



Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Goldberg Atrium

Present

- Alicia Wong [President]
- Emily Auclair [VP External]
- Maria Jessen [VP Internal]
- Emma Travers [Treasurer]
- Sanju Swami [Secretary]
- Meghan Deering
- Anaik Chacon
- Anna Liang
- Zaaheda Islam
- Olivia Handspiker
- Samara Burton

Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Attendance
 - Join the Society! <http://tiny.cc/new2WiTS2019>
- Announcements
 - Canada Learning Code: June 8, June 29

- Executives' Updates
 - President (Alicia)
 - Meeting with the dean
 - Communication, collaboration
 - DSU training done by Alicia
 - Ratification done for the year!
 - In the process of acquiring storage space in Goldberg building.
 - Girl Guides event
 - VP External (Emily)
 - Setting up for the next year by being involved in meetings with the dean and Ashley
 - VP Internal (Maria)
 - All SySTEMs Go
 - Ran the workshops
 - Ages ranged from 8 to high school
 - Start planning an internal event
 - Like the Boston Pizza event
 - To be decided by votes from everyone
 - To be done at next monthly meeting
 - Treasurer (Emma)
 - Everyone has been paid back for WiTS-related expenses.
 - Plan the budget for the year in the next few weeks.
 - Secretary (Sanju)
 - Attended meetings and helped at All SySTEMs Go
- Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
 - Future Events
 - Internal Event for Summer
 - Suggestions for events:

- Boston Pizza
 - Hiking
 - Places in the city
 - Lake or beach? – Chocolate beach, one in Dartmouth?
 - Bowling
 - Thread to be set up for suggestions. Voting to be done in the next meeting.
- External Event for Summer – Suggestions made for a faculty barbecue
- General WiTS Goals for 2019/2020
 - What would you like to see WiTS do?
 - Mid-day open event:
 - Suggestions:
 - Movie
 - Food but not only food
 - Board games
 - Video game for an hour?
 - Focus on Society Fair
 - Planning to be done early.
 - Suggestion: Origami/prizes to be included at the stall.
 - Make going to classes better again.
 - Slideshow for incoming students regarding classes
 - Video
 - Course planning night
 - Self-care night and time management skills workshop
 - Work with the faculty & student success center.
 - Organize video game nights

- Future Communication Strategies
 - Slack: How to get everyone on Slack?
 - Why not Facebook Messenger?
 - Very hard to thread things and track info for everyone.
 - Slack demonstration during the first meeting?
 - Tag dalfcs to share posts on Instagram and Facebook to get featured on their feeds.
 - Strategies needed for Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

- Fall Recruitment
 - One big event in the beginning of the fall term to meet people worked in the past.
 - **Lecture visits**, orientation day for CS too.
 - We've been told that orientation should be more organized last year's
 - Suggestions for the big event for orientation:
 - Interactive activity
 - Video
 - Scavenger hunt

- Other event ideas – workshops? Guests?
 - Peer mentorship:
 - Ashley is going to take care of mentors and mentees for peer mentorship for the next term.
 - Having male mentors was described as “awkward.”
 - Communication between the mentors and mentees could be improved
 - Random assignment of mentors wasn't great.

- Now they will do applications for both mentors and mentees.
- Mentors are going to be vetted.
- International student mentor will have international mentees or have something in common with.
- Workshops and speakers:
 - Using professor's (Prof. Heywood) connections to get speakers.
 - We Talk Tech event venue selection to be decided.
 - Suggestions:
 - McInnes room in the SUB for the size – but needs to be booked very early on.
 - Collider in the Killam Library
 - Other information

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Other Information:

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