

# CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

Location:	LG23
Date:	Wednesday 16th October
Time:	18:30 BST
Attendees:	Holly Packer (HP) (Chairing), Lee Alabaster (LA) (Minuting), Leonardo Bishop (LB), Sumeet Brar (SB), Rohit Jose (RJ), Marcus Gustafsson (MG), Adi Agarwal (AA), Sai (S), Trinity Barson (TB)

- 1 Apologies received from HP
  - Shay Patel
- 2 Adoption of Previous Minutes LA
  - Unanimous adoption of previous minutes
- 3 Matters Arising All
  - **Emoji Competition**
    - **Action MW: Check which emojis we can get rid of**
      - Action Carried forward
      - We can always decrease the number of emojis we accept if needed
    - We only have 50 slots rn
    - We need more people to boost
      - LB has just boosted the server
    - AA asks if we can track what the least used emojis are
      - We can kinda do that
    - MG asks about jacob emojis
      - They are already gone
    - HP asks if people can list emojis we can get rid of
    - AA suggests a 'not legal advice' emoji
    - We need a main channel for this
    - HP reports it will be open for a week
    - **Action LA: Create the channel for the emoji competition**
    - S cant find the thumbs up emoji
- 4 Past Events (*standing item*) All
  - **Break;**
    - This was on friday
    - HP reports that it was fine apart from a drink exploding
    - LB says we defused a bomb

- HP reports that quite a lot of people came for shirts
- SB didn't know that he could actually go to this

## 5 Future Events (*standing item*)

All

### ● Cream Tea

- In debating hall
- Friday 18th October
- Forms are all done
- This is replacing break; this week
- HP has made a list of supplies we need in the channel
  - We will need Jam, Scones, milk (not oat), emergency cups
- Lee (guild) stole the debating hall briefly but we got it back
- HP asks who will be coming
- LB will come with LA to sains
- AA asks why we aren't buying oat milk
  - TeaSoc will be covering this
- AA also asks if we could buy some scones before
  - LB will buy some tomorrow

### ● Lua Workshop

- Thursday 24th October
- Sloman Lounge has been booked for 5pm
  - We are trying to change it to ug04 at 6pm instead
    - This is due to more people than expected
  - We will need a member of staff to run it in ug04
  - HP doesn't think it's a big idea
    - Maybe get a lecture theatre
  - LB asks how quickly we could get a lecture theatre
    - HP reports that it isn't too bad
    - AA asks about charging sockets
    - SB reports that there's sockets in Watson
  - HP asks about asking Todd about attending the workshop if needed
    - If not we can just book a lecture theatre instead
    - He would only have to be there for like an hour
    - Up to him though
- There will be a second workshop the week after (31st October)
  - HP reports that we need to ask Amrit more about this and we need to do publicity
  - LB says we shouldn't publicise this before the event
    - LB suggests maybe doing it during the event as well as after the event
  - HP asks if anyone wants to do publicity for this
- Amrit also wants to run a third workshop
  - Probably around C
  - Wouldn't be until late Novemberish

### ● Halloween Quiz

- Friday 25th October
- Forms have been submitted
- Tom has emailed about drinks for this
  - We have asked for Tom to buy 50 more drinks
  - He is giving us 53 drinks for £53
- HP reports that Blahaj have been delivered
- MG has made a quiz
  - He wants to ask alumni for thoughts beforehand
- HP thinks that we can think about decorating soon
  - LB suggests maybe next week
  - LB could do it before AFNOM
- **Bouldering**
  - Provisionally Saturday 26th October
  - It is part of our annual RA so don't need to write a new RA
  - SB mentioned that it is during HackNotts
    - SB suggests that a couple people going to Hacknotts would be interested in bouldering
  - LB reports that we are quite busy this week
  - SB reports that he would be busy most weekends
  - RJ reports that depot deal with most of the safety things
  - TB reports that we can do the safety things beforehand
  - S says that he could go
  - SB asks if we could push it back to mid-november
    - He is free around the 15-16th
    - Date changed to 16th November
  - LB has put it in the calendar
  - SB reports that putting it later also gives people more time
  - AA asks why we need to submit the annual RA
    - LA reports that the dashboard is silly
  - SB will be the organiser for this
  - **Action SB: Submit the RA**
  - **Action S: Talk to depot about the new date and let them know**
- **EGM**
  - Wednesday 6th November
  - HP won't be able to chair
  - **Action HP: Book a room**
    - HP has asked Todd to book Y3-G34
    - Don't want to overrun with AFNOM
    - If we start at 1pm we should be fine
  - LB has basically done the publicity already
  - HP asks about testing the voting site to make sure it works
  - MG asks about having to restart it every time
    - LB reports that we still need to
  - HP reports that EG and SP need to put a description in the channel when it is made

- **Action EG, SP: Email Ophelia about stepping down**
- We need more celebrations
  - We can get these closer to the date
- AA asks about voting stickers
  - HP reports that we have some
- **NQ64**
  - Thursday 7th November
  - Just need to do an RA and then we pull up
  - HP reports that HP has done the RA
  - SB reports that he will be there
    - SB will be the event lead
  - SB asks about a walking train
    - MG doesn't think we did one last time
    - Most people agree that we should do one
  - **Action SB: Contact NQ64 about what IDs they accept**
  - MG asks about non-alcoholic drinks
    - SB reports that they have them but no food
- **Movie Night**
  - Wednesday 13th November
  - 2 week publicity will have a vote
    - There's a deadline in the calendar
  - 1 week publicity is the final decision
  - We asked for G12 but they gave us 108 instead
    - Nvm they gave us G12 😊
  - MG needs to ask Ophelia about a catering form
    - LB asks if we could shithouse it
    - Most people think we could
    - **Action MG: Submit a catering form**
  - RJ asks about how many films are being reused
    - MG reports that we are reusing 3 of them
    - LB wants to watch hackers
- **Video game social**
  - Possible collab with VGS
  - No early plans for this
  - **Action HP: Reach out to VGS**
    - They haven't responded
  - LB reports that they are a 'smash society'
  - SB asks about asking the esports society
  - SB reports that we could run a Valorant event
  - LB recommends CS:GO
  - SB reports that they also do other games
  - **Action SB: Contact the esports society**
- **Python Workshop**
  - Thursday 21st November
  - Hopefully in ug04 at 6pm

- HP reports that the time/location may change depending on lua workshop
- **Pub Crawl** 🍺
  - Saturday 30th November
  - **Action SB: Make a route for a pub crawl**
    - SB has a plan
    - Start at mulligans
    - LB reports that it is expensive
    - SB says they have games, darts and whatnot
    - Midpoint would maybe be the brasshouse
      - SB suggests that we could maybe time it with the karaoke
    - LB has suggested ending it at snobs
      - SB thinks that we could end it on a night out
      - Last time the last venue was shit
    - LB reports that the alchemist was bad
    - SB says that his friend went to a pub near the library
    - AA asks about spoons
      - LA reports that it would be busy and not sure if we could book tables
      - It would be good however it would be busy
    - LB asks about shirts
      - SB thinks we should
      - LB thinks its a nice design
      - SB says the city bar-crawl would be busier
        - Maybe include a shirt in the ticket
      - SB reports that we would need unique shirts for supervisors
        - MG reports that last year we did inverse shirts
        - LB asks about just using tape
    - MG asks about the dashboard forms
      - Apparently the form needed isn't on the dashboard
    - SB asks that if anyone has any venues they like to tell him
- **Christmas Meal**
  - Thursday 5th December
  - We need a ticket form
  - Hp says a lot of discussion this week
    - Green Man has one one vegan/veggie meal which has alcohol
    - There is a halal meal
  - LB talked to green man
    - Apparently they are useless after 12
  - HP has made a spreadsheet about venues
    - MW has found some new venues
      - AA thinks they are really good

- RJ reports that if we tell them now they might be able to sort it out
    - MG reports that last time they couldn't provide food for people that wasn't from CSS
    - TB suggests that it might not be up to them since it is a big chain
      - 'They can't take the wellington out of the wellington'
    - MG reports that last year it was 2 weeks before we needed to lock in our options
      - This time it's 1 week
    - The topic of MWs suggestions have come up
      - Ideally they need to be somewhat close
      - MG reports that it would need to be wheelchair accessible
      - Max price for 3 course should be about 30
      - Needs a 2 course menu
      - Ideally there needs to be something GF
    - LB likes the idea of going into the city centre
      - Also acknowledges that it would be more expensive
      - Could also link it with the christmas market
      - HP asks when this is
      - LB reports that its about mid-november
    - AA really likes askitalian
      - There is only one in Birmingham
      - RJ reports that we would need a walking train
      - HP says we would need to call them tomorrow anyways to ask about availability
      - We aren't sure that they could do a 2 course meal
      - **Action AA: Contact askitalian**
        - Check if there's alcohol in the dishes
      - AA reports that they have items for everyone
      - RJ asks about if they have a festive menu
        - MG says they do
    - **Action MW: Create a budget for this**
      - If MW can't then someone else can do this
    - LB asks if we should ask green man if they can do anything about the alcohol in the vegan menu
      - Most people agree
    - Most people agree that everything is really good but the menu is a bit dodgy
  - Start publicity in early november
  - TB asked about the country girl
    - LB reports that they were really bad 2 years ago
- **Discord Botathon**
  - Sunday 15th December

- HP reports that not much progression has happened on this
- HP says we should do a catering form
- RJ would most likely be here
  - Most people wouldn't
- RJ asks if we should gauge interest
- MG reports that it would be an event people would go to if it fits within their calendar
- We are not too sure about the date now
- RJ asks if it would be on a weekend
  - HP reports it would have to since it would be 2 day event
- HP will have a think about it and we can go from there
- TB reports that if committee won't come then neither will members
- **TNMoC**
  - Ask MW if anything needs to be done
    - **Action MW: Chase up on the budget**
    - Action Carried Forward
- **Hackathon**
  - Provisioned for the week before easter break
  - Haven't contacted hackathons uk yet
  - People would ideally be staying in the cs building
    - Need to confirm with the school
    - **Action LB: Ask the school if we can actually have accommodation**
      - LB: 'Ah shit i forgot'
      - He will do it tomorrow
  - HP suggests when we get a venue confirmed we can start moving
    - **Action HP: Contact them if you have time**
      - Action Carried Forward
- **CSS does Taskmaster**
  - Provisionally planned for sem 2
  - HP reports that there is a lot of planning involved
  - Potentially have teams of 5
  - **Potential tasks:**
    - Redacted
  - If anyone has any more ideas put them here
  - LB asks if going to snobs would be a valid task
    - Unfortunately not
- **Sports Day**
  - There is multiple socs interested
  - Provisioned for end of semester 2
  - SB reports they have spoken to multiple societies
    - Chem Eng
    - PPS

- EcoRacing
  - He suggests organising it at week 10 or 11 of next semester
    - Include a combination of classic sports day events, e.g. egg & spoon race, sack race, etc.

6 Sponsor/Industry Update (*standing item*) MG

- **Trade Desk**
  - No updates
  - **Action MG: Chase our contact**
- **Next year sponsors**
  - Redacted
- LB mentioned the careers fair tomorrow
  - He mentioned that Jacob got a sponsor from one of these a couple years ago

7 Finance Report (*standing item*) MW

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- **Most recent statement balance: N/A**
- **Actual Working Balance: N/A**
- **Pending incomings**
  - Memberships
- **Pending outgoings**
  - Break;
  - Blahaj
- **Action HP: Submit the Blahaj expense**
- **Thigh Highs**
  - **Action SB: Look into custom thigh high prices**
    - Action Carried Forward
  - RJ has looked at this but they seem spenny
    - There are some companies where the price is like £5-10pp
- **TeX plushies**
  - The new prototype looks so good
  - AA mentioned that other people would maybe be willing to help out
    - MG reports that it would be up to Fearne though
  - RJ asks about copyright on TeX
    - We don't have any copyright on TeX
  - AA asks about asking Kate about the plushie
    - We haven't asked her about it
    - **Action LA: Ask Kate if we are allowed to sell plushies**
      - Ask frozendude if not worse case

8 EDI Report (*standing item*) TB

- N/A

9 Committee Suggestions (*standing item*) LA

- **Allocate CSS funds to Discord server boosts**



- Most people think its a waste of money
- HP reports that we can adapt if we lose boosts
- **Action RJ: Respond to the suggestions**
- **Ban the word leetcode from the server**
  - Yes
  - Unanimous agreement
  - **Action LB: Reply**
    - Action Complete
- **CSS Merch**
  - Yes we do make merch
  - HP reports that we need to make hoodies soonish
  - There was thoughts about doing both zipped and non-zipped
  - **Action someone: Respond**
- **Threads are annoying**
  - People like threads for some reason
  - RJ is very tired
    - He thinks they are good for organisation
  - TB reports people who put full stops in threads are annoying
  - AA reports that they are less accessible but they are also kinda good
    - It would be more easier to find and channels may encourage more discussion
    - AA reports that it would be fine if we needed to add more channels and roles
    - AA is 50/50 on this
    - AA reports maybe running the numbers and maybe a poll for this
  - HP says that it would be better if threads were designed better
  - **Action LA: Create a poll**

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| <b>10</b> | <p>AoB (<i>standing item</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pride Stickers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HP reports that we are running out and should probably get some</li> <li>○ <b>Action MW: Sort out pride stickers</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | All |
| <b>11</b> | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd October</b></li> <li>● <b>Start: 18:36</b></li> <li>● <b>End: 20:20</b></li> <li>● <b>Duration: 1 hour 44 minutes</b></li> </ul>   | HP  |