



BYU

Linux Club

Charter

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Overview

Aliases

The BYU Linux Club is also known as the BYU-LC

Mission Statement

Help new and experienced Linux users gain marketable administration skills.

Purpose

BYU's motto "Enter to Learn, Go forth to serve" is also a goal of the BYU LC. With this redesigned organization we want to help students gain additional skills, outside of their coursework, that will enable them to better serve in positions they acquire in the professional world. Many majors/departments use Linux, and BYU LC gives extra tools for students to learn how to use it.

Objectives

- Educate the general public
- Create a Linux community for students on campus
- Train students to become system administrators
- Introduce new technologies and development tools
- Provide job opportunities

Organization

Membership Eligibility

Any BYU student, faculty/staff member, or alumni who is interested in Linux and respectful of others is admitted into the group.

- A student has a current BYU ID.
- Alumni who were members of the Unix Users Group (UUG) or the BYU LC while they were students, then graduated from BYU.

Member Discipline/Removal

Members are encouraged to have an open mind and be accepting of the opinions of others. Any member who is inconsiderate of others will receive a warning, and if they persist, they will be asked to leave the current meeting. If a member is removed from a meeting twice in the same semester they will be permanently removed from the group. After a full semester has passed they can then petition the Presidency for re-admission to the group.

Officer Duties

- President
 - Directs the work of all officers.
 - Meets with university CSRs and faculty in an advisory function as needed and acts as the official student spokesperson of the group.
 - Coordinates the selection of speakers for meetings and directs all group meetings.
- Vice President
 - Oversees the budget.
 - Coordinates with the webmaster to manage and maintain servers.
 - Coordinate the training new club administrators.
- Secretary
 - Maintains active backups of files and the database.
 - Manages the group roster, user accounts, authentication, and messages to members.
 - Trains new administrators in maintenance of the database.
- Webmaster
 - Maintains and develops group website.
 - Trains new web-admins so that there are always members of the group who know how to work on the website.
 - Maintains server resources for group usage.
- Department Representative
 - Coordinates with a CSR and faculty of their department to find potential speakers for the group. They also stand as a way for CSRs to give suggestions on useful training topics for future group meetings.

- Attends meetings with the presidency.
- Performs tasks as delegated by the presidency.

Officer Selection Process

1. Candidate Requirements
 - a. Basic Qualifications
 - i. Good Honor Code Standing – Observance and support of the Church Educational System Honor Code, including its Dress and Grooming Standards. Candidates must have a current Ecclesiastical Endorsement.
 - ii. Student Status – Has a current student ID and is a member of BYU LC
 - b. Academic Qualifications
 - i. Have a past semester AND cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
 - ii. Have no financial holds on your account and be in good academic standing.
 - iii. Be registered as a full-time student for fall/winter.

2. Election of Officers
 - a. Elections will be held twice a year in November and March, with new terms beginning and ending with the semesters. No candidate will stay in office for longer than two semesters (with Spring/ Summer semesters counting as one semester) without having to run for reelection.
 - b. Elections, when needed, will be held in a monthly group meeting and be open to all members of the group. Candidates will be selected by nomination and be elected by a majority vote by group members.
 - c. In the event that the Faculty Advisor does not approve of the candidate choice, the office will fall to the runner up and so on, until a candidate is approved. In the event that all candidates are not approved, another vote will be held at the next monthly meeting.
 - d. Department Representatives are appointed by the corresponding department head CSR in conjunction with the BYU LC Presidency. The candidate should be employed by the BYU department CSR who they will be representing and consent to supporting the group. If no such person can be found, a member of the group who has a pre existing good relationship with the CSR may be elected.
 - i. If any new CSR office chooses to support the group, they will also be given a representative and be treated the same as the other represented departments.

Officer Discipline/Removal

An officer is removed from office for any of the following reasons without a presidency meeting, or vote of any kind:

- Failure to participate in meetings or inexcusably missing two or more meetings consecutively.

- Unethical behavior regarding group members or group resources.
- Termination of student status, including graduation.

Any group member can request that a current officer's actions be evaluated by the current presidency and advisor as ethical or not. This request is submitted to any presidency member or the club advisor.

After an officer is removed, elections are held at the next meeting and a new officer replaces them according to the Officer Selection Process.

Advisor Expectations

- Must be a current faculty member of BYU who is familiar with Linux.
- Provides approval for new presidency members.
- Works with the presidency to find guest speakers for group meetings.
- Helps promote the group to other faculty and to students.
- Hold the finances of the group.

Financial Procedures

A majority, if voting, of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester.

A specific member, designated by this organization shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit. In the occasion that the organization becomes inactive (2 consecutive semesters) or decides not to re-charter with money remaining in the organization agency account, the organization authorizes the sponsoring University entity to determine the use of those remaining funds or to transfer them to a holding account for future organization as needed. Should this organization re-charter within a 3 year time period from the time of inactivity, those funds will be transferred back into the organization account.

- Any funds will come from external charitable donations.
- There will be no student dues.
- Funds will be held in the organization's BYU agency account.
- Funds will used for the benefit of the entire group including: advertisement, food, t-shirts, install CDs, etc.

Charter Amendment Procedure

- Any active member can propose a change in the charter.
- The charter can be amended by majority vote from club membership.

Activities

Location

1170 Talmage for club meetings.

Time

- General group meetings will take place every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00PM.
- Presidency meetings will take place within a week of the latest general group meeting, with time and place adjusting to meet presidency member's schedules. All other group communication is to go through the group mailing list.

General Layout

1. Announcements/business
2. Practice tools
3. Discussion
4. Food/socialize

Speakers

Any BYU LC member, UUG member, or invited guest who is approved by the group Advisor and Presidency.

Advertising and Promotion

- Install fest
- posters/flyers

Standards

Statement of Non-Discrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion. This policy will include, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organization activities or opportunities to hold office.

Honor Code

This organization will uphold the standards of the University as stated in the Honor Code.

Statement of Compliance

This organization shall comply with all University and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.