Committee Meeting Minutes

25 November 2021

Attendees

- AH   Ash Holland
- IS   Iris Scoffin
- MP   Marks Polakovs
- CL   C Lloyd
- DA   Daniel Allinson
- EB   Ezekiel Bethel
- JQ   Jamie Quigley
- AC   Aaron Christiansen
- Other HackSoc members in attendance

Agenda

- Past actions
- Holiday events
- "Feedback" on the kinds of events we run
- Membership numbers & next year's AGM ("we'll need one")
- Talks (next term, last term)
- Committee Slack/IRC/… access management
- Handover documents & processes for ^
- Website about page
- That thing that happened on Slack, and associated Code of Conduct edit
- Merch
- Grant/BSL interpreters
- AOB

Minutes

- Past actions
  - EGM
    - Happened. We think.
    - Everything was performed completely and correctly
  - STV appendix
    - Not yet - still on Github
    - Happen soon please
  - Regular events on the calendar (CW)
    - Done
  - Sponsorship (AC)
    - Not gotten round to it yet
    - AC to do that

- - In-person talks arranging (AC)
    - Done
  - Freshers week (incl. picnic) (CL)
    - Freshers week done
    - PicnicScript has been successful
- Holiday events
  - Christmas Eve CGACC? (Christmas games and christmas cake)
  - In-person events possibly not
  - Virtual Events could work
  - CL will work out a schedule for Christmas Events
- "Feedback" on the kinds of events we run
  - Feedback mostly involved people not liking our events
  - Specifically that events usually cater towards existing members
  - Some feedback on pandemic response
- Membership numbers & next year's AGM ("we'll need one")
  - We are running out of members
  - We may have to leave positions open?
- Events refresh/Engagement issues
  - Due to ^ and ^^ we want more members
  - How can we get more people involved
  - Collecting more constructive feedback? (Specifically aimed at Non-Members)
    - Potential stigma surrounding HackSoc?
    - Need to be careful surrounding Survey design
  - Get CS involved? (email announcement, feedback board, …)
    - We have evidence of CS effectiveness
  - We missed CS welcome
    - CyberSoc was very successful in that
  - Inter-Soc events?
    - ShockSoc offered to do one
    - CyberSoc are now less awful
    - The Roses event went quite well
    - May have to be in person
    - Issues with getting people to take LFTs
    - Will possibly have to bend the rules
    - ^ is possibly a bad idea - Very delicate balance
    - We will negotiate with any societies we do events with
    - As a wise man once said, "fuck the government and fuck Boris"
  - Current events (not the news)
    - Can we step up current advertising efforts
    - Twitter, Mailing List, etc. don't have enough catchment
    - Department screens are a bit awful
    - Try and get the department to publicise first BGAC
      - This could be difficult
      - We could try some back channels e.g. bribe its to give us access to cs-students@yau
    - Talk to CS year discord mods to ask about advertising our events
- Talks (next term, last term)
  - Will this terms in-person go in youtube

- - - yes, in a state where they can go up
  - ○ Talks this term - we will do them
    - ■ Continue blended approach
    - ■ Form will close late - AC to handle scheduling
- ● Committee Slack/IRC/… access management
  - ○ People to solve IRC issues
  - ○ Make #committee public
    - ■ Slonk issues - new secret committee meme channels
    - ■ Free slack only lets us only make general read only
    - ■ We will need a private channel anyway
    - ■ Then all hell breaks loose
    - ■ IS apologises for bringing this up
- ● Handover documents & processes for ^
  - ○ AH to chase people up
- ● Website about.html page
  - ○ ~~Make~~ Give the new people the privilege of changing the website themselves
  - ○ Or just experienced people can do it
  - ○ Ensure that new people learn how to do a pull request
    - ■ Documentation and handover docs
- ● Merch
  - ○ it's complicated
  - ○ not done it for a bit
  - ○ worth documenting how to do it, and also doing it in conjunction with people who will still be here next year
- ● Grant/BSL interpreters
  - ○ Grant application was rejected
  - ○ Cannot afford to continue to provide BSL
  - ○ If specifically requested we can approach university accessibility
    - ■ Add accessibility question to previously mentioned survey
- ● That thing that happened on Slack, and associated Code of Conduct edit
  - ○ The vote was possibly made in haste
    - ■ In future maybe wait a day before such votes
    - ■ Nothing has come of the vote so it appears fine
- ● AOB
  - ○ Mailing list sign-up issues
    - ■ Some people (~30) got missed off the mailing list
    - ■ That's now sorted
    - ■ We should probably have a less bad mailing list system??
  - ○ AH's cursed number row setup
    - ■ cursed
  - ○ clarification re capacity in which opinions are held (re cybersoc)

Actions

- ● MP to tell YUSU about new constitutional change
- ● AC to talk to potential sponsors
- ● CL (probably) to figure out a Christmas Events Schedule

- AC to sort talks for next term
- AH to tell YUSU when our events are so they can go on the ??YUSU events calendar??
- AH orgainsise committee viewing privileges meeting/working group/discussion
- AH to chase people about sorting and documenting access to committee spaces
- MP to update about.html
- AH to take a well deserved break "who is screaming outside my house that i should stop doing things"
- AC to write website handover docs
- CL to poke people about merch (potentially including hacksocks)
- IS to add new rule to CoC Appendix
- AC to look into more advertising methods