

IEEE Computer Society
Student Chapter at UWM
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Friday February 17, 2006
Location: EMS E371 (Conference Room)

Members in Attendance:

George Frick (President)
David Brixius (Vice President)
Stephen Nelson (Secretary)
John Pinnow
Eric Shelley
Tony Ly

Guests in Attendance:

Fue Yang
Paul Baker

Meeting Minutes:

Call to order at 5:30pm

Recruiting

Dave & Eric have ideas.
Talk to people, both teachers and students.
Ask for permission to give presentations during classes.
George will give them.
CS251 lecture was mentioned.
Sodas in our fridge, as a recruiting tool (Dave's idea)
 Make a recruitment flyer with tear-tabs redeemable for sodas from our fridge.
 To redeem a tab, a student writes his/her valid email address on it and drops it in
 the fridge cash box. We send an email stating "thanks for dropping by" and
 maybe indicating the dates of upcoming meetings and events.
Tutoring as a recruitment tool.
Food as a recruitment tool.

Open House

Date: Thursday February 23, 2006
Issues: Who can give time to this?
We need to make a booth, set up the booth, and staff the booth.
John is available until noon
George will make time.
Other chapter members please respond with availability.

Spring Picnic

Date: Wednesday April 19, 2006
Can we book the 3rd-floor student org space?
We need to start planning this event.

Student Association (SA)

Vote on differential tuition: Monday February 27, 2006.
Let's vote that they PAY THE VOLUNTEER TUTORS.

SAC & CEAS Funding Committee Seats

We need to get our people into these seats.

EVERYONE: Please think about whether you could volunteer to sit on these committees. They make important decisions that affect us (and other orgs) directly. Seats are available and need to be filled ASAP.

Penny Drive

The student orgs each make a sort of piggy bank, all of which are kept on display in the CEAS advising office on EMS 3-East. Pennies in an org's bank are votes for that org. other coins are votes against. The winning org gets to decide how to donate the money. Refer to messages recently sent by Jennie Klumpp for additional information.
John made a penny drive bank from one of our discarded CRT monitors. Everyone should stop by with fist full of pennies for us.

Office: EMSE268

Office is completely set up.
We have the LCD monitors we requested.
Phone is working.
At least one of our computers still doesn't boot.
The heat issue remains un-addressed.

SAO Meeting

George attended a Q&A session, led by the leader of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who explained why things suck financially for the student orgs right now. (Caveat: this is 3rd-hand information.) Apparently Tom McGinnity used to run the show, but has now transitioned to a different position. He hasn't released responsibilities to a replacement, but isn't as responsive as he used to be. So there's a communication problem. Apparently there's money out there, but the people who have it aren't **allowed** to tell us how to get it. However, if **we** initiate contact, it may be possible to make arrangements. George will establish a point of contact, and make the information available to the officers. There will be a big meeting in April, and we get to request funding for purchases. George has a list of items to be requested. George plans to attend the April meeting. It was mentioned that we should try to get our picnics funded as a SAC event.

Door lock

Motion by George Frick:
Buy a new lockbox for the doorknob of the org room.
Cost cap of \$25.
Motion was seconded, motion carried.

Org Microwave

Suggestion: Move our org office microwave to the kitchen area in the 3rd-floor org space, as a temporary courtesy to the other orgs pending purchase of a dedicated microwave oven through Jennie's office.

Org Fridge

Suggestion: Get other food items for our office. Oranges in the fridge, non-perishables, microwave popcorn.

Robotics Project

Jeremy was unable to attend, so George made his presentation.
Suggestion made by another student org: Use thick plastic sheets as a chassis for the bots, rather than ordering some sort of fabricated chassis. Plastic is inexpensive and can be cut and drilled. This should save money.

Motion by George Frick:
Alter the design of the robot kits to include hand-made plastic chassis.
Replaces pre-made chassis that is in current robot specs.

Motion was seconded, motion carried.
The order quantity for the first batch of kits will be 20, not 30.
Vote for purchase was tabled.

Bulletin boards on 1st floor of EMS

Suggestion made to get glass-enclosed wall-hung bulletin boards for every CEAS student org.
Jennie administers an All-Orgs slush fund that might be used to pay for the cases.
Ballpark cost might be \$100 per case.

Financial Report

George presented Jeremy's numbers. Numbers are not exact. We have:

- >\$3000 in bank
- +\$108 from CS201 Manual Sales
- +\$171 from CS151 Manual Sales
- +\$73 & change from Soda
- +\$50 from February 4, 2006 Linux Install Seminar

We've recently spent:

- \$40 to buy fridge from IEEE student chapter
- \$32 to buy soda
- \$40 to buy food for the 17FEB2006 chapter meeting
- \$75 owed to Paul McNally for printing of manuals

Supporting the Computing Needs of Other CEAS Student Orgs

We maintain an org printer in the E371 office.
We need to stock up on paper and toner for the laserjet printer.
We should consider asking other orgs to help pay for these costs.
George and John have been working with the other orgs to:
 Get their website access straight
 Get them squared away with mailman mailing lists on moby.
George wants to investigate mailing list packages other than mailman; he doesn't like the interface.

Org Signage

We want full-color, laminated printing for the following items. George will look into it.
Places suggested: IKON, Kinko's, Clarke, but not limited to these.
Signs wanted:

 Banner over the door of our org office

 Motion by George Frick:

 Purchase sign.

 Cost cap of \$75.

 Motion was seconded, motion carried.

 Inset for the window in the door of our org office

 Motion by George Frick

 Purchase sign.

 Cost cap of \$50.

 Motion was seconded, motion carried.

 Poster to cover our bulletin board in the EMS 1st-floor lobby

 Motion by George Frick

 Purchase sign.

 Cost cap of \$100.

 Motion was seconded, motion carried.

EAS 200 Seminar

George will be speaking in the EAS200 Seminar.

He hopes to attract new members to the chapter.

Linux Install Seminar

We decided to do it again in April, sometime after the picnic. Specific date TBA.

George would really like to see a solid solution for the poor wi-fi device support in Fedora Core 4.

Steve successfully installed ndiswrapper once, but there's a bit of research involved for every chipset and device, so it doesn't lend itself to an automated process.

Steve is planning to watch for info about wi-fi support in Fedora Core 5.

CS Department Faculty Meetings

Eric gave a briefing on the CS department faculty meetings

There will be 2 new technical elective courses in Fall 2006 for CS majors.

There will be a Software Engineering track within the major.

There are plans to roll out 6 new courses over 2 years to create the Software Engineering track.

Two years more to create a Software Engineering Bachelors Degree.

The faculty is considering whether to stick with C++ only, or migrate to a Java-C++ combo.

Eric reminded us that CS faculty meetings are open to students.

Announcement

The next IEEECS@UWM Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Location to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned.