ASIS&T Executive Meeting

MINUTES   MARCH 5, 2009   1:00PM   SLAIS LOBBY

ATTENDEES	Maureen, Ro, Dan, Emma, Kirsty, Tania, Rob
REGRETS	Kristin

Agenda topics

END-OF-YEAR MEETING AND TECH COURSE FORUM   MAUREEN

DISCUSSION	Maureen chatted with some profs about holding a student forum and reactions were mixed. There were concerns that perhaps it would not be a neutral thing, they suggested having instructors come in instead.

Tania says we're adults and can agree to keep things positive. Group agrees and Maureen suggests having a two person team talk on each course, in this way there is multiple perspectives presented. Maureen lists the tech courses on timetable for next year.

For new courses, try and contact professors to get details on the upcoming courses. Kirsty suggests getting someone in from Computer Science or related exterior department to talk options, Ro suggests the HCI specialization.

CONCLUSIONS	Need to get in touch with the appropriate people for each course (if necessary) and plan something to say.

554: Tania and Dan.
555 and 557: Tania and Maureen
559L: Ro will contact Heather Morrison for more info
559M: Maureen will contact Dean for more info
551 (Term 2): Tania will contact the instructor for more info
WISE Courses: Ro and Dan will speak to their experiences in the WISE program
HCI Specialization: Ro will contact appropriate person for more info
Computer Science: Kirsty will issue a call on the list-serv to identify any SLAIS students that have taken outside courses, and will get in touch with an appropriate contact in the department for more info.
Visualization Research at SFU: Rob will contact appropriate person for more info.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Plan out what you are going to say at the forum	See above	April 1

DOING THINGS THAT COST MONEY   MAUREEN

DISCUSSION	Maureen brings up the point that we all are aware of our budget, which is not growing. Do we want to do anything that costs money? How about attempting to make some?

Kirsty suggests a school-wide Jeopardy Reference game, with questions submitted by professors and students and teams of new and older students mixed together to solve them. Maureen sees potential in the idea but sounds difficult to pull off. Another idea brought up (suggested at a previous meeting) is "tech-tips" cards to sell at the SUB or somewhere outside of SLAIS.

In terms of spending money, Tania suggests a DB/Textworks style workshop, Maureen will try and get in contact with the open-source OPAC Evergreen to do a similar day. Ro thinks this is a good idea because it is difficult to advocate for open access and open-source software in libraries, suggests looking into doing something similar for Joomla or Drupal CMS.

CONCLUSIONS	Need an in-depth plan for the Jeopardy game before proceeding with approval.

Need to find and get in touch with someone about Evergreen.

Conference is still far away, but we need to keep our ears to the ground about possible events or volunteer opportunities.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Put together Jeopardy plan	Kirsty [and any other takers]	April 1 (?)
Contact Evergreen	Maureen	Whenever

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

DISCUSSION	Are there going to be any executive positions open for fall?
CONCLUSIONS	There will be a need for events planners, all other exec positions closed until at least December. Members at large always welcome.