CSS EGM - Minutes

Location:	**Old Engineering Y3 - G34 (*in-person*) & Zoom (*online*)**
Date:	**Wednesday 22nd October 2025**
Time:	**13:00 BST**
Attendees:	**Matty Widdop (MW) (*Chairing*), Marcus Gustafsson (MG) (*Minuting*)**

1   Apologies   MW
- Apologies received from Amrit Bhogal

2   Adoption of April 2025 AGM Minutes   MW
- Unanimous adoption of previous minutes.

3   Matters Arising   All
- There were no matters arising.

4   Chair's Report   MW
- MW showed the current status regarding memberships
  - MW reports we have the second most to date
- MW went over the events so far this year
- MW reviewed upcoming future events
- MW provided an early preview of the pub crawl and Christmas Meal
- MW thanked committee and our members

5   Treasurer's Report   MW
- **Most recent statement balance: £2474.59**
- **Actual Working Balance: £1423.36**
- Pending outgoings:
  - Ming Moon
  - Break;
- Pending Incomings:
  - Memberships!!
- Total Memberships so far: 329
  - Membership cost: £5 (with VAT)
  - Actual income per membership: £4.17
  - Total income so far: £1,371.93
- Pizzas bought so far: £325.25
- MW explained what events we are considering subsidising
- MW explained our financial relationship with SoCS

6   Changes and Amendments to the Constitution   MW
- No amendments were submitted for consideration ahead of time.
- MW asked the floor if there anybody had any amendments to propose. None were raised.

7   Election of New Committee Members   MW
- MW invited everybody to register to vote and explained the Instant Run-off Voting system.
- **First Year Rep**
  - Candidates standing in advance: Zhaniya Kalimova, Albert Waldron, Mohammad Uppal, Ali Mammadov
  - **Albert Waldron:**
    - Albert introduced themselves as a first year
    - They described their experience
      - They were a senior prefect
      - They ran multiple societies
      - They won a Splatoon commentating competition
    - They described their ideas:
      - They suggested there should be more pub socials
      - They suggested running friendly debates and open mic nights
  - **Questions:**
    - EW asked if Albert had any plans for the League tournament
      - Albert did not know much about League of legends but thought it would be fun
    - SB asked about the best pub
      - Albert ranked a number of the Selly Oak pubs

- and bars
    - ■ SA asked Albert if they would support a fridge to fridge
        - ● Albert was in support
    - ■ FT asked if they were volunteering for it
        - ● Albert was
    - ■ EW asked Albert about their favourite pub in the world
        - ● Albert said their local was their favourite
- ○ Zhaniya Kalimova, Albert Waldron, Mohammad Uppal, Ali Mammadov did not attend the meeting, nor did they nominate a proxy to speak on their behalf.
- ○ No candidates stood from the floor
- ○ **Results**
    - ■ Round 1
        - ● Re-open nominations (RON): 0 votes
        - ● Zhaniya Kalimova: 0 votes
        - ● Albert Waldron: 15 votes
        - ● Mohammad Uppal: 1 votes
        - ● Ali Mammadov: 0 votes
        - ● Eliminated Ali Mammadov
    - ■ Round 2
        - ● Re-open nominations (RON): 0 votes
        - ● Zhaniya Kalimova: 0 votes
        - ● Albert Waldron: 15 votes
        - ● Mohammad Uppal: 1 votes
        - ● Eliminated Zhaniya Kalimova
    - ■ Round 3
        - ● Re-open nominations (RON): 0 votes
        - ● Albert Waldron: 15 votes
        - ● Mohammad Uppal: 1 votes
        - ● Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
    - ■ Round 4
        - ● Albert Waldron: 15 votes
        - ● Mohammad Uppal: 1 votes
        - ● Eliminated Mohammad Uppal
    - ■ Round 5
        - ● Albert Waldron: 16 votes
    - ■ **Albert Waldron is duly elected as First Year Rep.**
- ● **Post Graduate (Taught) Rep**
    - ○ Candidates standing in advance: Maddy Lardner
    - ○ **Maddy Lardner:**
        - ■ Maddy described their previous experience:
            - ● They have organised large events such as balls and sporting events

- ● They have experiencing working with Student Unions
  - ■ Maddy recognised that it can be hard to reach out to PGTs
    - ● They said they would work on involving them better by listening to their feedback
- ○ No candidates stood from the floor.
- ○ Questions
  - ■ FT asked if any events from Lancaster could be replicated here
    - ● Maddy replied that sport events, especially for women could be added
    - ● Maddy also suggested that art/craft events could be introduced to cater to a wider audience
    - ● Maddy also suggested adding some more day time events
  - ■ SA asked how Maddy would support our upcoming collaboration with Hookers and Stitches
    - ● Maddy suggested this could introduce people outside of the CS department to CSS
  - ■ Joseph Adams asked how Maddy would reach out to older PGTs
    - ● Maddy suggested using posters and communication from the Guild and ESO to reach out to people who use different forms of communication than our regular ones.
    - ● Maddy also suggested creating group chats on alternative platforms Discord
    - ● Maddy also said that we could utilise the Instagram more
  - ■ EW asked if Maddy had played League of Legends
    - ● Maddy said they have played it but was not a huge fan but was supportive of the upcoming League tournament and suggested that doing alternative tournaments in the future with different games would widen our audience more
- ○ **Results**
  - ■ Round 1
    - ● Re-open nominations (RON): 0 votes
    - ● Maddy Lardner: 17 votes
    - ● Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
  - ■ Round 2
    - ● Maddy Lardner: 17 votes

- **Maddy Lardner is duly elected as Post Graduate (Taught) Rep.**
- **Post Graduate (Research) Rep**
  - Candidates standing in advance: Joseph Adams
  - **Joseph Adams (Joe)**
    - Joe described their experience of being PGR rep last year
    - Joe described their familiarity and connection to the other PGRs and how this might help PGRs feel more comfortable attending events
  - **Questions:**
    - EW asked if Joe played League of Legends
      - Joe said that they don't
    - FT asked what kind of events PGRs might want to attend
      - Joe responded that quizzes were a good event to introduce them to CSS
      - Joe also mentioned the big events such as the ball as they can be a good break from PGR work
    - EW asked if Joe would like a burns night quiz
      - Joe said they had talked about burns night to some of the PGRs
  - No candidates stood from the floor
  - **Results**
    - Round 1
      - Re-open nominations (RON): 0 votes
      - Joseph Adams: 16 votes
      - Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
    - Round 2
      - Joseph Adams: 16 votes
    - **Joseph Adams is duly elected as Post Graduate (Research) Rep.**
- **Hackathons Officer**
  - Candidates standing in advance: Deji
  - **Deji**
    - Deji described the various roles they had had at school including a variety of rep positions
  - **Questions**
    - ML asked how sponsorship could be obtained
      - Deji said they would compile a list of companies
    - EW asked if the food would be better this year
      - Deji suggested there would be pizza and asked if EW would enjoy McDonalds breakfast

- - ● EW reported they would not
  - ■ SA asked how Deji would make Birminghack better than last year
    - ● Deji said they weren't sure
  - ■ EW asked if Deji would be happy to open the Hackathon to externals if possible
    - ● Deji said they would be comfortable with it
  - ■ EW asked if Deji played League of Legends
    - ● Deji said they hadn't
  - ■ FT asked if Deji had done a Hackathon before
    - ● Deji said they hadn't
  - ■ EW asked if Deji had any ideas for events within the Hackathon
    - ● Deji said a clown would be fun
  - ○ No candidates stood from the floor.
  - ○ **Results**
    - ■ Round 1
      - ● Re-open nominations (RON): 2 votes
      - ● Deji: 13 votes
      - ● Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
    - ■ Round 2
      - ● Deji: 14 votes
    - ■ **Deji is duly elected as Hackathons Officer.**

8   Any Other Business   All
  - ● MW thanked attendees for coming.
  - ● The meeting was closed at 14:05.

Actual start time	13:05 GMT
Actual end time	14:05 GMT
Duration	1 hour

Approved

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Voting for elections and amendments took place on CSS' voting platform, available online at vote.cssbham.com. This voting platform is open source and publicly auditable. Votes were cast using the instant run-off voting system, in line with policy described in the constitution.