

# CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

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

- 1 Apologies received from HP
  - Sumeet Brar
  - Shay Patel
  - Adi Agarwal
  
- 2 Adoption of Previous Minutes LA
  - Unanimous adoption of previous minutes
  
- 3 Matters Arising All
  - **Emoji Competition**
    - **Action RJ: Look at a discord bot to track emojis used**
      - RJ looked at bots
      - None of them are allowed to look at old messages
      - RJ suggests we could leave it for a while and look at usage
      - HP doesn't feel comfortable leaving a bot like this on the server
      - HP reports that we can generally gauge messages in the server to look at emoji usage
      - HP also reported that people noticed that people have noticed a few emojis aren't needed
      - RJ thinks we should just manually review them
      - RJ suggests a poll
      - HP doesn't think it's a good idea
      - LA suggests he could just delete loads of them that aren't needed
      - HP suggests he should ask first
      - RJ suggests removing the company emojis
      - LB is very passionate about the Kainos emojis
      - HP suggests people should suggest emojis to remove in the emoji competition channel

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Past Events (*standing item*)

All

- **Lua Workshop 1**

- HP thinks it went quite well
- It was a bit quieter than expected
- S struggled to understand what he was saying sometimes
- HP reports that the second one will be more technical
- HP reports that we should keep this in mind for the python workshop but Matt knows what he's doing so should be fine

- **Halloween Quiz**

- There was a marking error
  - This was rectified quickly
  - Leaf got their prize
  - 2 more Blahaj's have been ordered
- MG reports that marking was much quicker than last year
  - This is because the answer papers were standardised
- HP reports that the pizza procedure was changed
  - We ordered pizza beforehand
  - We forgot GF but that's fine
  - MG agrees
- HP asks about calling accessibility people first
  - Most people agree that it somewhat went well
  - There were no people who went when they shouldn't have
  - HP reports that we shouldn't worry about people 'faking it'
  - MG says as long as loads of people aren't rushing down its fine
  - HP reports that people are nice for the most part
- RJ loved the event
  - He reported that more people put effort into their costumes a bit
  - We ran out of drinks unfortunately but it was fine
- LB: "It was good"
- LA reported that using a pdf for the photo round was a bad idea
- S liked the beer tower
- MG reported that we had a long wait between thinking pizza arriving and when pizza was ready
  - HP says that preordering helped
- S reports that we should make the pizza allergens more clear to people
  - HP reported that it was better than usual
  - Maybe just include if things are halal
- SB thinks it went well
  - Marking was maybe his fault but oh well
- **Action HP: Submit the GF pizzas on SGF**

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Future Events (*standing item*)

All

- **Lua Workshop 2**

- Thursday 31st October
- Y3-G29
- HP reports that this has been included in the newsletter
- Amrit said will only be a presentation this time
  - He also said people will need a package manager ideally to follow along
- **break;**
  - Every Friday 1-3pm
  - There have been requests for hot chocolate and vegan snacks
  - HP asks about vegan snacks
    - LA will look on friday
- **EGM**
  - Wednesday 6th November
  - HP won't be able to chair
    - HP will create the chairs report
  - Y3-G34 has been booked
  - Campaigning is now open
  - We should all be ready for wednesday
  - Most people on cmt should be there
  - HP asks about celebrations
    - La will either get them on wednesday or before he comes there
  - **Action EG, SP, TB: Email Ophelia about stepping down**
  - HP reports that we will need to set up the zoom meeting beforehand
  - LB asks if we had someone on the door at the AGM checking membership
    - We did not
    - He suggests we should have someone doing that at the EGM
  - LB will write an email to all current candidates about manifestos opening now
- **NQ64**
  - Thursday 7th November
  - HP reports that someone has asked about foreign drivers licence
    - MG reports that we have replied to them
  - HP suggests that the govt website mentioned PASS cards
    - SB reports that lots of places are iffy about it
    - HP asks if we could ask nq64 about them
  - HP reports that there will be a walking train from 6:15 from the CS building
- **Movie Night**
  - Wednesday 13th November
  - University House G12
  - 2 week publicity will have a vote

- This is going out today
  - 1 week publicity is the final decision
  - Just waiting on the catering form now
    - HP reports that it wouldn't be the end of the world if it was rejected
- **AlgoSoc Collab**
  - Thursday 14th November 5-7
  - Ashprit has responded
  - Planned to be in Y3-G34
  - Content will need to be planned for this
  - They will be going over some bits (add later)
  - We will be talking about our experience in industry
    - MG most likely won't be able to be there
    - It's possible he will be there but don't rely on it
    - SB suggests we should ask other cmt if they would like to do a talk
  - HP reports we need to do an RA
    - Think it should just be a pre prepared RA
    - SB says he should be able to get it done
    - S could also do it
    - SB says S really wants to do it
    - **Action S: Do the RA for this**
- **Bouldering**
  - Saturday 16th November
  - HP reports that S has reached out to them
  - S reports that the old emails were not getting to them for some reason
    - They said that people that show up need to watch the video and sign the form
  - HP reports that we should do publicity for this soon
  - **Action RJ: Make publicity for Bouldering**
- **Video game social**
  - No early plans for this
  - HP reports that VGS never got back to us
  - LA suggests that we could get rid of this
  - SB suggests esports soc instead
  - RJ suggests that we might as well try
  - **Action SB: Reach out to esports soc**
- **Python Workshop**
  - Friday 22nd November
  - Probably at midday-ish
  - LA reports that G34 and G36 are available from 1-3
    - This is during break though
    - HP suggests asking Matt about timing before we book anything

- **Pub Crawl** 🍺
  - Saturday 30th November
  - SB has done some scheming
  - Ideas:
    - Oneills,
    - Be at one
    - Boom battle bar
    - Walkabout
    - Heidi's? (before clubbing starts, will be the second venue if it is)
    - The Botanist
    - Slug and lettuce
    - Spoons (potential, theres 2 spoons)
  - Mulligans is good as there's things to do
  - Brasshouse was a favourite beforehand
  - LB suggests that we would have to go to Heidi's before they start charging for entry
    - We are not sure when this is
  - HP reports that it has a nice route to it
    - SB suggests that you can also go to a night out after
  - Current planned route:
    - Start at mulligans
    - N/A
    - Brasshouse
    - N/A
    - End at Snobs (maybe unofficially)
  - SB suggests we could delay to like february maybe
    - Could put it on a friday so we can have karaoke at brasshouse
    - LB reports that we should try aim to do it this semester
      - LB suggests that bar crawls are better in first semester
      - MG agrees
    - SB is happy to contact venues
      - He will need help with the dashboard though
    - HP suggests doing a test of the crawl this saturday
      - Some people can't do it
      - SB suggests whoever can do it goes out and tries it
  - Bar Crawl Notice no longer exists
    - Just need to make an activity on the dashboard
  - HP asks about stewards
    - LB says we would probably need 12 stewards
    - **Action LB: Look at stewards**
- **Christmas Meal**
  - Thursday 5th December

- Tickets will go off sale on the 20th november
- HP reports that there isn't much update
  - We are waiting on the budget
  - Ophelia has pushed it somewhat recently
- HP asked MW about tickets coming off sale
  - MW said we gave it 2 weeks for time for admin stuff
  - This will also give time for finance
- HP reports that we can delay this a bit if we still have tickets to sell
- **Discord Botathon**
  - 7th/8th December
  - HP reports that we need to let Matt know about this still
  - HP asks if Tom has replied
    - LB says he hasn't but will push soon if needed
  - HP asks about the flow of the event
    - LB reports that last time it was a whole day event
    - HP suggests starting at 10 with a break at about 1
    - Judging at about 3-4
    - SP asks if we want to do pizza later on
      - LB says it will be awkward if we do it later
      - We shouldn't not feed people for 8 hours
  - HP asks about prizes
    - HP suggests arduinos
    - LB reports that they cant run discord bots
    - HP suggests raspberry pi instead
    - LB says that RJ is desperate for another action
    - **Action RJ: Look at potential prizes for this**
- **TNMoC**
  - **Action MW: Chase up on the budget**
    - It is pending approval
  - RA has been approved
- **Hackathon**
  - Provisioned for the week before easter break
  - **Action HP: Contact Hackathons UK if you have time**
    - Action Carried Forward
  - **Action LB: Ask the school if we can actually have accommodation**
    - No response still
  - HP will add links into the hackathon server soon
  - HP asks about having a separate meeting with people not on cmt about this
  - LB suggests in the future it will be a separate thing but for now it will stay in our minutes
- **CSS Ball 2025**
  - **Action RJ: Look at locations for the ball**

- Action Carried Forward
- **CSS does Taskmaster**
  - Provisionally planned for sem 2
  - Potentially have teams of 5
  - **Potential tasks:**
    - Building stuff
    - Inventing something and pitching it
    - Task with the ducks
    - Acting
    - Drawing
    - Some form of quiz
  - HP suggests maybe making an activity for this soon
  - RJ reports that we don't know when we are doing this yet
- **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

6 Sponsor/Industry Update (*standing item*)

MG

- **Trade Desk**
  - No update
- **Next year sponsors**
  - CapGemini
    - No update
  - BNY Mellon 💰
    - No update
  - ZF 👁️
    - No update

7 Finance Report (*standing item*)

MW

- We have m!
- **Most recent statement balance: £3,141.40**
- **Actual Working Balance: £3,621.67**
- **Pending incomings**
  - Memberships
- **Pending outgoings**
  - Break stuff
  - Halloween Quiz
  - Welcome week pizza
  - Campus League
  - Other bits n bobs
- **Thigh Highs**

- RJ has some links
- First one is like £8
- Second one is like £4 but not sure about how good the customisation
- RJ reports that the second one is best but need to confirm how they do the customisation to make sure its what we want
- **Action RJ: Reach out to thebrandedsockshop**
- RJ reports that we should create a mock up idea of what they should look like
- **Action RJ: Make a design**
- **TeX plushies**
  - HP reports that they look very good
  - No update
  - HP suggests asking fearne is they need anything next week at some time
- **Pride Stickers**
  - Ordered and on the way, expected Monday 4th
- **CSS Hoodies**
  - RJ thinks we should start earlier rather than later
  - HP reports that last year there was an issue if we should offer more than one option or not
  - LA doesn't see why we shouldn't offer more than one if costs aren't different
  - HP asks about previous suppliers
  - **Action SP: Look at potential suppliers**

<b>8</b>	EDI Report ( <i>standing item</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diwali on 31st October</li> <li>● <b>Action AA: Make an announcement for Diwali</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action Complete</li> <li>○ The School has let us use their poster for this</li> <li>○ This goes out tomorrow</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	TB
<b>9</b>	Committee Suggestions ( <i>standing item</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hot Chocolate at break;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Callum copied my idea</li> <li>○ Yes</li> <li>○ HP asks if we need serving sticks for this</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Either a Duck or a Tex thumbs up emoji</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TeX thumbs up sticker would go hard</li> <li>○ HP says there's no reason we have no reason not to if we can get the emoji competition going</li> <li>○ <b>Action HP: Respond</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LA
<b>10</b>	AoB ( <i>standing item</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>	All



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Date of Next Meeting

HP

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th November**
- **Start: 18:42**
- **End: 20:04**
- **Duration: 1 hour 22 minutes**