Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2019
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Goldberg Slonim Room

Agenda Items:

• Introductions & Attendance
  ○ Join the Society! http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS

• Announcements
  ○ Impact Awards Nomination Deadline – February 8th
    ▪ We are eligible to be nominated for the Most Impactful General or Special Interest Society
    ▪ Information about the awards: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/career-and-leadership/events/impact-awards/halifax-awards.html
    ▪ Nomination form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjii-rlS740ECdJkOVNzZs9SyYZ6ui5LWkcZX9M2Lyocmqtlw/viewform
  ○ Internal Event – Skating at the Emera Oval- February 9th
  ○ International Women’s Day – March 8th
    ▪ We will be having an event
  ○ FCS Hackathon – March 8 - 9
    ▪ Starting on Friday night around 4:00 and going to Saturday evening
    ▪ Will be occurring in the computer science building
  ○ FCS Open House for High School Students- March 16
    ▪ We will be looking for volunteers
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- Student Volunteer Monthly Meetup (February 12 5:00 - 6:00 pm)
  - Will provide information on how to get involved with volunteering
  - Great opportunity to give your feedback and get more involved in the faculty
  - Check Discussions channel on Slack for more info

- 2019/2020 Council Elections – Early April
  - Let us know if you have any questions about the elections and positions that are available to be run for.

- Executives’ Updates
  - President (Alicia)
    - Mid-term elections
    - Education REP
      - Candidate: Tabea
        - Really passionate about diversity in tech
        - Volunteered a lot with Techsploration in high school
        - Tabea was elected in as education REP
    - Member at Large
      - Candidate: Maria
        - Interm Secretary in Amy’s absence
        - Ran a workshop on gaming for Women in Tech Day
        - Really passionate about getting involved
        - Volunteers for everything normally
      - Candidate: Sanju
        - She is here a lot and likes being here and wants to continue being involved.
        - Maria was elected in as member at large
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- We have sticker Samples
- We will be talking more about future events soon
- A reminder to let the execs know if you want to do anything

  - VP External (Emily)
    - Working on contacting the women in engineering for a possible Collaboration for International Women’s day
      - still waiting to hear back from their representative

  - VP Internal (Samara)
    - Thanks to everyone who helped with the Society Fair
    - Internal event – skating
      - 1:00 - 3:00 is when skate is available
      - We can discuss which time works best for everyone

  - Treasurer (Emma)
    - DCSI
      - Spoke with Andrea who will be a PhD student in the fall
        - She gifted us a poster about Women in Tech
        - Ashley wanted Andrea to come in and do a talk someday for WiTS
          - She created a social movement in the fall
        - Emma will be reimbursing people today after the meeting for anything they have purchased for WiTS

  - Secretary (Amy)
    - Amy will be unable to attend the Mount Allison Hackathon that she previously mentioned the possibility of driving people to.
      - If anyone is able to attend and bring those interested, let Amy know

- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
DSU Society Fair Feedback

- We got a list of new contacts interested in participating with the society
- Feedback: Is there a way to get a bigger table for future fairs?
  - A bigger table in the future would fit our board and sign better

Future Events

- Possibility of App Security Workshop from BeyondTrust
  - One of the women from We Talk Tech wants to come in and do a workshop on app security
  - This would be a publicly advertised event
  - We have a tight time frame and we talk tech takes priority
  - Members: Let us know if you want it to occur and if this topic interests you.

- Possibility of a Microsoft Workshop
  - Co-host with the Microsoft student partner
  - She wants to promote the use of Microsoft Azure service for students at Dal
  - We need to look into the time frame of it and see if it fits into our schedule
  - Members: If anything about it piques your interest or if you have any opinions on this workshop, let us know

- We Talk Tech (February/mid-March 2019, date TBD)
  - Theme & Format Discussion
    - Possibility: We could do an afternoon of workshops if we don’t want it to be career-focused.
    - Possibility: We could also bring more people from the industry
      - We could get some discussions going
    - Possible Theme: Getting people in from local startups
Members: What would be useless for you to know about?

We could have mini TedTalks

- Adrienne Power could give us a talk, she is a former Olympian, not from a technical background but has a really interesting story
- Could do a full networking session at the end of the talks
- Do we want people from industry?
  - We could reach out to people with the possibility of them attending and see what happens.
  - There has been success in the past with floating between people and having conversations after the talks.

General Questions

- Sahib: Do you guys need the room on Saturdays?
  - No - Samara
- Is a viewing of Captain Marvel still on the table?
  - Renting Cineplex is very expensive
  - The VP of the DSU said she will see what she can do
  - CSS is willing to partner with us for the event
  - We need to pay per-person so it makes it difficult
  - We will continue to reach out in the faculty to see about funding
- Can we have a Co-op / Course Planning Night?
  - Schedule comes out March 6th
  - Registration is March 9th
  - We will arrange a night to help each other build our schedules for the 2019/2020 school year.
Homecoming is being changed to Alumni Day, moved to end of May
  - Soccer or baseball game suggested instead of usual Homecoming activities.

Other Information:
  - Stay Connected
    - Join Our Slack: dalwits.slack.com (use Dalhousie Email to sign-up)