

CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

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Location:	Discord
Date:	Friday 29th November
Time:	18:00 BST
Attendees:	Holly Packer (HP) (Chairing), Lee Alabaster (LA) (Minuting), George Barrell (GB), Joseph Adams (JA), Leonardo Bishop (LB), Marcus Gustafsson (MG), Matty Widdop (MW), Nial Dixon (ND), Rohit Jose (RJ), Sabrina Ahmed (SA), Sai (S)

- 1 Apologies received from HP
 - Sumeet Brar
- 2 Adoption of Previous Minutes LA
 - Unanimous adoption of previous minutes
- 3 Matters Arising All
 - N/A
- 4 Past Events (*standing item*) All
 - **Pub Crawl** 🍺
 - This happened on saturday
 - LB: "There were pubs and we crawled"
 - LB says the people who went liked it
 - LB mentioned that we shouldn't leave in such a hurry next time
 - LA says it's a shame we missed the botanist but apart from that it was good
 - RJ thought the pubs he was let into were good (L)
 - RJ said it was a bit of a headache to round people up in Heidis
 - GB thought it was pretty good
 - MG felt like the pub crawl style last year was better
 - S got stuck with a really drunk postgrad at the end but got them home
 - HP says it went really well despite everything going wrong
 - HP thinks that we should have done a test crawl first to iron out issues
 - MW asks if the eso took them and hid the stickers away
 - RJ mentions someone popping by the ESO on Monday to ask them
 - MW thinks he's funny

- **Action LB: Reach out to Idrees on Monday r.e. stolen pub crawl stuff**
- MW says the wings on the stickers were quite wide, which could be fixed if we did another order
- MW says he is happy to do a full 500 order if we wanna make this a more official thing
- MW asks about using the stickers elsewhere as well
 - RJ says we could use them at a pub night as well (such as the soak)
- **Action MW: Order more Pterobyte stickers**
- **Christmas Meal 🎅**
 - MW says it was good, minor confusion about the seating area
 - We had the area on the other side as well that we didn't know we had
 - The back area did not fit 80 people
 - MW is unhappy about the delay between mains and dessert
 - MW says it was a shame they didn't tell us about the quiz
 - HPs got second but they are gaslighting themselves into thinking they got first
 - The team who got first bought the tickets so they got the second place prize instead
 - HP said the weather didn't help but attendance wasn't hurt by it
 - There were only 2 placards left afterwards
 - RJ says that if it is possible we should be able to get everyone in the same place but unsure about capacity in that area
 - Could have used the other area as a 'quieter area'
 - MW has sent Gemma the receipt
 - The expense won't be on the statement for at least a month - guessing mid january
 - HP says that ideally we could just get the green man to send us a payment link straight away to get it over with

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Future Events (*standing item*)

All

- **break;**
 - Every Wednesday 1-3pm
 - LA will not be here next week
 - LB will get things instead
 - This will be the last break/css event of the semester
- **Emoji Competition**
 - Voting is happening and will end next tuesday
- **Discord Botathon**
 - 7th/8th December
 - Starting tomorrow for the workshop
 - Actual botathon on sunday
 - HP will try to get the slides done tonight
 - RJ says he could maybe help

- SA has offered to help
- SA is also trying to use pygyat
 - Idk what this is but it sounds great
- RJ asks about doing a demo
 - HP says it would be more work and her chromebook can NOT handle that
 - Chromebook skill issue
- HP says there is a slide at the end to give people some ideas of things they could do
- HP asks if people will be there at the workshop tomorrow
 - Need people for emotional support
- HP says having people on Sunday is more important
- HP says that we need someone to order pizza on the day
 - HP could order it ahead of time in the morning
- HP says we would need a registration sheet
 - LB says it isn't too big of a deal as we can go around and ask people
- HP asks if we could maybe have a template project since we had one last time
- **Action SA: Make a quick template for Sunday**
 - Just discord.py latest version
- **Action SA: Come up with judging criteria**
 - Action Complete
- Half of CSS committee are alcoholics
- **Bad Film Collab (maybe)**
 - GB messaged them today on insta
 - GB also says that it may be easier to speak to them in person
 - MG says that their next film will be next thursday
- **SloLAN**
 - It was brought up maybe collabing with uobgirlgamers
 - RJ says we could maybe let them introduce themselves at the start to help people know who they are
 - Maybe collab with some other socs as well
 - Would be around feb/march time
- **Minecraft mod challenge**
 - HP forgot to message Dani about time frames
 - Dani has made some logos which look quite cool
- **TNMoC**
 - Saturday 1st March
 - Spoke to Idrees, they want us to hold 20 tickets for non-cs tickets
 - Would be done through a MS form done by the school
 - We can't publicise the event until after the 31st january
 - MW says we can give oSTEM the same priority to fill the 20 spaces
 - In theory we could take cash from people on the day

- Not keen on this though
 - Hopefully shouldn't be an option anyways if we sell out
- Everything is done
- **Hackathon**
 - Provisioned for the week before easter break
 - HP spoke to people from hackathons UK
 - We could speak to them about advice if we wanted to
 - MW says there's no reason for us not to
 - HP says we could ask what we could do in the meantime whilst we wait for admin things
 - MW says that we should let Gemma know that this is something we are considering just as a heads up
 - HP says that if the school don't want us to have external students then we can be fine with just UoB students for now
 - **Action HP: Reach out to Hackathons UK**
- **CSS Ball 2025**
 - RJ reached out to them earlier
 - Called but they wasn't sure
 - Has emailed
 - RJ reports that they are changing their catering team in the next year
 - He will ask what these changes would mean
 - RJ is looking for something next weekend
 - MW says that the issue last time was that they have two rooms and the big one cost an arm and a leg
 - This was 2 years ago
 - "Edgbaston hotel is posh fancy nice"
 - It's also **SPENNY**
 - HP asked about h suite
 - RJ says that it's a bit further away
 - RJ also said that it doesn't look as good as other places
 - It looks a bit warehouse
 - "Average digbeth club"
 - MW asks about the medball place
 - Tldr no too big
 - LA says we need to give people more wine than medball to one up them
 - MW says that we should start to get things sorted sooner rather than later
 - Lots of words were said but tldr
 - Try to do before easter but will be a time crunch
 - Need to start on everything like now
 - Deadline for venue would be 6th jan when the guild reopens
 - We will be jumping around guild staff waiting for approval

- HP says look at venues if you can
- **CSS does Taskmaster**
 - Provisionally planned for sem 2
 - Potentially have teams of 5
 - **Potential tasks:**
 - **Redacted**
 - HP said about getting rooms booked for this
 - RJ mentioned Nuffield
 - MW says that we can book Nuffield through the guild
 - HP mentions getting started on the paperwork for this
 - RJ says he could ask sober socials about their RA
- **Sports Day**
 - Week 10/11 next semester
 - Include a combination of classic sports day events, e.g. egg & spoon race, sack race, etc.
 - SB reports they have spoken to multiple societies
 - Chem Eng
 - PPS
 - EcoRacing
 - No update

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| 6 | Sponsor/Industry Update (<i>standing item</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trade Desk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update 🦴 ● Capgemini 🙄 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update 🦴 ● Next year sponsors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Redacted | MG |
| 7 | Finance Report (<i>standing item</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● M, we have ● Most recent statement balance: £4,921.96 ● Actual Working Balance: £2,606.44 ● Pending incomings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Memberships ○ TNMoC EPS grant ● Pending outgoings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Break; ○ Christmas Meal ○ Campus League ● Thigh Highs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action RJ: Another new email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We've been ghosted again ■ RJ: | MW |



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- Our failure will not be due to lack of trying
- **TeX plushies**
 - HP spoke to Fearne about them
 - She did ask for a number and HP said 50
 - Fearne seemed happy with that
- **CSS Hoodies**
 - MW has put in the forms
 - Gemma hasn't looked at them yet
 - MW put the date as the 9th December but doubt they will be out by then
 - Put advertising out whenever
 - HP mentioned having a photoshoot with the hoodies on
 - MW: Thanks for volunteering
 - MW says that the mock design is fine
 - **Action LA: Look for pictures with people wearing the hoodie**

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Committee Suggestions (*standing item*)

LA

- **CSS x CathSoc dance off**
 - Something from the pub crawl
 - no
- **CSS go go karting**
 - This is the second time it has come up
 - MW says the issue before has been due to cost
 - The interest also would not be there
 - HP is looking at the thread from last year
 - MW suggests either we look into it more or tell them it's something we can't do
 - **Action MG: Research prices for go karting**
- **Kandyman**
 - Doctor who villain person
 - This is a docsoc reference
- **CSS x DocSoc**
 - HP isn't sure what we could do with this
 - RJ suggests a live TeX reaction
 - **Action SA: Ask Evie if there could be something we could do**
- **Making peace**
 - It's coming soon™ 🏴‍☠️🍆🍆🍆🍆🍆🍆🍆🍆🍆

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AoB (*standing item*)

All

- **Planning for semester 2**
 - HP suggested having a meeting to plan for semester 2 at some point
 - Would most likely be online
 - yes

Actual start time 18:04 GMT
Actual end time 19:47 GMT
Duration 1 hour 43 minutes