

Student Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology

ASIST

April 11, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ASIST Committee:

Tyson McMillan – Chair

Shelli Sharber – Vice Chair

Alex Pettit – Secretary-Treasurer

Sutthinan Chuenchom

Jan Reed

Stephen Kirk

Wandee Tangsathitkulchai

Todd Spinks

Samuel Muwanguzi

ASIST Faculty Advisors: Dr. Miguel Ruiz, Dr. Shawne Miksa

Committee Members Present: Tyson McMillan, Shelli Sharber, Alex Pettit, Sutthinan Chuenchom, Jan Reed, Stephen Kirk, Wandee Tangsathitkulchai, Todd Spinks, and Samuel Muwanguzi. Absent were Mehmet Demircioglu, and Bekir Cakar.

I. Introductions & General Discussion – Tyson McMillan

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 by Tyson McMillan. Dr. Miksa was introduced as an additional faculty advisor, having worked with the previous ASIST student groups.

II. Approval of Minutes – Alex Pettit

Minutes of the March 14 meeting were presented by Alex Pettit and accepted without changes.

III. Discussion of By-Laws – Shelli Sharber

Shelli Sharber presented the model by-laws for discussion. The name of the organization was set at the North Texas Student Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST).

The purpose was agreed to provide an organization through which student members within the North Texas Region and/or UNT community may participate in and carry forward the programs and purposes of ASIST.

The necessity of students to be members of ASIST in good standing was discussed, a \$60.00 registration fee to ASIST and an online application need to be completed. Annual dues for the student organization were set at \$10.00 per year, which is in addition to the membership in ASIST.

Our fall meeting notification and membership drive information will be posted to the list serve maintained by Jurhee Curtis. Tyson McMillian will find out what geographic areas this chapter can cover, from a quick review of the ASIST website it did not appear that any other ASIST student chapters are in the area.

New officers will be elected in the fall, and will have to be members of ASIST.

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Further review and discussion of the by-laws will be a topic of the next meeting.

IV. Canvassing for Ideas – Tyson McMillan

Fundraising was discussed for the next ASIST conference, to be held in Vancouver, BC. Posters for presentation were discussed, but the theme for the next conference has not yet been announced. Discussion of posters, the ASIST conference, and fundraising were postponed until the fall meeting.

V. New Business

Tyson McMillan displayed the existing UNT student ASIST website was displayed, he reported that he has the ability to update the site and would begin updating the information and format. It was suggested that the meeting minutes, meeting agendas, draft by-laws, and a calendar of upcoming meeting dates will be put on the new website.

Tyson McMillan reported that the SLIS 202 room has been reserved for the next meeting, scheduled for Friday, May 2, at 5:30 pm.

Dr. Miksa provided the treasury report. She is the trustee of the account, which is in the name of NT ASIST, and has a current balance of \$329.49. The money is for ASIST activities, but she would prefer it not to be completely depleted, giving future members something of a start to defray their expenses.

Dr. Miksa also reported that an activity report to be filed with both UNT and ASIST is due, outlining activities, officers, and changes to the organization over the past year. As this is a new student chapter, it is not clear if a filing is required by this group for the current year beyond the meeting minutes. Chapters can win awards for their report filings, but that would be a future goal for this chapter. Tyson McMillan would inquire and report back to the group at the next meeting if a filing was required, but he was not sure if it is required for this school year.

Dr. Miksa reported that there is a student listserv that she operates for ASIST, and that we could use those addresses to distribute information about our activities.

It was suggested as a topic for the next meeting that a plan be put together for the first meeting in fall to drive for members. It was discussed that members did not have to be present, they could be virtual members of the organization via web enrollment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan, seconded by Wandee and accepted at 5:21 pm.