

Minutes of CSEGSA

February 13, 2008

I. Call to order: Motion to bring the meeting to order made by Jeffrey Czyz, seconded by Michael Prentice. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Czyz at 5:07 pm.

II. Attendance

In attendance:

1. Gabriel Terejanu
2. Michael Prentice
3. Yang Wang
4. Rob Olson
5. Murtuza Jadliwala
6. Jonathan Bona
7. Himanshu Vijay
8. Santhosh Reddy
9. Sriram Sankar
10. Ali Patrice Sayed
11. Sunu Mathew
12. Asheq Khan
13. Ankush Kapur
14. Duc Ha
15. Yogesh Vaidya
16. Jeffrey Czyz
17. Raghuram Sudhakar
18. Karthik Desai
19. Lei Shi
20. Rajarshi Chakarborty
21. Akanksha Dayal

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeffrey Czyz to approve the minutes of the previous CSEGSA meeting of January 23rd, 2007. Motion was seconded by Murtuza Jadliwala. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

1. Spring Event
 - CSEGSA usually holds a spring event. We are open to suggestions and looking for volunteers.

V. New Business:

1. CSE Graduate Research Conference Committee Report
 - Conference to be held at Center for Tomorrow (CFT)
 - Date changed from March 28th to March 26th.

- A banquet is planned after the conference.
 - Classes will be cancelled on that day.
 - Pre-registration needed for the conference.
 - Three speakers are going to be there. One from IBM on SOA, another from Bloomberg (tentatively), and one other.
 - Monetary prize of \$300 (first place) and \$150 (second place) is set for the best paper & \$150 (first place) and \$50 (second place) for best poster.
 - The submission guidelines are on the conference web site.
2. Kerry Courtright was unavailable to present the treasurer's report. The report was put forward by Jeffery Czyz. At last meeting, the CSEGSA encumbered \$90 pizza/pop money for February, March, and April meetings and \$175 for a programming/debugging contest. It is expected that at least \$1000 will be needed for the CSE Graduate Research Conference.
 3. Conference Funding Requests:
 - Jeffrey Czyz: EclipseCon 2008 in Santa Clara, CA (March 17-20)
 - Murtuza Jadliwala: IEEE INFOCOM 2008 in Phoenix, AZ (April 15)
 - Yang Wang: ICC 2008 in Beijing, China (May 19)

Jonathan Bona motioned to withdraw Jeffery Czyz's conference funding request for OOPSLA 2007 (October 21). Motion was seconded by Murtuza Jadliwala. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeffery Czyz motioned to approve all conference funding requests. Motion was seconded by Sunu Mathew. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. Programming and Debugging Committee Report: Akanksha Dayal reported that the Programming and Debugging contest is going to start the first week of March. The contest will be online except for the grand finale that may or may not be online. To begin with we are going to have individual quizzes for initial 2 weeks. This will then ramp up to a series that will run for little over a month. The final contenders may then be called for the contest.
 5. Graduate Studies Committee Report: Gabriel Terejanu reported that the committee asked us to put together some material for the graduate program review. Suggestions were taken from which Gabriel will prepare the material.
 6. Alumni and Career Placement Committee Report: Himanshu Vijay got a list of alumni from the chair. They plan on working with the Department and Career Services to get more position openings on the Career Services web site.
 7. GSA Senators' Report: Ankush Kapur and Rajarshi Chakaraborty reported the following on the GSA Senate meeting
 - GSA elections are going to be held soon. The deadline for the candidates willing to run for the office is Wednesday, February 20th.
 - Volunteers are needed for the election.

- FSA controversy discussed.
 - Possible bus routes to downtown campus.
 - Potentially will move campus e-mail to Google in the future.
 - Upcoming GSA events: Java Junction and Distinguished Speaker Series
8. 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.

VI. Adjournment: Motion to bring the meeting to a close was made by Jeffrey Czyz. The motion was seconded by Karthik Desai. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:38 pm.