

I had a lot of help making this talk – notably from Sam, Sami, Colin and Jennifer. But to be clear I'm not sharing the cash prize if I win it.

A few months ago we had HotPoCSci. And there Jennifer and I told you about the Rice Curry problem – the huge problem facing CSE.

That sometimes you go to the kitchen and find only rice, but no curry.

And other times you find only curry, but no rice.

And lacking a fully-formed solution to this critical problem we asked you for your help

You might even remember this slide, where we inspired all of you to submit your ideas to this PoCSci.

Or at least we tried to inspire you.

But did anybody submit a solution to the rice curry problem to PoCSci?

I'm not mad. Just disappointed.

So what have I learned? To really improve the school at PoCSci, it's not enough to bring a problem to everyone's attention. You also need to provide the solution.

Secondly, wow you must all be exhausted. I'm sure you all wanted to devote all of your free energy to solving this problem, and just didn't have any to spare.

Which brings me to the key problem facing CSE that I'm going to solve today

We're all exhausted.

And it's really hard to take a nap in CSE

Let me start by identifying concrete difficulties we face trying to take naps in CSE.

Sam shares my goal of taking naps in CSE, and was kind enough to assist me in demonstrating the issues, indeed the three biggest ones are all visible in this very photo.

Couches are of insufficient length, and are just uncomfortable

Our arms our empty (I'll say more on this later)

And worst of all, with all the windows anyone can see you're taking a nap. Now it's not a big deal when it's just Jennifer walking by. But what if instead of just another student it were your advisor

I'm going to solve all three of these problems. Right now.

Problem 1: Ineffective Couches.

Here, I'm happy to say there's no need to reinvent the wheel.

Nap time is very well-understood in the preschool community. And there, they do not use couches.

Now these days, preschoolers have these stackable plastic cots that they take naps on.

But back in my day, we didn't need or want any cots.

No. For us, carpet squares were enough. You remember carpet squares. They're like carpet, except instead of being attached to the floor you move it around. And instead of being a square it's a rectangle.

We're going to bring back naptime carpet squares

In the recent past, we'd have no problem finding world-leaders in carpet design.

Indeed, CSE has a well-established carpeting hierarchy.

Hank is at the top, making all the decisions.

Then come Hank's Vest and Hank's track jacket, the carpets themselves. So well designed they're basically sentient

And below that is literally everyone with no power

But Hank is stepping down, and that has left a real power vacuum in the carpeting hierarchy.

I therefore propose that naptime carpet designs be submitted by all the new potential directors, so we can choose the new director by the most important criterion.

And thus we've solved the couch problem, and improved the new director selection process all at once.

That brings us to problem 2

I noted Sam's arms were empty.

No matter who you are

Whether a puppy or a kitten

A baby otter or a baby human

A nap is just easier when you have something to hug

Now you might say Robbie I've been to your office you have like 5 stuffed animals. Can't we just borrow those. And to that I say "NO" I'm cranky because I haven't had a nap yet. So I'm not sharing.

But Luckily I have a better option

You see that bunny? Don't you just want to squeeze it while taking a nap?

I have a plan

Step 1 capture that bunny

Step 2 capture another bunny

Step 3 I can't talk about ask your parents

Step 4 Naptime bunnies for everyone

Which brings me to Problem 3

After a comprehensive search through both CSE1 and CSE2, I have found the optimal nap space is CSE 403.

First, desks can easily be moved to maximize nap square-footage,

Secondly, the lack of windows will allow us to nap without needing to worry about advisors finding out.

And best of all, those speakers have been removed, so there's no chance of random sounds waking us up.

Here's the problem, how do we reserve 403, without our advisors being suspicious?

I'm happy to announce CSE 590 ZZZ-emoji.

A word of caution. Do not confuse CSE 590 ZZZ-emoji, with CSE 590 Z.

590Z is theory seminar. There's a joke here about how easy it is to confuse naptime and theory seminar, but Kira will be mad at me if I make it, so just make it yourselves.

Please join us! 590-ZZZ emoji – the seminar on
Natural language processing

Architecture

Programming languages

Theory

Image processing

Machine learning in computer science &

Engineering.

Restricted to graduate students. No professors. Email me if you need an addcode.