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
- Announcements
  - Canada Learning Code: June 8, June 29
• Executives’ Updates
  o 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
  o VP External (Emily)
    • Setting up for the next year by being involved in meetings with the dean and Ashley
  o 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
        o To be done at next monthly meeting
  o Treasurer (Emma)
    • Everyone has been paid back for WiTS-related expenses.
    • Plan the budget for the year in the next few weeks.
  o Secretary (Sanju)
    • Attended meetings and helped at All SySTEMs Go

• Discussion/Proposals/Feedback
  o 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/