TECH ⏻ FUND
FACULTY OF INFORMATION

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Bissell Building, Inforum, Study Room
140 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario

Present : Jordan-na Belle-Isle, NuRee Lee, Madeline Smolarz, Tony Lemmens,
Christoph Becker
Regrets: Akash Venkat, Junoh Kim

Agenda

1. **Old Business**
   a. Speed Dating Event
      i. continue in-class announcements: have been going well
      ii. printing of posters: covered by MISC budget
      iii. vote for supplies budget $50 (food, napkins, etc) - passed; Jordan-na will get them for the event
      iv. possible cross-promoting between the Pet Therapy event that MISC has at the same time
   b. Mount Making workshop
      i. date has been set: Jan 31-Feb 1 (Sat-Sun) 9am-5pm
      ii. vote for funding $2500 (last year's budget was $2400) - passed; provides a small contingency for possible increases in costs
      iii. early advertising: need to create an LCD, posters, and social media advertising so students can book time off in advance
   c. Ideas Party
      i. for next term - ideal dates/times/location?: last year it was in the 7th floor lounge which worked well - keep this location; in the evening on a Wednesday night the week of February 9th; ensure that it is not at the same time as an iTea event
      ii. ideas for party?
   d. TechFund fee
      i. Can we lower the fee? We should contact Kathy regarding this. It would be decided during a referendum year: should look at trends in Tech Fund spending; Prof Becker had comments regarding feedback loops and looking to the future of the Inforum and possible things that could be done for students funded by Tech

Fund; purchasing equipment for students who cannot afford it; Cloud service subscriptions; more high profile workshops ideas by looking at what other iSchools are doing; colloquia in the near future will be reduced and Tech Fund can take advantage of this opportunity; Jordan-na will get in contact with Kathy to look at past trends; Nuree will look into these kinds of initiatives over the holidays

   e. update of website & Facebook
- i. photos and content need to be updated: take photos at the upcoming events and ensure that everything is up to date
- ii. from last meeting: *Akash will put pamphlet on website. Suggestions include putting photos of the technology on the site as well as bios and pics of the committee*

2. New Business

   a. Tech suggestions from students
- i. Adobe Creative Cloud: "Are students only able to access the Adobe Creative Cloud on computers in the Inforum or can we get the Creative Cloud Student Package (which is a monthly rental plan of $19.99 for a year) downloaded onto our personal computers through the Tech Fund? I talked to someone at the inforum, and TF has provided funds for Adobe Creative Cloud, which is installed on all inforum computers. The problem is that their hours have been cut back considerably."
  1. need more research into this because it isn't clear how this suggestion will be implemented; Tony will get more information from his contact at the Bookstore; will be useful especially when the Inforum starts to undergo renovations
- ii. A former student has a brand new 3D printer (worth $1500) to sell: Bring to the ideas party
- iii. Ladies Learning Code workshop at the iSchool: all of their courses are relevant; can get students interested in areas of study that not many are confident enough to tackle; important for professional development; Madeline will look into this further, get into contact with them; Professor Becker will connect her with PhD student Emily who has also taken LLC workshops beforehand; make sure that male students can be included as well

   b. Any other new business?

i. Prof Becker suggests new lenses for cameras available for rent in the Inforum or an entirely new camera to supplement the two that we already have; Prof Becker suggests Canon, moving away from having two systems; perhaps look into cameras with interchangeable lenses but that are more compact

    1. Prof Becker suggests getting better lenses for the Canon EOS. Even just shooting pictures at events is not well supported at all now.

        a. The 50mm 1.8 lens is a no-brainer at 116,-

            i. http://www.amazon.ca/Canon-50mm-1-8-Camera-Lens/dp/B00007E7JU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1416865078&sr=8-1&keywords=canon+50mm+f%2F18

            ii. http://www.dpreview.com/lensreviews/canon_50_1p8_ii_c16

        b. A bright standard zoom lens would be very good too.

            i. Canon 17-55/2.8 is a fabulous lens. http://www.dpreview.com/articles/3452105989/canonefs1755f28g but not cheap at 1150,- http://www.amazon.ca/Canon-EF-S-17-55mm-Lens-Cameras/dp/B000EW8074

        c. Worth checking around what the requirements are and expectations. Mirrorless interchangeable lens cameras or something like http://www.dpreview.com/reviews/panasonic-lumix-dmc-lx100 or http://www.dpreview.com/reviews/sony-cybershot-dsc-rx100 might be a great compromise