WiCS General Meeting Agenda
January 26th, 2021

Attendees: Doris, Harpreet, Shiva, Noble, Anna, Jennifer, sumo, Denise, Oulooz, Lina, Mahek, Jeffrey

Meeting started at 7:02 PM.

1. Updates
   - WiCS execs:
     i. Secretary - Anna
        o Last week’s minutes have been uploaded
        o CSSS is planning to host Mountain Madness Hackathon during Reading Week - plan events during the break accordingly
     ii. Treasurer - Shiva
         o Reimbursed Harpreet for event ($50) + Networking Night ($282)
     iii. Communications Coordinator/Mentorship Program Coordinator - Doris
          o Additional requested funding is approved by CS Director
          o Arranged meeting with GoCode for Wednesday
          o WiE Hackathon & Charles Chang Institute Hackathon - Interested in being part of the planning team? (they have a meeting on Jan 28)
             a. Summer 2021
     iv. Event Coordinator - Harpreet
         o No updates - working on Jeopardy Night promotions
     v. Technical Coordinator - Raksha
        o Not present
        o Working on technical workshops for this weekend - more details to follow
     vi. Grad Coordinator - Atia
         o Meeting with Nilay from UBC again in the following week, and we will decide about another meeting soon.
     vii. Social Media Coordinators - Denise/Lina
         o Posted promos for Jeopardy Night on Instagram (Quizzes)

2. Networking Night Recap (Jan 21)
   - # of Attendees = ~60
   - Recruited ~20 mentors and panelists - an increase from last year
      o More variety of companies from the US & Canada
   - Really good feedback received - from both attendees & mentors
      o More structure could have been provided for the mentors in the breakout rooms
   - Overall event structure was organized - successful event compared to most years
   - Will compile feedback forms for future reference
3. Jeopardy Night Updates (Jan. 28th)
   - First social of the semester
   - Zoom link to be distributed through newsletter & platforms

4. GoCODE Girls Updates
   - Planning meeting happened on Jan 26th - 3pm with Kelly (from FAS outreach)
   - Smaller scale event of Try/Catch (~20-30 students)
   - Will determine how much organization WiCS will be in charge of during the first planning meeting

5. Mentor Lunch
   - Anna will be planning this semester’s mentor lunch
   - Date: TBA
   - Mentor: Jacqueline Nielsen

6. Frosh & Try/Catch 2021
   - Postponing to September 2021 based on previous discussions
     - Consensus was that we would be working on GoCODE Girls
     - Also same school year/crowd as Try/Catch 2020
   - Estimated planning phase will start in early August
     - Event will take place during late September to early October

7. Open Floor
   - Need mentors for Introduction to Problem Solving with Python Workshop!
     - Jan 27th 7pm
   - Discord - People are changing their names after the no anonymity announcement; continue efforts to enforce rule
     - Further discussion needed on how to go forward with member validation
   - International Women’s Day 2021 Updates (March 8th)
     - Wikipedia Event - make pages to celebrate notable women and their achievements within the faculty
       - Use Google Forms to nominate an individual; allows for a larger time frame
     - Promote women in STEM on our social media platforms
       - I.e. Instagram stories - chronological ordering
       - Feature FAS students as well? - Connect with SFSS for previous FAS Women of the Year candidates
         - Having a prize isn’t for voluntary nominations isn’t encouraged
         - Ask faculty for recommendations!
       - Need to determine criteria for nomination
8. Frosh & Try/Catch 2020 Feedback
   ● Usually started of with introduction of WiCS and welcome social/icebreaker
   ● Mentorship program (2 semesters long) has been successful this year - more participants this year
     ○ Virtual socials & mentoring events
     ○ Recruited mentors by emailing through WiCS mailing list and interviewing them
       ■ Lots of grad students
     ○ Mentees included incoming freshmen and 2nd degree students
   ● # of Attendees for Try/Catch = 70-80
     ○ Expanded the event nationally since it was virtual
     ○ 24 responses received - overall good feedback
   ● Having Discord helped promote socialization before, during and after events
   ● Currently good on resources - good on funding and volunteers for event planning

9. Engagement of Incoming Transfer Students
   ● CMPT 125/225 - Incorporate an “extended” mailing list for non-CS majors/potential WiCS members?
     ○ Automatically a WiCS member if they are taking a CMPT course (but not in the mailing list)
     ○ Allowed to enroll themselves into the mailing list - want more outreach to support these incoming students

Meeting adjourned, 7:28 PM.