we have done.

    - If you want more info let us know

  - The faculty is hosting a hackathon in collaboration with Shiftkey

    - They are making sure to have mentors to help

      - they aren't there to make a game

      - they are there to help you

- VP External (Emily)

  - Newsletter

    - Edited the newsletter

- VP Internal (Samara)

  - Newsletter

    - We have a second addition to our newsletter

    - We are super proud of it and have it up on Facebook

    - We have had a lot of contributions

      - let us know if you would like to participate in the newsletter

- Treasurer (Emma)
  - Bank Account
    - We now have a bank account and are able to reimburse those that WiTS owes money.
    - If there is an event you want WiTs to go to we have money now
- Secretary (Amy)
  - Amy is back at Dal now and back doing minutes and watching over the email. Thanks to Maria for filling in while I was away last semester.
  - Let Amy know if you like the snacks or have any requests for next week
  - MTA Hacks
    - Amy is planning on attending this Hackathon, it is 2 hours away and 12 hours long with a focus on Environment and Sustainability mixed with technology.
    - If anyone is interested in attending let Amy know as she has a couple free spots in her car and WiTS is willing to pitch in to pay for our gas money.
    - If there is a lot more people that are interested in attending we could possibly create more car pool groups if anyone has a car they are willing to bring people in.
    - Registration is free follow the link
      - https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mta-hacks-2019-tickets-53822615893?fbclid=IwAR2EKOEoXoWtcgyCpb8ZzSxempyUuyM094hbkMg0OtOxRIUoEudfUvQj768

- Council Updates

  Technical Co-Ordinator (Ian)

  - Global Game Jam is happening at Volta starting next Friday (January 25-27th)

  - Take it as far as you want; you can even just go and not stay all weekend

  - It's a really great opportunity to learn new skills

  - We could even put a WiTS team together

- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
  - Center for Learning and Teaching Questions
    - Were there any barriers to applying to the Computer Science program?
    - What are the existing barriers to belonging in the program/department?
    - How have you been treated by faculty, staff, and students?
    - What opportunities is Computer Science missing by excluding particular people?
    - How has belonging been demonstrated in the department?
    - We had written answers given for these ones to keep it anonymous. We wrote the questions on the white board so they were visible to everyone.
    - We want to make sure our views are portrayed properly let us know if you have more questions.
  - General Questions
    - Ashley Broadbent, Student and Alumni Engagement Officer
      - Shiftkey is starting a start up area
      - They want to get us engaged

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- Workshops on how an entrepreneur thinks

- Feel free to balance their meetings between ours and theirs if you feel overwhelmed

- It is very low commitment and free and you get a certificate

Can we host a night to help people know about co-op?

- There should be a night held in association with the co-op office

- if its too late we can help them talk about coop

- School is willing to come up and speak about the program to our society as well

Other Information:

- Stay Connected
  - Join Our Slack: dalwits.slack.com (use Dalhousie Email to sign-up)
    - Notifications settings can be changed so you can see them
  - Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Dal.WiTS/