March 14, 2017 WiCS Meeting

Time: 4:39 pm
Location: TASC 9402E

Attendees:

Dawn Chandler (Co-President)
Maddy S. (Co-President)
Sophie Angus (Treasurer)
Diana K. (Secretary)
Toria K.
Sophia T.
Angelina X.
Samantha Y.
Janice R.
Sumo K.

1. Introductions
2. Upd8s plz
    a. CSSS Liaison
        i. CSSS General Election
        ii. FAS Formal March 21
        iii. $20 tickets - early bird promo ends tomorrow - can get at any {C, E}SSS office
        iv. They are looking for people to be in the Frosh organizing committee
        v. Silicon valley trip: cost ~$800 either Canada Day or Victoria day, ~40 people
        vi. VR event at SFU Mar 24 12:30-2:30
        vii. VR expo at Convention centre → CSSS may be reimbursing part of ticket
    b. Diversity Committee Liaison
        i. Who's going to Creating Connections?
            1. May 5-6 - anyone can apply -> local conference for free
            2. Need to bring up what female students did in technology
            3. Idea of putting posters: thoughts, focus group
    c. WiE Liaison
        i. Try mentorship for incoming and current students
        ii. Danniele sent an email for a meeting for the end of May
        iii. Arduinos have arrived
        iv. ASB Atrium will probably not be bookable (but need to ask Dean's office)
        v. Sumo can check
    d. Grad Coordinator
3. CodeMavens
    a. Wednesday March 15th 2:30PM-4:30PM in ASB 9820 (little room, CSIL S.)

    b. Dawn and Vani interested in helping run during summer
    c. ASB 9820 - tomorrow! (Samantha will lead)
    d. 2 people present are going (maybe more)
    e. Need to send another email
4. The Peak Articles
    a. Thoughts on portrayal of WiCS, WiE, FAS
        i. Some miscommunication happened regarding who ended up on the cover
        ii. SFU video about mechatronics
        iii. Younger girls may get scared of mechatronics
        iv. Peak articles get high up in google search rankings - this could affect high school students
        v. Some things not emphasized
            1. Initiatives were not mentioned
            2. Referring to male students
            3. Talking about lack of role models
            4. Made it sound like administration was not doing enough to support females
            5. Subtle discrimination regarding unconscious bias
            6. Cases of harassment
            7. Could have mentioned how to get involved with WICS & WIE
        vi. Article is not well written, rather 'bleak'
        vii. Another article in Peak giving perspective on women in STEM - made it sound like FAS was not doing enough
        viii. Bad press for FAS & CS
            1. We could write to the dean or school of computing science (Samantha and Dawn)
            2. Could write an article to the Peak (Samantha and Dawn)
                a. Letter to the editor: put more focus what we're trying to do
    b. Should we write to the Editor or say something to FAS/CS?
5. WWEST Mentorship
    a. Danniele has a Doodle that she will resend later, wants 1-2 WiCS reps
6. International Women's Day Celebration
    a. Retro
        i. Should have had pinata → next time could make one
    b. Unfinished business
        i. Important: Do we owe Nester's money?
            1. No, Sumo has paid
        ii. Does anyone need a cheque from Sophie?
7. Angelica
    a. TechConnect End of Semester Social
        i. April 7 in the ASB Atrium from 12:30pm-2:30pm
        ii. Volunteer shifts are 12:00PM-3:15PM
            1. Sophia can volunteer with popcorn & cotton candy machine

iii. Should we hold a booth?
1. Maddy & Diana are available
2. Wear Try Catch t-shirts?
iv. Confirm 2 volunteers

b. Info Eve/Open House
i. May 25, 2017 approximate time 5pm-9pm (time to be confirmed)
ii. ASB Atrium
iii. WiCS can hold a booth
1. 3 people available to participate (Angelina, Maddy, Sophie?, Dawn)

c. Mysterious FAS Formal

8. WiCS Meetings
a. Dawn won't be here next week
i. Give her your address if you want a postcard
b. Frequency/Duration given that Try/CATCH planning is underway and finals are approaching
i. No decision made

9. Veggie Lunch
a. Tuesdays 13:00-14:00
b. Doodle for new time => Maddy
i. Wednesdays starting next week
ii. Maddy will send out reminder email

10. Creating Connections 5.0 Conference
a. Run by WWEST, May 5-6, downtown Vancouver
b. Applications closing tomorrow
c. Can get $150 registration paid by emailing quick application to Anne Lavergne

11. Try/CATCH
a. Weekly meetings: Wednesdays at 4:30PM in TASCI 9408
b. Date: Saturday, May 13 (after first week of Summer classes)
c. Who can give a workshop?
d. Who wants to help do a survey / write a paper?

12. Visier Tour
a. On hold until summer
b. She will drop by to WiCS meetings (after April 10th) if there will be meetings

13. Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing 2017
a. Registration opens in July
b. When should WiCS's application open? June?

14. Surrey Social
a. Could get room booking through Tracy, Greg Mori's blessing
b. End of semester social? Drop in between studying for finals social?

15. Hackathon Survey Results
a. When Dawn finishes compiling

16. Key Tracking

    a. To be dealt with by execs
17. WiCS Logo
    a. Get Natalie to do it?
    b. Use the Try/CATCH logo?
18. $.$
    a. Requesting funding from CS School
    b. ChicTech account update
    c. Switching accounts debate
19. Communications
    a. We REALLY need a Communications Coordinator :'(
    b. Someone should be posting on Facebook regularly
    c. Remember to update WiCS calendar!
    d. Maillists
        i. Can we add wics@sfu.ca to the wics-exec maillist?
        ii. Make wics@sfu.ca admin of wics-members?
        iii. Should we do anything about cmpt-women or older maillists?
            1. Make them unsearchable?
        iv. Is it time to change the secret knock?
        v. WiCS Gmail account
        vi. Access to send to cs-students or cmpt-students
20. Meeting Minutes
    a. Should we add minutes/links for CSSS, Diversity Committee, WiE meetings?
    b. Need to upload all minutes to website (last December meeting not there)
    c. 2017 minutes login
21. WiCS Board
    a. Anyone want to decorate?
    b. Alumni stories
22. WiCS Website
    a. Shutting down old website
        i. Collect all relevant info/meeting minutes from old website
    b. Alumni stories
    c. Reach out to person who wanted to do webdev
    d. Creating login page for 2017 minutes → Done!
23. Constitution
    a. Proposed amendments:
        i. Make the "i" in "WiCS" lowercase
        ii. Create specifics about elections and exec expectations
        iii. Update exec positions and roles
        iv. Draw clearer boundaries between WiCS and WiE members
24. Media
    a. CJSF feminist radio show
25. Open Floor

Meeting adjourned 5:42