

CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

Location:	Discord
Date:	Friday 28th September
Time:	19:30 BST
Attendees:	Matty Widdop (MW) (Chair), Marcus Gustafsson (MG) (Minuting), Matt Norton (MN), Jhundon Mendi (JM), Oli Baker (OB), Toby Landells (TL), Evie Wilson (EW), Fearne Townsend (FT), Sabrina Ahmad (SA), Rohit Jose (RJ)

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| 1 | Apologies | MW |
| | • Sumeet | |
| 2 | Adoption of Previous Minutes | MG |
| | • Minutes adopted | |
| 3 | Matters Arising | All |
| 4 | Committee Handover | All |
| | • Drive Transfers | |
| | ○ Action MN: Find script at some point | |
| | ■ Action carried forwards | |
| 5 | Past Events | All |
| | • Hackathon? | |
| | ○ Valyfy | |
| | ■ ACTION MW: Contact Valyfy | |
| | ● Action carried forwards | |
| | • BBQ | |
| | ○ ACTION SA: Put training on SGF | |
| | ■ Action carried forwards | |
| | • Welcome Week | |
| | ○ Board Games Night | |
| | ■ MN reports the colab element was well received | |
| | ● The roleplay element should have had rooms booked in advance | |
| | ● Committee all went downstairs so it was hard for Todd to find us | |
| | ■ MN reports attendance was 95 | |
| | ■ MN reports that pizza calculator worked well | |

- SA reports that we did have quite a lot of the vegan/vegetarian pizzas left
- MN reports that Domino has contradictory information about its gluten free pizza due to cross-contamination
- FT reports that an earlier time for committee arrival would be better as lots of attendees arrived before committee were ready
 - OB says that some people arrived around half an hour early so a formal set up time would be good
- MN reports that Todd was not massively happy about our response time on teams about the graffiti
 - OB says that teams notifications are often delayed
- OB reports that it was unclear that it was a collaboration so a bit more a formal plan would have been an improvement
- MN suggests we restock on napkins, plates, cups etc for socs night
- FT reports that most soft drinks were equally popular except Sprite
- FT reports that people mixed quite well
- **Scavenger Hunt**
 - There was relatively good participation this year
 - Far more than last year
 - MG suggest we rotate or alter questions for next year for people repeating the scavenger hunt
 - MW asks if we need to cater for repeats
 - SA suggests a separate quiz for second+ years
 - MW suggests doing this in January
 - EW suggests we should have an answer sheet
 - OB reports that some people confused the QR code for the hunt for the membership QR
 - MW suggests we should update the boards
 - Apparently RJ is working on this
- **Ming Moon**
 - MW reports that on the day, very few people were free
 - FT had to go on their own
 - MW reports Ming Moon used up the entire deposit
 - FT reports some people were discounted but late people were charged full
 - Ming Moon said they could either have it off the meal or on the bar tab
 - MW reports that one year we had to fight them
 - FT reports the email link said £100 but took £200
 - MW suggests we research alternate venues
 - FT reports that people enjoyed it

- There were 25 attendees
 - MW reports that attendance has been dwindling since 2021
- **SoCS Stall**
 - FT reports that a non-fresher started berating about the university towards us
 - Another person kept asking about internships
 - FT reports there was a good mix of undergrads and postgrads
 - MG reports that plenty of people had more general course/internship questions
 - MW asks how the rota system worked
 - FT reports it was good
 - MW reports Helen has asked us to move stuff from the cupboard
 - MW suggests around 12:00 to move stuff
 - MG reports that WISE probably still has our banner pole
 - MG and TL report Thursday was quite busy
 - OB suggests we have an example of each size so people can better work out which to take
- **Guild Soc Fair Stall**
 - FT reports it was quieter on Thursday, as lots of people had seen CSS already and the fair itself was quieter
 - MW reports that attendance halved from 7000 to 3500
 - MW reports that more specialised societies were allocated to Thursday whereas more discoverable ones were Wednesday
 - MG reports the guild weren't a great help with handovers
 - MG reports that questions at the fair were more general about the society with less SoCS related stuff
 - OB reports that very few people showed up in SoCS on Wednesday
 - FT reports that most CS students were at the fair anyway
 - FT reports that a lot of people asked about taster sessions
 - FT suggested Ming Moon as that style of event
 - MW suggests this is just a symptom of us being more lax with memberships than other societies
 - MN reports that some of the stuff on our board is quite old so needs to be updated
 - FT reports we have run out of plain TeX
 - MN reports we have run out of hex stickers
 - OB reports we didn't have enough left for the socs stall once we had taken stickers to the guild

- MN reports plenty of duck and plushie interest
 - MG reports that some people were very interested in them as prizes
 - MW suggest a colab with hookers where we make TeX plushies
 - RJ suggests plushie prizes for Halloween
 - MG suggests we use the plushies for the costume competition
 - MN suggests ducks for main prize

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Future Events (*standing item*)

All

- **Welcome Week/First Week:**

- **Mixers (Week 1):**

- Tom has sent the intro talk dates and times
 - Monday 22nd Sep
 - UG Year 1 Induction Talks, 11-1 and 3-5pm (both in Haworth 101)
 - Wednesday 24th Sep
 - MSc All – 1-3pm, Haworth 101
 - Thursday 25th Sep
 - MSc All – 2-4pm, TLB LT1

- **First Year**

- Tuesday 30th, around 14:00-16:00 in Joes
 - Maths + CS has a lecture up till 15:00
 - **ACTION SA: Email lecturer to see if we can steal people**
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 - **ACTION MW: Email venues to book Joes**
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- **PGT**

- Monday 29th, 14:00-16:00 in Joes
 - **ACTION MW: Also email venues about this**
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- **Socs Night: Monday 29th September**

- We need to make sure powerpoints are ready
 - Ours is good
 - MN asks if we have a list of people going
 - Plenty of us are going

- **AFNOM Installfest**

- AFNOM has asked if people can help, you can message them in the AFNOM external channel

- **Pub Night: Friday 3rd October**

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- **Individual publicity for events**

- **ACTION RJ: Do the publicity (and delegate some, please)**
 - Grouped publicity complete

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action carried forwards 	
○ T-Shirts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	
7	Sponsor/Industry Update (<i>standing item</i>)	AB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hastings Direct ○ ACTION HP: Redirect Hastings Direct to Amrit ■ Action 	
8	Finance Report (<i>standing item</i>)	OB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most recent statement balance: £3250.54 ● Actual working balance: £1,497.80 ● Pending incomings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Memberships ● Pending outgoings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ T-Shirts ○ Domains ● TeX plushies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 48 sold ○ 2 remaining(?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ACTION MW: Check we definitely have 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MW reports there might be more than 2 ● Action ● Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outcomes have been posted ○ £422 for Manchester Hackathon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hopefully still exists ○ £216 for server costs 	
9	EDI Report (<i>standing item</i>)	SA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action SA: Look into Rosh Hashanah post for Monday 	
10	Committee Suggestions (<i>standing item</i>)	MG
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11	Any Other Business (<i>standing item</i>)	All
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Actual start time 19:30 BST

Actual end time 21:03 BST

Duration 1 Hours 33 Minutes