

Minutes of CSEGSA

October 15, 2007

I. Call to order: Motion to bring the meeting to order made by Jeffrey Czyz, seconded by Albert Goldfain. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Czyz at 6:38pm.

II. Attendance

In attendance:

1. Albert Goldfain
2. Kerry Courtright
3. Gabriel Terejanu
4. Rajarshi Chakraborty
5. Sriram Sankaran
6. Geethapriya Thamilarasu
7. Ashok Narasimhan
8. Murtuza Jadliwala
9. Jonathan Bona
10. Ankush Kapur
11. Jeffrey Czyz
12. Duc Ha
13. Kalyana Krishnan

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeffrey Czyz to approve the minutes of the previous CSEGSA meeting of September 20, 2007. Motion was seconded by Kerry Courtright. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

1. Onur Soysal proposed a programming contest several meetings prior to this one. Discussion deferred for future meeting.
2. Gabriel Terejanu reported on Graduate Studies Committee meeting:
 - a. Some new courses approved
 - i. 507 Service Oriented Architecture
 - ii. 564 Game Theory and Wireless Networks
 - iii. 672 Vision and Bayesian Inference
 - b. SPEAK Test: The department is considering a policy in which all TAs must pass the SPEAK test to remain supported. Questions arose as to whether or not the test is redundant as it repeats some of the requirements to pass the TOEFL exam.
 - c. A proposal was made to include a presentation requirement for graduate students.
 - d. A Future Faculty Program will be starting in the 2007-2008 academic year to promote academia pursuits from PhD grads.
 - e. Issues of enforcing prerequisites were discussed.

3. Website archives of previous CSEGSA content have been created and are online.

V. New Business:

1. Duc Ha spoke about the Vietnamese GSA annual-food event for international week. He requested co-sponsorship from CSEGSA in the amount of \$50. **Rajarshi Chakraborty motioned to co-sponsor VGSA for \$50. Motion seconded by Kerry Courtright. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Conference Funding Request
 - a. Jeffrey Czyz: OOPSLA07 in Montreal Oct 21
 - b. Duc Ha: ACM WORM 2007 in Washington DC Nov 2
 - c. Geethapriya Thamilarasu: MILCOM 2007 in Orlando Oct 29-31
 - d. Ashok Narasimhan: DFMY07 in Santa Clara Oct 25-26**Kerry Courtright motioned to approve all conference funding requests. Motion seconded by Murtuza Jadliwala. Motion passed unanimously.** Kerry Courtright gave the treasurer's report. Expenditures included the \$50 for VGSA, a provisional allocation of \$25 per person requesting conference funds, and \$90 for pizza at next CSEGSA meeting. **Kerry Courtright motioned to approve \$90 for pizza at next meeting. Motion seconded by Jonathan Bona. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. The next CSEGSA meeting is tentatively planned for Friday Nov 16, 2007.
4. Murtuza Jadliwala reported on the activities of the Conference Sponsorship Committee. A proposal was made to put the sponsorship flyer on the website and to confirm call-for-paper and conference dates as soon as possible.
5. Ankush Kapur gave the senator's report from the GSA meeting held Oct 3, 2007.
6. Jeffrey Czyz gave a report of the Faculty Meeting. Topics discussed included:
 - a. Departmental switch from Solaris to Linux platform
 - b. CSE "local" web archive to be revamped and modified.
 - c. Distinguished speaker series will soon be announced.
 - d. New engineering building on north campus.
 - e. Review of all graduate student performance to take place on November 3.
 - f. Jan Chomicki requested the CSEGSA hold a survey on how graduate students would like to receive general info: newsgroup, central repository, listserv, etc.

VI. Adjournment: Motion to bring the meeting to a close was made by Jeffrey Czyz. The motion was seconded by Albert Goldfain. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:05.