

Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Entertainments Board

Held at 14:00 on 27th September 2016 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

PRESENT:

- Lloyd James – RCSU President (LJ)
- Samuel Robinson – RCSU Vice-President (Activities) (SR)
- Michael Edwards – RCSU Honorary Secretary (ME)
- Isabella Withnell – RCSU RAG Champion (IW)

APOLOGIES:

- Charlotte Hampson – RCSU Events Officer (CH)
- George Brooks – RCSU Sports Officer (GB)
- Ben Collier – RCSU Publicity Officer (BC)
- Polina Yankova – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (PY) (*Has resigned from role - RON has been initiated*)

ABSENT: None

OBSERVERS:

- Cynfelyn Nancarrow-Lei - ICU RAG Chair, (CNL)
- David Moores - CGCU Vice-President (Activities), (DM)

Meeting opened at 14:10.

A. CHAIRS WELCOME

RECEIVED: SR and LJ opened the meeting.

NOTED:

1. The presence of the RAG Chair was noted as crucial to the meeting's discussions.

B. SPECIAL MATTERS ARISING - RCSU-RAG EVENT COLLABORATION

RECEIVED: This item was led by SR and CNL.

NOTED:

2. The consensus was the best time to hold an event was at the end of term, due to the full schedules of both organisations.

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- o *RCSU* - the planned Christmas Party has been subsumed into this event collaboration with RAG, but is open for consideration as a more 'inclusive' event.
- 3. A Christmas theme was suggested and received general approval. A fancy dress element of the event was seen to be preferable to traditional black-tie, with a prize for the best costume.
- 4. A club was seen as preferable to a venue along the lines of the *RCSU* Autumn Ball, due to the desired casual and 'fancy dress' elements.
 - o Venues suggested were: **Loop Bar, Strawberry Moons, Sway Bar, Bar Soho, and Ruby Blue.**
 - o Whether an entire private hire is required or just an area of a club needs to be considered, and will depend on what size club is acquired.
- 5. Due to the busy nature of bookings around Christmas, the booking will have to happen soon to guarantee a venue.
- 6. Concerns were raised about the openness of the event and whether attendance would be high. IW raised a point regarding past event failures.
 - o ME stated that the date could be made to work for the *RCSU* constituency by enforcing a date embargo on the Departmental Societies for other events.
 - o CNL raised that, since RAG incorporates the entire student body, the issue with turnout should be minimal.
 - o LJ also noted the reasons for past failures, including poor event planning, and was compelled that the mistakes of the past would be learned from.
 - o SR stressed that the event should be open to medics as well. CNL is to discuss with the ICSMSU RAG Chair to co-ordinate.
 - o Similarly, a preference for drinks tokens over an open bar tab was agreed, since this would represent more value for money for our constituency.
- 7. IW suggested as an event later in the year to hold an 'Outdoor Cinema' that could be projected onto Queens Tower, in a similar fashion to projections done as part of the Summer Ball. There was general approval of this.
- 8. *RCSU* - *Since an event flyer has been incorporated into the Freshers' Handbook, there will be no separate RCSU event flyer.*
- 9. Financially, the event must make a profit to raise money for the RAG Charities. SR noted his work towards the Autumn Ball, and communicated methods of reducing the cost. In this case, the charitable nature of the event should be stressed in any venue discussions.

RESOLVED:

- a. **A Date of Thursday, 8th December was set as the provisional date for the event, but Tuesday 13th December is also a possibility. Both should be touted to venue organisers.**
- b. The group is to look into the potential of a Outdoor Cinema style event.
- c. IW and SR to research venues and report back before the next meetings for RAG and RCSU. Considerations are:
 - i. Quotes for private hire, and minimum spend.
 - ii. Whether they'll allow Christmas-theme fancy dress.

At this point, CNL left the meeting, leaving thanks for the discussions.

C. RCSU - CGCU SPORTS DAY

RECEIVED: The item was delivered by SR. DM arrived shortly before the item was brought and was welcomed similarly to CNL.

NOTED:

10. The venue has been arranged, and RCSU DepSocs are on side. Sports on offer will be dodgeball, football and netball. Each DepSoc will have a team and will work through a tourney system to accrue points through games to go towards overall CGCU v RCSU score totals.
 - o Teams will be formed and arranged through the DepSocs at Freshers' Fair and events for each CU.
11. The target audience is the entire CU constituencies of CGCU and RCSU, although getting Freshers on side is one of the primary aims.
12. An FB event needs to be made to maximise turnout.
13. The planned tomato fight needs to be discussed with Yasmin Vines at Sport Imperial, along with the arrangements of the bar, and whether we need to clean up.
14. The idea of a big 'Headline' or Varsity event was floated and met with general approval. Ideas were:
 - o a 90 minute football match with two large CU teams.
 - o An all-in dodgeball game with two large CU teams.
 - o Handball was suggested but the complications with rules meant this was discarded.
 - o Rugby was largely discouraged due to safety concerns.
15. With regards to transport, the idea is to make it as easy as possible for students, particularly Freshers, to engage with the event. The most popular idea was to hire coaches,

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seeking the advice of Sport Imperial, and if costs are significant, then each participant can pay a small fee for the coach.

- o DM said CGCU will happily split costs 50:50.

16. ACC societies need to be contacted to see if they would be interested in refereeing some of these events. Impartiality needs to be stressed in these games.

RESOLVED:

- d. ME to call Yasmin Vines to discuss finer details.
- e. Group to form FB event for joint CU advertising.
- f. SR to get in touch with GB to discuss delegation of tasks within this event.

The meeting was closed at 15:00 due to the departure of ME. Discussions continued informally afterwards. No other Agenda items were covered and will be covered outside of Board meeting.

Meeting closed at 15:00.

Your attendance was greatly appreciated. Thank you for attending.