

## **Minutes of the ASCIE meeting held on 08/13/07**

Started : 5:04 PM

Ended : 6:05 PM

### **College of Engineering Welcome Workshop:**

- The CoE workshop is to take place on August 24, 2007. It is an engineering workshop where different branches of engineering send their representatives to share their views and interests with visitors, comprising under-graduate students, new graduate students and general visitors, with a purpose of attracting prospective students.
- ASCIE sent a team of four people last year. We have volunteered to be present at the workshop again this year. At least six people are required to volunteer with cool demos. The workshop is general and need not be technical. So far people from Graphics have volunteered. Last year the CISE booth was the only booth without a computer or video demo, so hopefully we can get something nice this year.

### **Info Session**

- Ultimate Software has expressed its interest in giving a briefing to CISE students. Andres & Ritwik volunteered for the info session. The session is to be held September 18 at 5:30 PM in CSE 404.
- VM Ware will also be holding an info session. Kelen volunteered for the info session. It will be held the next day, September 19, at 6 PM in CSE 404.

### **T-shirt Design:**

There was an announcement regarding little modification to T-shirt design that was selected through voting by ASCIE members in the last meeting. Now the Gator in the waste-band will be removed and the letter 'I' of CISE is to be replaced by a standing gator with a cap. The modification was done due to high cost involved. ASCIE decided to keep the cost of a T-Shirt at \$10.

### **Chinese Student Pen Pal**

Fei volunteered to become the Pen Pal for a chinese student. The Pen Pal is for facilitating interaction between the student and CISE.

### **New Student Orientation:**

- Volunteers who volunteered to speak to new students about the department, info session and students life were asked if they were ready.
- The info session will be about telling new entrants about the experiences and expectations.
- Nijhum and Kartik volunteered to help Florin with arranging ice cream during the ice cream social
- Ken Watford and James Nicolus volunteered to help Alok in taking down orders for T-shirt sizes.

### **CISE Career Fair**

- Piyush apprised ASCIE members about the preparations of conducting the first ever career fair, exclusively for CISE students, jointly organized by ECE dept.
- Information was given about companies' responses, timings, names.
- Question was asked about the benefit to CISE from such fair: Why will a company come twice?
- The fair is scheduled to take place a day before the main university career fair.

### **Secretary Elections**

ASCIE got its new Secretary after a voting tie. Fei and Ken contested for the post. The tie was resolved by ASCIE officers after a private discussion and Kenneth Watford was chosen as the new secretary for the session 2007-08.

### **Alumni Association**

A suggestion was made for taking initiatives to organize Alumni Association with a view to maintain better contacts with ex-students and possibly get funding from them. The suggestion was noted and will be revisited after New Student Orientation.

### **Monthly Socials**

- ASCIE members agreed to conduct monthly socials with a view to interact amongst themselves. Appetizers will be provided for the first social.
- The following places were suggested: Cooper monkey, Ale House, Gator City, Bennigan's, Maude's Coffee House.
- Copper Monkey was decided on to be the meeting spot for the first monthly social, to be held on Thursday, 8 pm , September 6,2007.

### **TA Appointment Policy**

- ASCIE members were told about the discussion between ASCIE officers and those in charge of TA program and the Director. Details will be available shortly.
- Members asked questions about the process of evaluation and individual ratings in regards to SPEAK scores.