



Royal College of Science Union

**Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Clubs and Activities Committee**

Held at 18:00 on 6th December 2018 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

**PRESENT:**

- Suleimaan Mughal – Clubs&Socs Vice President(SM)
- Michael McGill - RCSU President(MM)
- Edward Polglase - BioChemSoc Treasurer (EP)
- Andrada Balmez - BioSoc Treasurer (AB)
- Stephanie Cheng - ChemSoc President(SC)
- Hitesh Kumar - Maths President(HK)
- Tim Marley - PhySoc President(TM)
- Jessica Chung - ChemSoc Treasurer (JC)
- Krishiv Desai - PhySoc Treasurer (KD)

**APOLOGIES:**

**Clerk:** Michael McGill

*Meeting opened at 18:06*

**A. Report**

- **BioChemSoc Report:**
  - TM asked about a Christmas Dinner, EP reported due to time constraints there will likely be a small low-key event for around 50 people.
  - SM asked about the Journal Club, saying the idea was good, but wondered if low attendance was due to the focus of the event or publicity. EP thought both had an effect, and timing was around exams. However publicity could have been better.
  - Finances are strong, currently £4600 in the pot. Main expenditures for the year are Finalist dinner
- **ChemSoc Report:**
  - TM asked how the society booked out the Eastside Bar for events.
  - Christmas dinner was a success. Fastest sell out, staff attendance was strong. 217 tickets sold which was above expected.
  - Currently £2900 in the red, but this is due to waiting on Dept. money
  - CV clinic was a success, with around 40 attendees.
  - P&G to be invoiced for college catering for their event.
  - Problems with lunch seminars - SM reminded SC to be careful of how funding is spent to be in line with what was requested.

- Committee communication and time accountability was raised as a potential issue at the minute. MM mentioned both using teleconferencing as a means of bringing in people.
- **MathSoc Report**
  - Currently £1500 in the black which is currently good.
  - TM asked about Ice Skating - HK reported the event was a big success.
  - ICAEW only had 6 attendees vs a predicted 50. HK reflected that potentially this was due to poor publicity materials and a lack of interest from the student body.
  - SM asked if Investec have covered their expenditure. HK reported the sales invoice has been raised.
  - With Physoc, small amount charged - due to wristbands.
  - Committee issues - concerned about some unengaged committee members. SM suggested a team bonding activity between the committee, such as an escape room, to improve this. HK had set up a small set of drinks in the union, but this didn't really solve the problem. TM mentioned that there is some compartmentalisation, and set clear definitions of each role straight away.
  - SC & EP asked about the Halloween event - attendance was good & description of the event.
  - HK asked about a joint event with TPP. TM had concerns about potentially renegotiating their contract if it would go ahead, and any constitutional issues this would bring. MM wondered if this was TPP trying to get more for their money.
- **PhySoc Report**
  - SM asked about the LGBTQ+ event. TM was happy that the money spent on the week has made people feel much more included, even though attendance wasn't amazing. KD thinks that attendance will be better in future years. Staff have made students feel more comfortable with their LGBTQ+ training. Question was raised of if a week was too much.
  - Concerns about a specific member of the committee. EP suggested an outstanding task list to help remind people of their work.

## **B. Annual Budgeting**

- SM & MM ran through the new Annual Budgeting process for 2018-19.

## **C. Claims**

- SM explained the importance of going over claims with a fine tooth comb to ensure everything is committed correctly to ensure that Union rules are being followed.

**D. AOB**

No other business.

*Meeting closed at 19.04.*