March 26th CS Student Council Meeting Minutes

- Offers made to candidates in security (waiting to hear back in April), could get 0-2 new tenure track faculty members
- Advising week started: Megan (Arts and Sciences), Tara (School of engineering) and Eliza (Sophomores)
- Building updates:
  - Currently tore down old buildings, updated windows
  - Construction on new CS building (which will make room for all CS activities) starting very soon
  - There will be more faculty and PHD students in 196 Boston Ave while waiting for construction to end
- Graduation speakers:
  - Next step: we collectively review the applications
  - Action item: Kathleen - figure out how many applications we have received
  - Criteria suggestions:
    - Positive message
    - How well the speech represents the CS department
    - Message that resonates with a large number of students
    - High submission quality
    - Good presentation style
- Member at large selection process:
  - Next step: kick start process to invite members at large to apply for next year
  - Methods to spread the word:
    - FB groups (Tufts CS, WiCS)
    - Announce in courses (11, 15, 40 etc.)
    - 199 Piazza group
    - Post flyers
  - Action item: Marilyn - make a draft flyer by early next week, send to CS student council mailing list and Kathleen, work with csadmin to reuse last year’s application form
- WiCS updates:
  - Organizing Tech Talks (Slalom build, machine learning for sex trafficking etc.), lunch and learn (bring in an engineer to chat with 10-15 students)
  - Tati’s mentorship program kicked off (First round of mentor and mentee signups successfully completed)
  - WiT planning in process
    - Currently focusing on strengthening relationships with external companies
    - Trying to organize committees/working out how to book 574 Boston Ave
    - Had issues with companies delaying sponsorship payment (CS department would be happy to follow up if needed)
- JumboCode updates:
- Planning a final project showcase at the end of the year (potentially at alumni lounge)
- Encouraged to send photos to the department
- Beginning project leader applications
- As an organization, looking to become department recognized instead of TCU recognized

- **Computer Science Exchange updates:**
  - Halligan ball going to be held in Sogo multipurpose room
  - PolyHack committee in the process of setting up website and logo design
  - Halligan barbecue in planning (encouraged to explicitly invite faculty members)

- **Member at large (sophomore) updates:**
  - Generally heard good things from students about opinions on new faculty hiring
  - Some sophomore students think that only Norman teaches 105 and are curious about future professor rotations

- **Grad student updates:**
  - Had meeting before spring break
  - Also planning a Halligan barbecue
  - Struggling to organize all grad students and scaling to large number of grad students

- **Comp 10 updates:**
  - Welcome all student groups to invite Comp10 students to events suitable for beginners/non CS majors

- **Comp 15:**
  - Students don't understand makefiles: would suggest teaching makefiles early on

- **Comp 11:**
  - Having trouble getting concurrent and separate spaces for brown and blue lab sections
  - Next year we will be getting large Barnum classrooms which will hopefully help
  - Switching labs is difficult as students need to completely drop and add again on SIS