Minutes of CSEGSA
January 23, 2008

I. Call to order: Motion to bring the meeting to order made by Jeffrey Czyz, seconded by Kerry Courtright. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Czyz at 5:14 pm.

II. Attendance
In attendance:
1. Jonathan Bona
2. Yang Wang
3. Lokesh Mandrekan
4. Abhishek Murthy
5. Akanksha Dayal
6. Kerry Courtright
7. Michael Prentice
8. Rob Olson
9. Ankush Kapur
10. Jeffrey Czyz
11. Murtuza Jadliwala
12. Himanshu Vijay

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeffrey Czyz to approve the minutes of the previous CSEGSA meeting of November 16, 2007. Motion was seconded by Murtuza Jadliwala. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

1. Onur Soysal's suggested programming contest. Onur was not present to lead this discussion.
2. Secretary position opening to be filled
    - Vacancy due to Albert Goldfain's departure for term ending July 2008
    - Akanksha Dayal volunteered to run and Murtuza Jadliwala withdraws his candidacy.
    - **Motion by Jeffrey Czyz to approve appointment of Akanksha Dayal as CSEGSA secretary. Motion was seconded by Kerry Courtright. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Spring Event
    - CSEGSA usually holds a spring event. We are open to suggestions/volunteers.

V. New Business:
1. Kerry Courtright delivered the treasurer's report. The CSEGSA started the semester with $3467 and have paid out $276.24 to date. **Kerry Courtright**

motioned to encumber $90 for pizza for each of the three CSEGSA meetings in February, March, and April. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Czyz. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Conference Funding Requests: Kerry Courtright made an announcement reminding request submitters to save receipts showing their conference expenses until the end of the semester, when funding will be paid.

3. Graduate Research Conference Committee Report: Murtuza Jadliwala gave a report on the current status of planning for the CSEGSA Graduate Research Conference on March 28. We are soliciting sponsorship from interested companies. Bloomberg has agreed to partially sponsor the conference. We will need volunteers to help with planning.

4. Graduate Studies Committee Report: Gabriel Terejanu was not able to attend today's meeting. Jeffrey Czyz reported on Graduate Studies Committee issues. One issue currently under consideration is a proposed change to CSE core requirements to make the Distributed Systems course count as a Hardware requirement. This suggestion was strongly opposed by several in attendance, and the general consensus was that this course should not count as a Hardware core course.

5. Upcoming GSA events: Jeffrey Czyz announced upcoming GSA events, including Java Junction, the MDRF workshop, and the Mardis Gras party.

6. President's Report: Jeffrey Czyz reported on the most recent faculty meeting. Topics included fall applications, plans for the new engineering building, and the decline in the number of CSE teaching assistantships available.

7. Other: in discussion about low involvement of CSE students with the CSEGSA, it was generally agreed that the CSEGSA should have more events/activities. Akanksha Dayal suggested and offered to organize a programming/debugging contest. **Jeffrey Czyz motioned to approve the formation of a committee for this purpose with Akanksha Dayal as the committee head, and with a budget of $175 for prizes. Motion was seconded by Kerry Courtright. Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Adjournment: Motion to bring the meeting to a close was made by Jeffrey Czyz. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Bona. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:08 pm.