October 19th, 2010 - ASIS&T Group Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2010
Time: 12:30-1:30
Location: Trail Room

Members present:
- Mahria (Chair)
- Tosha (Vice Chair)
- Jessie (Secretary)
- Tristan
- Devon
- Kate
- Frank
- Jonathan
- Bronwyn
- Andrew
- Yolanda
- Justin
- Alice

Cool Tool Day discussion
- Positive feedback from the group regarding Oct. 5th Cool Tool Day event
- ASIS&T used to provide tech seminars that prepare incoming students for applications used at SLAIS
  - suggestion: should we use this again in a future event for the new semester?
- Post notes on blog of past event & email to slais synopsis of notes and link to blog
- Group asked to email any furthre suggestions or comments to ASIS&T listserv
- Next Cool Tool Day event November 16, 2010
  - Suggestion: advertise to SLAIS students that Cool Tools can be useful for end of semester work (but keep to general open floor - no real specific theme)
  - Include profs next time for Cool Tool presentations
  - Strictly stick to 5 minutes presentations

Coding Cafe
- Still unsure of how to proceed with such a high participant turnout rate
- Group is keen on having a guest speaker
- Good to do same style/format as knowledge sharing in Cool Tool Day - but not to use the same name (not to intimidate students new to tech who from Cool Tool Day)
- New name for coding cafe's first event talk?

Debrief from director's forum with students (ie. curriculum advancement)
- Using LASSA's PEP, the curriculum committee and support of ASIS&T@UBC to get numbers from students to have curriculum change for implementing programming courses
- One idea is to approach director to get opinions on issue

Next Cool Tool Day event
- Volunteer for responding to emails about event?
- Volunteers for flyers/promotion?
- Group agrees to having time to chat and coffee and cookies right after the event

Overview of upcoming schedule for end of semester
- Executive elections (new webmaster open position)
- January Cool Tool day event for incoming students

ASIS&T conference in Pittsburg
- Faculty and PhD student are going, and Alex (webmaster) is presenting his research poster
- For members not going to the conference
  - Suggestion: use Twitter to keep with conference updates - or 2nd life if you are so inclined

Upcoming research day (in March)
- Think about it because need to submit your research project to participate
- Call for volunteers for helping research day

Open Access week
- Schedule sent to group - interesting events to go to this week

Guest speaker Rex Turgano
- Rex's background:
  - Environmental Sutdies and MLIS from Dalhousie University in Halifax
  - Webcoordinator for UBC downtown and consultant
  - Webstrategist and content manager for Greenspace page
- Ideas for questions to ask Rex
  - "When I was in university, I wish I ..... to use this skill set to..."
  - Email Tosha if other ideas (which will also be sent out to the listserv)

New ASIS&T@UBC Site/Blog
- Informed group of new site/blog
- Call for members to contribute:
  - to next Cool Tool Day blogging
  - any suggestions or comments for the blog

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