

Royal College of Science Union

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Clubs and Activities Committee**

Held at 18:00 on 15th March 2017 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

**PRESENT:**

- Lloyd James – RCSU President (LJ)
- Griffin Farrow - RCSU Treasurer (GF)
- Michael Edwards – RCSU Honorary Secretary (ME)
- Iram Cook-Monie – BioSoc President (ICM)
- Cat Saunders – ChemSoc President (CS)
- Stephen Davies – BioChemSoc Treasurer, RCS Rugby Captain (JC)
- Tessa Caussyram – BioSoc Treasurer (TC)
- David Todd-Jones - SynBIC Vice Chair (DTJ)

**APOLOGIES:**

- Abhishek Mukherjee – MathSoc Treasurer (AM)
- Min-Woo Hong – ChemSoc Treasurer (MWH)
- Harrison Zhu – MathSoc President (HZ)
- Thomas Waite – PhySoc Chair (TW)
- Fraser Goldsworth – PhySoc Treasurer (FG)
- Jonathan Risley – BioChemSoc President (JR)

**ABSENT:**

**OBSERVERS:**

- William Micou - ChemSoc President-elect (WM)
- Michael Suarez Vasquez - ChemSoc Secretary, RCSU Honorary Secretary-elect (MSV)

*Meeting opened at 18:00 - An incomplete record of the meeting is contained – the clerk was late. Informal discussions held prior to minuting are summarised.*

**A. Budgeting**

**RECEIVED:** GF and LJ led discussions

**NOTED:**

1. Where funding has been docked by CSPB, GF advised making up the shortfall by seeking departmental funding or alternatively corporate sponsorship.
2. LJ cited ambiguity with this year's budgeting process, but advised for next year that 'Mums and Dads' events all go through Welfare and as much funding secured from this pot.
3. With regards to funding food, GF stressed the need to show its relevance, with the most likely argument that the event would be detrimentally harmed by not providing food.
4. LJ encouraged incumbent DepSoc chairs to support their successors with seeking sponsorship, offering advice and developed contacts to expedite this year's process. The earliest deadlines are typically May, so this should be worked on over Easter.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. To revisit the budgeting process this year when next year's process comes around.
- b. Current DepSoc chairs to begin sponsorship drives in conjunction with successors.

**B. Unfilled Positions and By-elections**

**RECEIVED:** LJ briefed.

**NOTED:**

5. ICM and CS raised an issue with the Elections system, which left positions that had nominees automatically 'RON-ed'. Nothing can be done about this until the summer by-elections next term.
6. Those present were advised to keep an eye out for a By-Elections email from the Union to Re-Open Nominations on unfilled committee positions.

**RESOLVED:**

- c. As per point 6.

**C. Chemistry Report**

**RECEIVED:** CS and MSV delivered.

**NOTED:**

7. The seminar series has continued to be successful, with the Nobel Prize seminar attracting 200 attendees and securing departmental funding.
8. A quiz night attracted 70 participants with a £500 cost.
9. Year photos have been organised for next week.
10. Next term, a Finalists' dinner and a seminar with Roche is in the pipeline, along with the annual Summer Party.

**RESOLVED:**

- d. To pass the report.

**D. Physics Report**

**RECEIVED:** No Physics representative attended.

**NOTED:**

11. Informal report from TW suggests all fine. Physics Tour to Prague soon.

**RESOLVED:**

- e. To chase TW up for a formal report.

**E. Maths Report**

**RECEIVED:** No Maths representative attended.

**NOTED:**

12. Report by FB message suggests all fine.
13. LJ reported that  $\pi$  Day was a success with good attendance.
14. GF asked that finances be resolved by the end of the year to simplify matters for the next Chair and Treasurer.

**RESOLVED:**

- f. To chase HZ up for a formal report.
- g. To request AM to address GF's financial concerns.

**F. Biology Report**

**RECEIVED:** ICM delivered.

**NOTED:**

15. Report is a quiet term, with the Take Me Out event in February,  $\pi$  Day and a Mums and Dads Pizza Night.
16. Plans for next term include a mini golf event and a Leavers' Ball funded by the Department and NSS contributions (£1,200).
17. The Department, beyond this, have been found to be happy to fund the society, which should be useful for next year.

**RESOLVED:**

- h. To accept the report.

**G. Biochemistry Report**

**RECEIVED:** SD delivered.

**NOTED:**

18. Events have been good this term. The Tri Bio Bar Night and sponsor events were well attended, and the Pizza night sold out and filled the restaurant. Boozy bowling saw better attendance than last term.
19. Upcoming events include a Pub Crawl, Curry Night, Leavers Ball and the Annual Dinner.
20. MS asked further about attendance at these planned events and SD assured with a less hectic schedule that students would attend in sufficient numbers.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. To accept the report.

**H. SynBIO Report**

**RECEIVED:** DTJ delivered.

**NOTED:**

21. The seminar series is continuing to go strong, and a meetup with Oxbridge Synthetic Biology groups is in the works.

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- 22. Imperial is hosting a renowned conference, SynBICITE, and some subsidised tickets will be on offer.
- 23. AGM for the next committee will be held next Thursday, and no Exec officiation is required.

**RESOLVED:**

- j. To accept the report.

**I. RCS Rugby Report**

**RECEIVED:** SD delivered.

**NOTED:**

- 24. As per report.
- 25. CGCU Rugby have been contacted to no avail.
- 26. Their AGM will be at the same time as SynBIO, and will also not require an Exec official.

**RESOLVED:**

- k. To accept the report.

**J. AOB**

**NOTED:**

- 27. MS raised an issue with organising a 5 a side tournament and asked those present whether they had any suggestions re: a venue.
  - o ICM suggested using an Acton pitch.
  - o SD suggested informally using a park.
  - o GF suggested getting in touch with ICFC to see what they do for these things.
- 28. Next meeting will be in the Summer Term.

*Meeting closed at 19:00.*