

Minutes of CSEGSA

November 16, 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 5:07pm.

II. Attendance

In attendance:

1. Albert Goldfain
2. Ankush Kapur
3. Murtuza Jadliwala
4. Kerry Courtright
5. Sai Pritham Ailaboni
6. Himanshu Vijay
7. Vinay Pisini
8. Sunu Mathew
9. Sriram Sankaran
10. Sravanth Palepu
11. Yang Wang
12. Jonathan Bona
13. Ali Patrice Syed
14. Venkatasairam Yanamandram
15. Gabriel Terejanu
16. Jeffrey Czyz

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeffrey Czyz to approve the minutes of the previous CSEGSA meeting of October 15, 2007. Motion was seconded by Kerry Courtright. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

1. Onur's Soysal's suggested programming contest. Deferred to a future meeting.
2. Jeffrey Czyz reminded everyone to take departmental online student survey regarding preferred method of notification.

V. New Business:

1. Kerry Courtright delivered the treasurer's report. The remaining budget is slightly above \$2000. Four previous funding requests are being processed. **Kerry Courtright motioned to approve \$90 for pizza at the next CSEGSA meeting. The motion was seconded by Murtuza Jadliwala. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Sai Pritham Ailaboni, a representative of the Graduate Indian Student Organization requested CSEGSA co-sponsorship for the Diwali night celebration to be held November 20, 2007. **Jeffrey Czyz motioned to**

approve the request in the amount of \$25. The motion was seconded by Albert Goldfain. The motion passed unanimously.

3. It was reported that there were no new conference funding requests.
4. Murtuza Jadliwala delivered a report for the Conference Sponsorship Committee. The early indication from Google is that they will not sponsor the conference. Jeffrey Czyz directed everyone to the conference materials URL and indicated that potential sponsors should be pointed there.
5. It was decided to form a Conference Committee to begin planning the CSE Graduate Research Conference. The committee would take over the duties of the Conference Sponsorship Committee. The committee will be headed by a general chair and consists of two sub-committees:
 - a. The general chair will coordinate planning and running the CSE Graduate Research conference. The chair will also be responsible for securing sponsorship.
 - b. An organizing sub-committee chair will be responsible for handling issues relating to the venue, equipment, food, and overall conference arrangement.
 - c. A technical program sub-committee chair will be responsible for overseeing submissions and reviewing papers, soliciting faculty reviewers, and preparing the program and proceedings.

Jeffrey Czyz made a motion to name Murtuza Jadliwala as the general chair. Kerry Courtright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kerry Courtright made a motion to name Sunu Mathew technical program sub-committee chair and to name Jeffrey Czyz organizing sub-committee chair. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Gabriel Terejanu gave a report from the recent Graduate Studies Committee meeting. This included: Prerequisites for 600 level classes will not be enforced and the list of AI core-courses will be smaller in the future.
7. Ali Patrice Syed delivered the Senators' Report. This included: a discussion of UB2020, the GSA Jingle Jam semiformal dance, Mark Diamond Research Fund February deadline, and the announcement of a new Poetics Group.
8. Jeffrey Czyz gave a report from the recent Faculty Meeting. This included: The dean's plan to offer Distance Learning Degree, a plan to crosslist Information Retrieval with an undergraduate course, more recognition and awards for undergraduate students, an announcement that the trailers must be cleared by December, the new department website will be up soon, two faculty positions will open in March, and expectations for new faculty.
9. It was announced that an end-of-semester event will instead be held at the beginning of the semester. Further discussion deferred until next meeting in the spring semester.

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 6:14.