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/1FAIpQLSdji-rlS740ECdJkOVNzZs9SvYZ6ui5LWkcZX9M2Lyocmqtlw/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

- 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

- 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

- o Members: What would be useless for you to know about?
- o 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.
- o 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)
    - ○ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Dal.WiTS/