

Royal College of Science Union

**Minutes of the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Entertainments Board**

Held at 13:00 on 20th March 2015 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

**PRESENT:**

- Serena Yuen – RCSU President (SY)
- James Badman – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (JB)
- Lucinda Sandon-Allum – RCSU Vice-President (Activities) (LSA)
- Philip Kent – RCSU Honorary Secretary (PK)
- Frederik Piech – RCSU Publicity Officer (FP)
- Abhinav Varma – Ordinary Member (AV)
- Thomas du Val du Beaulieu – Ordinary Member (TVB)
- Scott Adams – RCSU Events Officer (SA)

**APOLOGIES:**

None

**ABSENT:**

- Kevin Kwong – RCSU RAG Champion (KK)
- Digant Tyagi – RCSU Sports Officer (DT)

**OBSERVERS:**

None

*Meeting opened at 13:15.*

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**A. CHAIR'S WELCOME**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

**NOTED:**

1. This is the first meeting of the board with the ordinary members, who were welcomed.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE ENTERTAINMENTS BOARD**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. To pass the corrected minutes as a true and accurate record.

**C. MATTERS ARISING**

**NOTED:**

2. A karaoke evening event, whilst likely an easy and cheap event to organise and run, is now too late to be organised for this term. TVB suggested that the event would still be quite

popular if organised at a later date. LSA suggested that Southern Belle could be a good venue and people seemed interested in it. However it is felt that it would be difficult to organise for next term due to exams, but JB did say the event could be organised at short notice even if it is to happen next term. As a last resort, it could be organised next year.

#### **D. TREASURER'S BUSINESS**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by JB.

#### **NOTED:**

3. Overall the finances are in a good state, with this term being mostly quite quiet. It is unlikely that money will be obtained from the photo booth. Money still needs to be settled with the CGCU.
4. Money overpaid to the photobooth company is unlikely to be repaid.
5. It was enquired why the balls always take place on a Monday, this is due to venue availability and student drinks prices. This could be revisited with enough notice to book a venue.

#### **E. SPORTS CLUBS**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

#### **NOTED:**

6. ACC Football are very keen to get a RCSU club off the ground and have found someone who is proposed to be a captain. They offered to trial a RCSU team next term.
  7. ACC Netball is currently being chased up.
  8. CGCU are very keen on these sports clubs too.
  9. TVB suggested a five a side football team for some casual sports.
- ACTION:*** LSA to arrange clubs with ACC Football and Netball.

#### **F. SUMMER BALL**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

#### **NOTED:**

10. In regards to the date, there was some debate regarding the timing vs last week of term and whether be before or after the Union's ball. The general feeling was to have the event after to ensure there are minimized clashes with exams.
11. JB confirmed that there is enough money for a 10k in drinks either as a bar tab or tokens, and around 1k on an extra.
12. There was debate as to whether to have a bar tab or token. Drawbacks of the bar tab included queuing, however in comparison as drinks tokens lead to guaranteed drinks for people, it is more likely people will get excessively drunk as they can have their guaranteed drinks really quickly. There was also a concern over a reputational risk as to using drinks tokens as historically bar tabs have been implemented for the summer ball.
13. In regards to entertainment, the RCSU survey had requests for a band. SA suggested having Music Tech providing a wide variety of music in different rooms. Basher from the elections results party could be hired. Another suggestion was to have a live band room, such as Fallen to Flux, and a DJ room.
14. A venue of 600 was felt appropriate.

**ACTION:** All to come up with ideas for venues and extras.

**G. EUROPE TRIP**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by SY.

**NOTED:**

15. Some consultation has been done, but there is hesitation due to work load. This will likely be an event for next year to happen as soon as possible in first term.

**H. INTER-FACULTY SPORTS DAY**

This item was not considered as the sports officer was not present.

**I. COMEDY TRIPS**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

**NOTED:**

16. It is unlikely there will be time to organise such an event this year. It could happen spontaneously with sufficient publicity. AA may be able to help.

**J. THEATRE TRIPS**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by SY.

**NOTED:**

17. It is unlikely there will be time to organise such an event this year. It could happen spontaneously with sufficient publicity. Nishant Prasad from PhySoc may be able to help.

**K. OTHER SUMMER TERM EVENTS**

**RECEIVED:** This item was verbally presented by LSA.

**NOTED:**

18. No other events were thought of.

**I. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

*Meeting closed at 14:06.*