

Tech Fund February Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 15, 2013
4pm-5pm
7th Floor Student Lounge
Bissell Building, 140 St. George Street, Toronto

Present: Octavio, David, Emily, Jennie

1. Computer price estimate - Ivan

Ivan has resigned and will be leaving at the beginning of March. This has implications for the Tech Fund since Ivan has been a key resource/contact person. We need to figure out who to contact regarding future purchases. Emily will contact Kathy Shyjak to figure it out. Ivan was meant to give us computer price estimates. We cannot move forward until this is resolved.

2. Possible new purchases:

- a. Nvivo (suggestion made by Jessica Gallinger)

No one on the Tech Fund is very familiar with this product. More research is required. Purchasing the computers must be our priority at the moment. Other purchases must be considered secondary at the moment until this is resolved.

- b. maker space materials?

We agreed that it is a good idea. Possible locations: Inforum, left corner nook. Possibly provide a variety of technical parts (keyboards, monitors, raspberry pi, etc). We discussed the potential security issues but decided that the cost investment is not significant enough to warrant elaborate security precautions. We can buy a few parts and test it out in the future.

3. iSI workshop progress

There have been communication problems. It took a long time to receive a response and it looks like they do not have the appropriate people that we require. This likely means that a workshop is not going to happen this semester.

Addendum (21 February 2012): since the meeting, Eva has been in contact with Emily and we

may be able to offer a workshop by the end of the year, or right after the school year is done.

4. Puppy party progress
 - a. **donation \$150**
 - b. location - ideas, thoughts?
 - c. date

Officially approved for March 28th. One dog will be brought in. Not sure what room yet (possibly 415?). Emily will ask around and see where dogs are allowed.

Vote: Approve \$150 donation to St. John's Ambulance. Carried unanimously.

5. Rep for MISC survey committee

Octavio has agreed to do it. Emily will email Gallinger to tell her.

6. Referendum!: Noted.

Other issues:

Jennie brought up the fact that we are listed for a March 13th iTea. No one knows how. After the ideas party, we feel that an iTea is not necessary. Emily will contact Gallinger to take us off itea

Jennie- request for clip on mic, to be used for film making purposes. Not required immediately but could be useful in the future.

Jennie - mount making workshop in the works. Update soon regarding time and cost.

Meeting adjourned: 4:50pm