- Faculty hiring
  - Hired two new teaching faculty members to start in September
  - Currently interviewing for 2 tenure track positions. Areas:
    - AI/ML/NLP/HRI/Robotics
    - Security and Systems
- New front office staff member: Tara Zantow
  - Working half-time on advising with Megan Monaghan
- CSLOL:
  - Currently reaching out to new master students
  - Propose to have multiple different boards for announcements/calendars
- Robotics club:
  - Club is currently pursuing more CS/software-related projects
- Sophomore student:
  - Positive feedback about the amount of hiring being done in the CS department
- WICS:
  - Organized brunch GIM, trying to attract more COMP 11/15 students
  - Doing marketing on Instagram
  - Planning professional development and community based events
  - Meeting with CS external advisory board to present about what WICS does and build relationships (department plans to have all student groups rotate and meet with the board)
  - Tati: Working with Ming to create one-on-one mentorship program (pairing CS undergrads with industry professionals), can potentially send one page information sheet to external advisory board to ask for assistance
  - Idea: Bring in unconscious bias training expert for TAs,
    - Action item: Submit proposal, including requested budget, for unconscious bias training.
- Comp10:
  - Learning from interacting with Intro to CS for non CS majors
- TA sub committee:
  - Core classes centralization: had meeting with all TF from core classes. Discussed ideas on how to pass on course-running knowledge from person to person and how to streamline curriculum
  - Plan to meet 2-3 times a semester with all TF in the future
  - Comp 5: could possibly hold unconscious bias training in comp 5
    - Feedback: comp 5 has improved this semester (more practical knowledge, facilitates more open conversation)
  - Supriya: Reached out to another implicit bias expert who designed diversity training modules for professors
    - Action item: Submit proposal, including requested budget.
- **JumboSEC:**
  - Going through organizational changes
  - Have multiple teams participating/preparing for cyber security competitions
  - Kicking off regular semester meetings soon

- **Graduation speaker:**
  - Format: Have candidates prepare an outline first. Narrow it down further then ask finalists to submit a video or present in person. (~ 7 minutes length)
  - Send call for submissions through mailing list, post to FB group, ask applicants to submit an online application
  - Deadline: a week before spring break
  - Potentially use ideas from Yuki’s speech for inspiration
  - Decision committee will include all student council members

- **Selecting members at large for the council next year:**
  - Application process: how to call for applications and reach out to students who are not group leaders/TFs
  - How many members should be on the council? -> Perhaps we don’t need to worry about it until we have too many members applying
  - Should aim for diversity in class year, particularly sophomores
  - Call for applications in April and possibly again in the fall if we don’t have enough members
  - We can ask TFs and professors for nominations
  - **Action item:** Kathleen inform faculty members about the CS student council

- **Alumni committee:**
  - Need for diversity in resources (beyond 199 Piazza group and Ming)
  - Yuki is reviving Tufts CS alumni FB group (students seem to prefer FB over any other social media platform)
  - Mentorship program could help with forming alumni relationships
  - Idea: Extend April 4th alumni/CS senior student mixer to grad students as well
  - Have mixer during evening of fall career fair as well, perhaps in a location closer to campus (Davis square restaurant or SEC/Alumni lounge)
  - Reverse career fair: Need more alumni to come - reach out to advisory board
  - Advisory board working on a panel where alumni conduct Skype or in-person technical interviews in September
  - Google: wants to teach students how to do technical interviews in the fall (weekly practice sessions, bringing students into offices to practice with engineers)
  - Idea: Establish a routine/tradition that encourages alumni to stay in contact with the Tufts community, keep alumni updated and in the loop about the department. Eventually hope to be able to establish local groups of alumni across the nation, but currently focused on local Boston CS alumni.

- To get more students to come to town hall (March 14th at 7pm in Halligan 102): have better food choices, more approachable location (such as Curtis multipurpose room), students don’t know what town halls are about and are intimidated by it.