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## **RSMU Mid-Year Report to Council**

*Presented by RSMU President Richard Simons*



### **Events**

Since the last report to Council the RSMU has hosted many social events from bar nights to the Christmas Dinner, all of which have been highly attended. The Freshers' Dinner capacity was upped from the initial 150 to 206 with 90 first year students attending, which is a fantastic attendance and the largest in recent years. The Christmas Dinner sold out its 140 seat capacity at the Royal Overseas League (a new venue for the event) and proved a great experience for all. In the coming terms we have many other events planned, including the welcome return of charitable work in the organisation of a RAG Slave Auction at our Pre-Bottle Match bar night on Thursday 21.02.12, where officers and members of the RSMU will be auctioned off in the name of RAG.

### **Clubs and Societies**

The clubs are also in good health and have reported high levels of interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> year students in particular. The sports teams of the RSM have also recorded high numbers and have been performing well, barring RSM Rugby who have struggled with matches being cancelled all season.

### **Bottle Match**

Preparations for our biggest event of the year are well underway and everything is set for the big weekend. Certain issues have been encountered due to the number of RSMU students expected to attend and the seeming inability of Camborne miners to organise things efficiently and appropriately. We have booked coaches and accommodation for 208 attendees (again the largest away year attendance in recent history) and the dates are set for the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Changes to constitution**

In recent weeks I have been working with members of my Exec and Rebecca Coxhead to review the current constitution of the RSMU. In these changes we have brought the constitution up-to-date with current operational needs and reconfigured the committee and executive committee structure, allowing for more dynamic and efficient management of the challenges faced in running the RSMU. Extra framework has also been introduced to meet the welfare needs of the students of the RSMU and to provide additional support services to those currently offered by the ICU and the CGCU. The amendments to the constitution were passed by the RSMU Committee on Thursday 09.02.12 and will be brought to ICU Exec for ratification on Thursday 16.02.12.

### **Elections planning**

With the new committee structure hopefully being passed by the ICU Executive committee in their next meeting the RSMU is set to host elections for next year's committee under its new organisational structure. The option of hosting these elections online and parallel to the Sabbatical and Faculty Union elections was proposed, though it was decided that the paper-ballot method and centralised operation currently undertaken by the RSMU was more conducive to the Ethos of a family environment within the RSMU. It was therefore resolved not to move the elections to the online system.

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### **Financials**

Through the course of the year the RSMU has, overall, been financially sustainable, with sponsorship being secured from BP and Rio Tinto for our two major events, as well as donations from the RSMA, the FoE, alumni and other sources. Revenue streams such as our regalia sales have also brought in funds to cover cost centres such as bar nights and allowed us reduce ticket prices to our events for our members.

### **Storage Space**

I would like to make a special note of thanks to RAG chair Jack Hewitt for allowing the RSMU to use some of its storage space in the East basement, something which has been an issue for the RSMU for several years

### **Website**

We have just re-launched our website after some well-needed refurbishment and are currently ironing out any problems and gaps in information. Though the new design and content has been well received and gives a much better online presence.