

2024-10-04 Meeting Notes

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- + Mitchel reported that two people have signed up for his web development project
- + we now have three officers and they need to contact Charles Henriques, the Director Student Activities & Leaderships to reactivate the IT Club
- + Dhriti will make an announcement on our Instagram account of the results of the election
- + there was discussion about our first event. we decided to have an in-person event that would combine a presentation by Jason Agress about his experiences in IT with a social event complete with refreshments
- + various suggestions were made about advertising the event and rooms for it
- + we need a Google form to be sent to members and all IT students to find out the best time for the meeting. Dhriti and Ryan volunteered to work on this
- + we talked about recording Jason's presentation
- + in the old Science Building there was a large room with many machines in it called the Unix Lab. it was just down the hall from the CS Department office and students would come by before or after class to work on assignments or just to socialize. the Unix operators had their own office separated from the larger room with a door and a window. beyond the operators were the Unix servers for the department. the operators hung out in the room and they often helped students with their assignments. many former students have fond memories of the place and some said that they learned more in the lab than in their courses.
- + Glenn and Tom have been working on a plan to get more people to come to the CS Lab to get help and socialize. their idea is to wall off a small part of the CS Lab as an office for the operators. Tom is reluctant to let the Unix operators perform many tasks because they work in the open where everyone can see what they are doing. but if they had an enclosed space with a door and a window, they could do more work. having the operators there doing system work, might encourage students to come by since the operators know a lot and could help them with their problems. to get this proposal approved, we may need to talk to the Dean of Science and if that happens, I would like one or two students to come along. Glenn has been going to the CS Lab every Wednesday from about 3-5 but very few come.
- + we decided to have a Zoom meeting next Friday to review our progress on what we have discussed today
- + people should contribute ideas on the Discord server
- + Michael talked about the mentorship program in the MSIS department set up to help students get adjusted to the campus
- + Ryan suggested that we might schedule IT Club members to sit in the CS Lab to help students with any problems they encounter. people who sign up to help could put this on their resumes.

