



RSMU Report

Union Council
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Introduction

This report provides an overview of the Royal School of Mines Union's activities so far and any plans for the year. I have detailed my plans and those of my officers below.

Second term was successful - Bottle Match and the associated events went as planned, and our other events ran smoothly.

Third term is always quiet for the RSMU - fieldwork and examinations usually make it near-impossible to plan any events that will have high enough engagement to be worth running, and this year the global pandemic has essentially ended our year prematurely.

Goals as President for this term

1. Maintain a presence with our students and alumni through emails and other online events
2. Ensure handover occurs smoothly
3. Fill remaining committee roles in the Summer Elections



RSMU Academics and Welfare

Reps in both the Department of Earth Science and Engineering have transitioned mostly to ensuring students concerns over COVID-related problems. No major complaints have been made so far (as far as I'm aware).

RSMU Events

Spring Term Events

- In the Spring Term, we ran several events, most notably Bottle Match
 - Bottle Match - ran successfully, with a few minor issues that were dealt with smoothly and effectively. Biggest issue was timetabling, which was handled by CSM so nothing we could do. Our students behaved (mostly) well, and although the results were not great, it was still a good weekend. Here's to next year! Both the pre- and post-Bottle Match bar nights were well attended and drama-free.
 - RSMU Awards: Awards were given out at our annual Spring Dinner. Awards given out were as follows:
 - 7 Full Colours
 - 12 Half Colours
 - Mick Moore Pot (1st Year Engagement Prize) - Antoinette Mallon
 - Prof. Pryor Award (Outstanding service by a non-final year student) - Meg Facey
 - Union General Award (Outstanding service by a final year student) - Zack Jeanrenaud
 - MasterMines 2: A repeating event from first term after great feedback. Our Wellbeing Events Officer Jonas Eschenfelder took the lead. The event was well attended and received positive feedback. Will recommend that MasterMines is held next year, possibly in Freshers' Fortnight (if events are back up and running)
 - Leadership Elections 2020: Most RSMU Committee positions were filled in the Leadership Elections, with 4 vacancies. Congratulations to my elected successor, Jasmine Crocker, and best of luck to her and the rest of the committee for next year!

Upcoming Events

- Our DepReps have introduced weekly Zoom coffee mornings to provide a space for members to socialise and chill
- Not much else - third term is usually quiet for us!
- Summer Elections comms have been sent out - hopefully we'll get all positions filled.

RSMU Clubs and Societies



DepSocs

- Materials Society (MatSoc) are flourishing, with a New Years Dinner held on 31/01/20 to mark the new decade. Tour has regrettably been cancelled
- De la Beche (DLB) held their annual Symposium on 29/01/20; this year titled “Geology for the Future”. Discussions on the controversy surrounding the name of the society have not progressed due to the closure of campus. Will recommend to the incoming committees that discussions resume after handover.
- Geophysics (GPS) are (almost) out of debt, following several profitable events in Autumn/Spring Term, excellent financial management and several new sponsorship agreements. Tour has been preliminarily postponed to September, further announcements due soon.
- Discussions about a merger between the De La Beche Club and the Geophysics Society occurred in late November after concerns were raised about representation of Earth and Planetary Science students (a new degree scheme) on the Department of Earth Science and Engineering’s two existing DepSocs. No further progress has been made this year. Will recommend to the incoming committees that discussions resume after handover.

Sports

- All teams have selected a squad for Bottle Match and are financially viable. Many have arranged sponsorship and have ordered kit for players

RSMA Collaboration

Relationship between the RSMU and the RSMA remains positive, with the RSMU President and Honorary Secretary attending meetings, as well as the three DepSoc Presidents. I, in my position as RSMU President, act *ex officio* as a Trustee of the Royal School of Mines Association Trust

RSMA AGM & BBQ:

- Annual BBQ has been cancelled
- AGM will be held online, details to be decided at an upcoming RSMA meeting.

RSMU Finances

We are (still!) financially healthy! We have received donations from the RSMA, the Department of Earth Science and Engineering and the Department of Materials to facilitate Bottle Match 2020 and our Spring Dinner.

Annual budgeting has been completed for all CSPs in our Management Group. All are in good financial shape, and the Geophysics Society has managed to (almost) completely eliminate their deficit through excellent financial management, good sponsorship prospects and

If you have any other comments or would like to discuss RSMU activities to a greater depth, you can contact me at rsm.chair@imperial.ac.uk



RSMU Retrospective

On the whole, it's been a pretty good year. While it's a shame that the end to the social aspect of the year was so abrupt, we managed to successfully host all of our major events for the year, with all being successful. Engagement with first-year students has been great this year, particularly

I'm extremely proud of all the work that we as a Union have done this year, and would like to thank all of my committee for their hard work and support - it's been wonderful to work with you all <3

I have a few recommendations for next year's committee of issues that I have (unfortunately) been unable to resolve:

- A public, transparent discussion needs to be had about the future of the DLB and our other ESE DepSocs in general. In my opinion, the current structure is unsustainable and unrepresentative, and the DLB name cannot continue. I implore the incoming RSMU President and DepSoc Presidents to work constructively to find a solution to both of these problems.
- Engagement with incoming Materials students will be essential. Introduce yourself early; be visible!

I'd also like to wish all of our graduates the best of luck once they graduate from the RSM and Imperial.

It's been a pleasure serving as RSMU President this year - can't wait to see how next year goes!

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