

# Game Development Discussion Group

Official Constitution for 2008/2009

Written September 24, 2008

Club Founder: Cody Church

## I. Club Name

- A. The official name of the club shall be the "Game Development Discussion Group," or "GDDG" for short. No other name shall be used in the advertising or representation of the club.

## II. Purposes and Aims

- A. The purpose of our club is to provide a group for the discussion of the design of video games from a purely conceptual viewpoint. We aim to provide a place and time for individuals interested in discussing game creation, but do not have the time or resources to enter into actual game development. Members are encouraged to discuss and reflect on their ideas in a creative, stimulating environment. Because these meetings are the main business of the club, voting privileges are reserved for members who attend a minimum number of times as established by section V.
- B. The nature of the club is to gather and discuss topics as related above, and does not function in the same manner as many other clubs present at SFU Surrey. As this is the case, discussion is guided by Mediators, club members nominated by the club members for their experience within the discussion group and expertise on the subject matter. The President shall act as the primary Mediator for all discussion sessions, but discussion may be guided by other Mediators when the President is absent and has arranged for them to take the President's place. Executive Officers that are elected are all eligible Mediators. Mediators are automatically required to record a discussion's minutes.

## III. Membership

- A. Membership will be open to all SFU students in good standing with the Simon Fraser Student Society.
- B. Membership can also be open to non-student individuals such as staff, faculty, alumni or community members. If any restrictions are to be placed on these associate members they must be noted, and are subject to approval. "Associate Members" may not run for club executive positions.
- C. A member may be expelled from the club by a vote of at least 2/3 of quorum. The duration of the penalty must be determined before the expulsion vote is conducted. An expelled

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member has the right to appeal, and may rejoin the club if 2/3 of the quorum vote to permit this.

## IV. Executive

- A. The executive shall include at least a President and an additional Executive officer.
- B. All members of the Executive must be students of the club.
- C. All members of the Executive shall be voted into their positions via an election or by-election. No new Executives can be elected from the membership unless they have attended at least 50% of all discussion sessions.
- D. All members of the Executive members are as follows:
  1. President: shall conduct all executive or general meetings; is ex-officio member of all committees within the club; is responsible for promoting the club to the campus community. The President is the primary Mediator for all club discussion sessions. All secretarial, financial and communications duties fall to the President unless existing/new Executive Officers are nominated and elected for specific roles. If the President remains in charge of club funds, use of funds must be approved by a majority vote of the quorum.
  2. Executive Officers: shall assist in Mediating discussion sessions should the President be unable to attend a session.
  3. Treasurer: shall only be appointed if requested by a vote of at least 2/3 of quorum. If an Executive is elected as a Treasurer, they will be responsible for recording the allocation of club funds.
- E. Any Executive member may be impeached by a vote of at least 2/3 of quorum. Reinstating a member can be done by a similar vote.

## V. Meetings

- A. The GDDG club quorum is 1 Executive member (not including the President) and 8 signed members who have attended at least 2/3 of all discussion sessions. Weekly meetings are not conducted to change rules or plans for the club, but to provide open discussion for any attending members. Meetings to discuss official club business shall be booked as special, separate meetings.
- B. Regular meetings shall be referred to as 'discussion sessions' or simply 'discussions.'

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- C. Club meeting times will be communicated using email or other established, online communication.
- D. Minutes shall be recorded for all discussion sessions.

## **VI. Elections and by-elections**

- A. Club Executives of the Club must be elected from and by the membership with a majority vote from the quorum. An election must be held at least once per year.
- B. The club's elections will take place week 3 of each semester.
- C. The results of any election are recorded in the SFSS Club Registration sheet.
- D. Executive positions can be held by any student member of the club.
- E. Votes are cast by a simple show of hands. Majority vote wins. In case of a tie, the chair casts the deciding votes, or the member with the least votes drops out and votes are recast.
- F. If for any reason an executive position becomes vacant, a by-election for that position will be held. This is not required if less than one month is left before the next scheduled election; instead, a member may be appointed by the President. The SFSS General Office must be notified of Executive changes.

## **VII. Amendments**

- A. Notice of the proposed amendments to the constitution shall be presented via email to the active club membership in advance, prior to the meeting in which the amendments will be discussed and voted upon.
- B. Amendments to this constitution require a 2/3-majority vote of quorum.
- C. Upon receiving 2/3 affirmative votes in favor of amendment/revision, an executive member shall submit the new constitution to the SFSS General Office for approval.

## **VIII. Dissolution**

- A. This club will be dissolved if a majority of quorum votes to do so, or if club attendance falls below SFSS standards.
- B. In the event of the club's dissolution, all club assets become property of the SFSS.

## **IX. Agency**

- A. The club is not an agent of the SFSS and the club's views and actions do not necessarily represent the voice of the SFSS.

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This constitution had been adopted by the "Game Development Discussion Group" on the 24th of September of 2008.

President: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Club Executive Member: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_