

Royal College of Science Union

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Operations Board**

Held at 17:00 on 22nd of November 2017 at the RCSU Office

**PRESENT:**

- Becky Neil – RCSU Vice-President (Operations) (BN)
- Michael Edwards – RCSU President (ME)
- Michael Suarez – RCSU Honorary Secretary (MS)
- Abhijay Sood – RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (AS)
- Shervin Sabeghi– RCSU Welfare Officer (SS)
- Ansh Bhatnagar– RCSU Science Challenge Chair (AB)
- Ivan Tang– RCSU Web Communications Officer (IT)

**APOLOGIES:**

- Pranavi Agarwal– RCSU Broadsheet Editor (PA)
- Michael McGill – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (MM)

*Meeting opened at 17:05.*

**A. Chairs Welcome BN**

BN has told people to reach out if they are too stressed to work on RCSU related stuff.

**B. Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting**

**RECEIVED:**

Representative Social was quite successful. Feedback of Representatives is mixed. Apparently it was overlapping with the union training. Should be conducted properly in future by the AAO rather than the union.

**NOTED:**

Last Meetings Minutes were accepted unanimously.

**C. AAO**

**RECEIVED:**

- First Faculty SSC has happened
- Reasonable productive conversation
- Change SSCs on departmental level to be raised at ERB
- Michael SS and Abs planned on creating a Repository for future years
- Met with the AAO of CGCU and RSM to discuss same meetings

**NOTED:**

#### D. Welfare

##### RECEIVED:

- First Official Wellbeing Board Meeting
- SSCs - Chemistry has their separate, Maths doesn't, Life Sciences hasn't either
- They all want something different - integrate Wellbeing in the current SSC
- Life Sciences Wellbeing Reps want to chair the SSC - Try it out for the next SSC and then see how it goes - get a meeting with the four Reps
- SS to meet with Anita - focus on Personal Tutors and funding for departmental reps
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##### RESOLVED:

A Wellbeing Board will be created parallel to the Academic Board.

#### E. Science Challenge

##### RECEIVED:

- Science Cheelene launch is in two weeks
- Publicise the launch on the website
- promotion includes the videos of science communicators at imperial - raise them on facebook and youtube
- sending out emails to schools - created a mailing list of 900 schools
- announcement 5 min before the event start cause of fringe
- confirmed three judges and one question - last judge is almost confirmed and should show to the final
- Food for launch

##### NOTED:

AB had two meetings with Lord Winston and invited the Felix Science Editor to the 2nd meeting. There will be an interview transcript coming out the week before the event launch. The plan exists to contact Science Communicators to film short videos to explain the relevance of science communication. One judge has been confirmed, but three others are still needed. The final will be held in the House of Lords and the deposit has to be paid (~6k).

##### RESOLVED:

It was recommended by SS to look into Andrew Pontzen for the Essay category (Digital, Essay, Creative Writing, Article).

Dignitaries should be invited soon to both launch and finals!

#### F. Broadsheet Update

##### RECEIVED:

- Should we create an update sheet of the activities of the RCSU
- include an outreach spread in broadsheet
- question the aim of broadsheet cause its rather shit atm (quote SHervin)

**NOTED:**  
**RESOLVED:**

**G. Website**

**RECEIVED:**

- RCSU website - Ivan has to reorganise everything
- Science Challenge uses a different website - works with James Long
- should be done by this weekend
- broadsheet website

**RESOLVED:**

Should refer to Lloyd James for further advice/help.

**H. BAH-fest Officer**

**RECEIVED:**

- APproved event budget and purchase order to confirm booking
- December is when we open for submission of ideas for hypothesis

**RESOLVED:**

**I. President's Matter**

**RECEIVED:**

- Constitutional Review. VP for academics and welfare.
- VPO for departmental societies
- Point of contact for the dep socs is the treasurer (manage dep soc finances in the first place) - emphasise that (current system) - meant to chair C&A
- Drop-in session didnt work out last year
- Fons OM Council members could potentially be part at Rcsu meetings- lend them support - they might contradict eachother at council which is a bit shit (for following years)

**RESOLVED:**

Should refer to Lloyd James for further advice/help.

**J. AOB**

**RECEIVED:**

- Question the necessity of the meetings here
- Publicity Officer invite to both boards

*Meeting closed at 18:00.*