# Committee Meeting Minutes

31st August 2020

## Agenda

- Freshers' advertising
    - Virtual freshers' events
    - P&P stuff
    - Women's event/BCS Lovelace
    - CyberSoc collab?
- Events next term
    - In-person events?
    - Talks
    - Film night?
    - VLAB thing
- Infrastructure
    - Hosting
- Arranging EGM
- AOB

## Attendees

- (CW)   Charlotte Wringe - Chair
- (AB)   Adam Birtles - Secretary
- (AH)   Ash Holland - Secretary
- (SF)   Skye Fuller - Treasurer
- (AC)   Aaron Christiansen - Press & Publicity Officer
- (DO)   Daniel O'Brien - Social Secretary
- (TH)   Tara Harley - Academic Events Officer
- (EB)   Ezekiel Bethel - Infrastructure Officer
- (LM)   Luke Moll - Infrastructure Officer
- (JA)   Jacob Allen - Ordinary Member
- (MR)   Mahir Rahman - Ordinary Member
- (CL)   Charlotte Lloyd - Ordinary Member
- CyberSoc representative

## Apologies

## Minutes

1. Freshers' – how do we do advertising if freshers' fair doesn't exist?

a. YUSU's current ideas: split by college, or split the whole thing over multiple days, or …
b. Freshers' flu this year is Probably Not Fun
c. Unanimous (and extremely chaotic) vote in favour of not attending an in-person freshers' fair similar to YUSU's current ideas
d. So: how do we advertise ourselves? ideas:
    i. Twitter retweet/account takeover/email stuff from CS department
    ii. Attendance at department welcome events
    iii. Putting up posters around campus (especially West, where freshers' fair things are likely to be) – possibly ads on the screens as well/instead
        1. Maybe worth talking to individual departments (physics, TFTI)?
        2. Maybe worth checking the University regulations around posters
        3. We know we can give pictures to CS to have them put up on screens – can we make a dynamic thing (webpage) as well?
e. Virtual freshers' events?
    i. VGAC
    ii. Talks
        1. Running kind of short on time before freshers' at this point
        2. Given ^, maybe delay talks until later in the year
    iii. Film night
        1. Is doable
    iv. "Grill a CS student"-type session
        1. Probably fits better as a department event than as a HackSoc event
    v. Event with CyberSoc
f. Department's "women's event"
    i. HackSoc scheduled to talk about BCS Lovelace
    ii. We have people willing to Do That
g. Freshers are no longer freshers, what
    i. Correction: everyone in cohorts below the current chair remains a fresher

2. Events next term
a. Are we comfortable doing in-person events at all next term?
b. Worth seeing what the university does?
c. Extremely chaotic vote 2: electric boogaloo; again, unanimously in favour of not doing in-person events for the first 5 weeks of term, until we can see what the University is doing
d. Talks:
    i. They're easy to do online
    ii. Haven't got any lined up, though
    iii. We should send out a call for submissions asap
    iv. We have some ideas for talks for the first few weeks of term
    v. Previous talk recordings need to be released at some point
        1. The YouTube Algorithm™ likes regularly-released videos

2. Could release them regularly (e.g. every Wednesday afternoon), using them to plug the newer live talks
3. Or could use them to pad out a sparse live talks schedule
4. The amount of effort that will go into editing the backlog can be varied, but it would be nice to have them consistent/nicely-edited
5. AB is willing to edit together the recordings, will delegate if time gets tight
6. Scheduling, opening/closing cards, other minutiae: to consider outside this meeting

e. Film night:
    i. Is possible, in good quality and with low latency
    ii. Would be good to set up transcoding
    iii. We should probably obtain advice from YSTV people (on "how we can optimise our video game live-streaming platform")
    iv. Relatedly: the film voting system is Ready™
    v. Would be a good idea to run a test film night "soon" so we can sort the technical issues before freshers exist

f. VLAB sessions proposal
    i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MgkdBvrRPumJWJE6VETopAJT3BhL3Mi6JXK5RrdjFM4/edit?usp=sharing
    ii. Generally in favour, *but*
    iii. Need to check that YUSU are ok with us running an event that's (probably) only available to members of CS
        1. Accessibility concerns about whether non-CS students can participate
        2. Unless we can get non-CS students access to the VLAB, this is unlikely to go ahead
        3. Potentially we could do a (later in the year) "introduction to embedded programming"-type course ~~raspberry pi os~~ given UoY has yeeted EMPR and everything like it

3. Infrastructure
    a. Changing hosting platforms to Fosshost?
    b. Bytemark: eeeeeeeeeeeee
    c. We'd no longer be tied to Bytemark
    d. But we'd need to migrate runciman, which, again, eeeeeeeeeeee
    e. Fun™ around YUSU and charity law re: payment
    f. Grant: has been submitted for £500 (though that's not *just* servers)
    g. Things may depend on whether we get that grant

4. EGM
    a. AB will be studen't at the start of term
    b. As such under our constitution we are going to need to reelect a secretary
    c. When, and how, can we have an EGM? (Before term starts, or after?)
    d. Before term: we will have low engagement, we may not be able to get quorum, we may not be able to get in contact with YUSU
    e. We can't schedule this until people can buy memberships

5. AOB
    a. Email newsletters are kind of boring, in AC's words
    b. Can we include things to make them more interesting/valuable?
        i. Cake recipes, puzzles, …
        ii. Cake recipes on VGAC weeks, puzzles on Hacktogether weeks
    c. We could also just Stop Doing Them for a bit before term starts
    d. Relatedly: are we going to have a break in events before the start of term?
    e. ⇒ final event of this year will be this week

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## Actions

- EB to talk to physics about putting posters up
- AC to investigate dynamic displays on CS screens
- LM/CL to turn up to department stuff
- CW to email department about phrasing of """"women's event""""
- TH to send out a call for submissions for talks
- AB to edit past talk videos
- JA to send talk footage to AB
- LM to set up a #videos channel in Slack
- Y'all to back up all the things
- EB to set up the film voting system
- EB/DO to set up things for a test film night
- JA to check whether we can get access to the VLAB (including non-CS students)
- LM/JA to talk about "intro to embedded programming" course to present next meeting
- LM to decide how much we should (offer to) pay Fosshost
- AH to **SCRAEM** at YUSU because the website is broken
- CW to do the same, but via phone
- CW/JA to be returning officer/verify the returning officer's work
- $PEOPLE to yeet cake recipes and puzzles at AC