

Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Clubs and Activities Committee

To be held at 18:30 on 23rd October 2017 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

Chair: Michael Edwards – RCSU President (ME)

Clerk: Michael Suarez – RCSU Honorary Secretary (MS)

Attendees:

- Michael McGill – RCSU Treasurer (MM)
- Mira Davidson – BioChemSoc President (MD)
- William Micou – ChemSoc President (WM)
- Sulaimaan Mughal – ChemSoc Treasurer (SM)
- Miroslav Gasperek – SynBIC Chair (MG)
- William Bolton – Rugby (WB)
- Charlie Keyzor - SynBIC (CK)
- Joanne Gardner - IC Alumni Office (JG) - j.gardner@imperial.ac.uk
- Marcus Rees-Roberts - IC Advancement Division (MRR) - m.rees-roberts@imperial.ac.uk

Apologies received from:

- Daniel Corredera Nadal – BioChemSoc Treasurer (DN)
- Ryan Lin – BioSoc President (RL)
- Andrada Balmez – BioSoc Treasurer (AB)
- Aimee He – MathSoc President (AH)
- Christopher Adams – MathSoc Treasurer (CA)
- Thomas Woolley – PhySoc Chair (TW)
- Shahbaz Khan – PhySoc Treasurer (FG)
- Laura de Arroyo Garcia – SynBIC Chair (LA)
- Glen Gowers – SynBIC Treasurer (GG)

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting started at 18.30

A. RCSA Introduction

MRR works with senior alumni who are powerful people within their respective industries in order to get large donations from them. As a sort of reward the college provides a platform for them to meet with students and professors. This should also be the opportunity for DepSocs to get in contact with either MRR or JG to arrange speakers for an alternative insight of career opportunities after the degree - ideally in a different area. Give about 6 weeks notice before an arranged talk and ensure a large audience to avoid a blamage.

JG works with a larger mass of recent graduates and has access to an official alumni database. She wants to implement a new Online Community/Networking Platform and call it Imperial Plexus (as in Neural Network). Access to alumni can also be gained via alumni@imperial.ac.uk or the emails above as well as the “Ask an Alumnus” program and mentoring scheme by the career service.

WB asked for advertisement to the alumni for the Sparks Cup (RCSU Rugby against CGSU and RSMU) - will need 6 week advance notice.

MATTERS FOR REPORT:

B. Departmental Societies Reports

a. PhysSoc

Report was submitted but not presented as no representative of PhySoc attended the meeting.

b. BioChemSoc

Report was submitted and presented by MD. A standardised sponsorship package for the RCSU DepSocs was proposed to artificially inflate their value (by at least fivefold). The respective Departments can be contacted to get DepSoc Seminars and Events on Students’ calendars. Report passed unanimously.

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- c. SynBIC
Report was submitted and presented by CK. It passed unanimously.
- d. Rugby
Report was submitted and presented by WB. They gained access to the IC Rugby membership list (incl. departmental association) to gain more members. The varsity trip match can be done in Bristol or Oxford. According to ME there is a historical varsity against one college in Oxford. Collaboration with the Sports Officers of the DepSocs is encouraged. Report passed unanimously.
- e. ChemSoc
Report is submitted and presented by WM.
- f. MathSoc
No report was submitted nor presented as no representative of MathSoc attended the meeting.
- g. BioSoc
No report was submitted nor presented as no representative of BioSoc attended the meeting.

C. RCSU Reports

- a. Budgeting
As of the moment of the meeting there is no updates on the RCSU situation.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

D. Any Other Business

- a. Unfilled Committee Positions
Upcoming CSP election, so contact ME if any more vacant positions need filling.
- b. Constitution Changes
Constitution changes for the DepSocs should be implemented as follows:
Download the constitution from eActivities. Change it as desired (i.e. merge/remove positions, alter responsibilities, etc.). Changes have to be approved by the DepSoc committee and then passed on to the RCSU committee for further approval.
- c. Risk Assessment
The Risk Assessment should be submitted by the DepSoc Chairs ASAP and filled in thoroughly with consideration of lecture theatre safety.
- d. Room Booking
It's a pain for everyone as it requires a 2 weeks notice. Visit the union in person when things don't work out or email ME if bookings fail repeatedly.

Meeting ended at 19.42