Upsilon Pi Epsilon Meeting
March 28, 2014 Friday

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Old business
   a. Study sessions for CS courses
      i. No study sessions were organized.
      ii. Do we still want to organize sessions for the finals? If we are going to do it, we need some organizers.
         1. No volunteers. We are not doing any study sessions this semester.
   b. General study sessions
      i. We talked about organizing study sessions like introduction to Linux, SSH, etc.
      ii. Gorkem is currently preparing a presentation for introduction to Linux.
         1. He is doing a lot of teaching already. So, is there anyone who would like to present the material? It will be a good presentation experience for you.
         2. Gorkem will be helping whoever volunteers.
            a. Josh (Socha) volunteered.
         3. Ethan (Olson) suggested coming up with some dates first, then asking for volunteers.
            a. [To-do] Gorkem will be working on that.
   c. What happened to Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing?
      i. [To-do] Shreya will find out and let us know.
   d. Active members
      i. Looks like we have 22 active members (6 of them are new members).
      ii. 6 people have not paid their dues. Please pay your dues, 6 people!
         1. Dues can be paid to Gorkem or CS office.
3. New business
   a. Executive board election
      i. [To-do] Gorkem will be sending an email about elections.
         1. Full list of active members will be sent to the UPE list, so that everybody will know who they can nominate.
      ii. Gorkem will take nominations until April 11th.
      iii. [All members] E-mail your nominees (yourself or someone else) to Gorkem.
      iv. [To-do] Gorkem will compile a list of nominees and send it to the UPE list. If you see your name in the list but do not wish to be nominated, you can request your name to be deleted from it.
v. April 18th is the election day. Be there!

b. Graduation cords
   i. Last year we handed out the cords during a meeting.
   ii. If you are going to wear a UPE cord during the commencement, please remember to return it to the CS office.
   iii. If you want to keep your UPE cord, we can order a shiny new one for you.
      1. [To-do] Gorkem will talk to the CS office about this.
      2. Michael (Tuer) asked whether we could use the money in UPE’s bank account to buy cords.
         a. Motion: Should we use the dues to buy cords?
         i. Motion passed with majority in favor.

c. Amazon’s visit
   i. Amazon is coming to the campus.
   ii. They were planning to organize a hackathon but cancelled it because of a “scheduling conflict.”

d. Atsushi Akera’s visit
   i. From Tech Today: “Atsushi Akera, associate professor of science and technology studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), will present a public lecture on the topic, “The Challenges of Engineering Education Reform: Lessons from History and the Structure of the Engineering Profession. This talk grows from Akera’s on-going research into the patterns of reform and change within engineering education over the past half century, including attention to such issues as gender representation, curricular revisions and research activities. He is interested in using history to advance contemporary discussions about the improvement of engineering education, supporting reforms that advance the process of developing engineering education that serves both students and society.”
   ii. He wants to meet with CS students.
   iii. Dr. Onder will send an email about this to ACM and UPE mailing lists.
   iv. If you are interested or have ideas/opinions, send an email to Dr. Onder.

5. Tentative date for next meeting & elections: April 18th, Friday.

All to-do items
1. Gorkem will come up with some tentative dates for general study sessions.
2. Shreya will get some information about Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing and let us know.
3. Gorkem will send an email to UPE list about elections.
4. Members will e-mail their nominees to Gorkem until April 11th.
5. Gorkem will compile a list of nominees after April 11th and send it to the UPE list.
6. Gorkem will talk to the CS office about getting new UPE cords for graduating members.