

WiCS General Meeting Agenda

May 25th, 2022

Attendees: Harpreet, Denise, Rachel, Katie, Manya, Mehreen, Ouldooz, Kaitlynn, Clare, Sumo, Gahee, Angela

Meeting started at 7:02pm

1. Updates

- WiCS execs:
 - i. *Secretary - Rachel*
 - Meeting minutes uploaded onto website
 - ii. *Treasurer - Manya*
 - Working on FAS funding (due May 31st)
 - iii. *Communications Coordinator - Katie*
 - Newsletter ready
 - 1st Google workshop went well
 - iv. *Event Coordinator - Kaitlynn & Clare*
 - Hike event
 - a. Date: June 11th 3:00pm
 - b. Location: Science World to False Creek
 - c. Will provide snacks and drinks
 - i. Motion for \$100 to cover this cost
 - d. Will create a RSVP form and a discord channel for communication
 - v. *Technical Coordinator - Mehreen & Anagha*
 - First workshop
 - a. Date: June 9th 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 - b. Beginner-friendly; Python based
 - c. Will require pre-registration
 - Motion for \$30 for gift cards
 - vi. *Grad Coordinator - Vishakha*
 - Not present
 - vii. *Social Media Coordinators - Angela & Neha*
 - Are creating posts for 2 upcoming google workshops
 - Will upload a reminder post about the extended GHC grant deadline

2. Summer 2022 Events

- See event coordinator update

3. Summer 2022 Clubs Day

- Was successful
- 35 total newsletter signups

4. Grace Hopper Grant Updates

- 2 CS, 5 FAS grants
 - i. \$1300 per grant (includes travel, food, accommodation)
 - ii. Funding delayed but promised
- 1 Allocadia grant is uncertain
- GHC grant application deadline extended to June 30th
- Committee - Angela, Harpreet, Denise, Manya, Mehreen, Rachel, Sumo

5. CAN-CWIC updates

- Funding not yet received but promised
- 2 CS students will receive support
- Registration less than \$200 (+ meals, accommodation, shuttle)
- Support flights through grants
- \$850 for everything
- Will announce names at the end of July

6. WiCS Stickers and promotional items

- Gave out pens & bookmarks for WiCS promotion
- Suggest buttons and stickers as future merchandise
- Will look more into SFSS Club Funding guidelines
 - i. WiCS is not associated with SFSS so need to check if WiCS is covered
- Could refer to <https://pds.docsol.sfu.ca/print/services-2/events/> for ideas

7. Google Outreach Event

- 1st workshop had a good turnout
- 2nd workshop
 - i. May 31st
 - ii. Build your technical career
- 3rd workshop
 - i. June 2nd
 - ii. Life of a SWE
- RSVP form: <https://goo.gle/SimonFraserUniversity>

8. Try/Catch 2022

- In-person events
- Need more people to help out
- Will create a separate discord channel for Try/Catch communication

9. Fall 2022-Summer 2023 Funding

- \$2055 from CS, waiting to receive cheque
- FAS funding proposal in progress

10. Social Media suggestions

- More interactive posts or stories on Instagram
 - i. e.g. Share co-op experiences or follow around execs

- Social media contests and giveaways
- Utilize #WiCS and other hashtags

11. Women Groups BBQ/ Picnic

- WiE suggested a combined event for networking
- WiCS Event Coordinators will communicate with WiE for further planning

12. Organize WiCS Common Room + TASC Closet

- Need to clean before in-person events
- Have funding of ~\$50/year for WiCS common room
 - i. Feminine products
 - ii. Decorations
- Can better utilize WiCS board for advertisement
- Suggest forming a group to be in charge of this

13. Open floor

- No new women faculty were hired
 - i. Suggest sending a polite email to the school director to communicate our awareness of this lack of diversity
- Mehreen will represent WiCS at the Welcome Event at SFU Surrey Campus
 - i. Q: How might we better engage current students and welcome new students to the SFU community?
 - Free items
 - Outdoor activities
 - Interactive activities in smaller groups (easier to get to know people well)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm