



Royal College of Science Union Report to Council
A note by the RCSU President Luke Kanczes

Finance

Overall we've been very stable financially. A summary of the finances for RCSU can be found below:

Grant	Start of Year (£)	Current Amount (£)
RCSU Exec	5,054.00	216.87
RCSU Biochem	295	245
RCSU Bio	540	540
RCSU Chemistry	660	332.93
RCSU JMC	90	90
RCSU Math	690	429.81
RCSU Physics	472.22	0
Total	7,801.22	1,854.61

RCSU Exec Finance Outstanding

It was discovered several weeks ago that one Science Challenge winner from 2009/10 was not paid their £4000 prize money. This expenditure was not budgeted for by the 2011/12 committee, however, it should not have too major an impact on the remainder of the year.

Payment system

The RCSU for the first time created our own payment system. This was officially launched for the RCSU Alumni Dinner; however, it was blocked by the Union Finance Department, despite being cleared with ICT security and the acting General Manager. We weren't informed the payment system would be blocked and only found out after we started receiving complaints. We are hoping to work with the Union Finance Department to use our own payment system in future.

The Science Challenge

Prizes for last year's Science Challenge were distributed at the RCSU Alumni Dinner last term. This year's Science Challenge was successfully launched on January 17th. We secured sponsorship for this year's competition which has ensured its financial viability. The top prize this year includes a tour of CERN and a £2000 cash prize. Many thanks to Paul Beaumont for his hard work as Science Challenge Chair.

RAG

Profits from the RCSU Autumn Ball, RCSU RAG Ball, joint RCSU & '22 Club Charity Bar Night and Hummingbird Charity Cake sales are being donated to RAG. So far we have raised over £500 for charity.

Events

We've organised a range of events for first and second term. The first is a "RCSU Made in Chelsea Pubcrawl", which attracted over 150 people. RCSU fresher's t-shirts can still be seen around campus and people were delighted to see our much loved mascot Jez.

The RCSU Autumn Ball took place on Tuesday 11th October, at Opal Bar. This attracted over 450 people and the profits (£178.30) were donated to RAG. The "RCSU Oktoberfest" and RCSU Alumni Dinner were also very successful. The RCSU Winter Ball was a fantastic end to the term.

Events lined up include a RCSU vs. ICSMU quiz on 28th February and a joint RCSU & CGCU Boat Party on 14th March.

A big thanks to RCSU VPA Zoe Groom and the committee for all their hard work.

Broadsheet

The first issue of Broadsheet was released last term and we have just published the second issue. The second Broadsheet issue is geared towards the theme of sex, timed to come out around valentines day. Each copy includes a free RCSU branded condom.

Clubs and Societies

We have held numerous meetings for our societies, keeping track of their progress and answering any queries that have arisen. The Vice-President Operations (Paul) has been integral in ensuring that they are being run efficiently.

Elections

Elections are due to take place for all the RCSU depsoc's and the RCSU Exec at the same time as the sabbatical elections.

Buddies

The same as last year, every fresher within the RCSU has an allocated buddy. Depsocs have been encouraged to organise at least one buddy event.

Welfare

We held a welfare week last term, which proved to be very successful. Events such as ice skating and free yoga sessions helped cater to a wider audience. Thanks to RCSU welfare officer Jiajun Tan.

RCSU bookshop

We held a successful RCSU Booksale on Friday 7th October. We've also been steadily selling books this term. Thanks to RCSU Academic Affairs Rosalyn Flower.

Finally a big thank you to the RCSU committee for all of their help.