

**Imperial College Union
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Constituent Union Forum Updates**

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Decision(s): To note

City & Guilds Constituent Union (CGCU)

1. Welcome week: Presence at Freshers Fair and Fed the Freshers lunch and snacks on the Wednesday following to boost awareness of CGCU. On the Thursday held a CGCU Welfare and Hygiene Station and handed out free sanitary products, sexual health products and stress balls.
2. Welcome dinner: Hosted the annual CGCU Welcome dinner on 19th Oct at the De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms with great success. Event included live performances and mascot rides.
3. Halloween: Celebrated Halloween with free treats for our members.
4. Bar night: In collaboration with MechSoc at Embargo Republica in November.
5. International Snack Adventure: Distributed free snacks from all over the world in December to showcase the diversity of international foods.
6. Continuing to seek communal space for cross-departmental engineering projects. Similar to the Robotics Lab but bigger!
7. Planning our C+G week for mid-March.
8. Organising a Hackathon for Term 2.
9. Planning to host a hustings to drive contestants for CGCU committee next year.

Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union (ICSMSU)

1. Training: Coordinated the training and appraisal of 22 ICSMSU's Volunteers at Annual Training day, leading new workshops on Theory of Change models and ICSMSU's Vision, Values and objectives.
2. Freshers' Fortnight: A successful event, selling over 280 passes to 1st-year MBBS and BMB students.
3. ICSMSU Clubs & Societies Training: Welfare led an inclusivity workshop for club leaders, while the C&S team hosted an in-person session covering finances, events, and welfare.
4. Halfway Dinner: MBBS 4th years celebrated reaching the midway point of medical school, with 3 Outstanding Service Awards presented by the St Mary's Hospital Association.
5. Buddy Schemes: ICSMSU Academics set up the annual Buddy Scheme to support medicine students with preparing for their PACEs and OSCEs exams.
6. Volunteering & Academics Awards: Re-vamped and brought back this event to celebrate the achievements of our Volunteering & Academics societies.
7. BMB Soc Christmas Dinner: A well-received event for BMB students.
8. Travel Costs Report: Presented findings on the impact of travel expenses on placement accessibility to the ICSM Board, with all 3 proposals (travel card/reimbursement, preference-informed placement allocation, and reassessment of teaching structure) being actively explored.
9. Academic Mocks: ICSMSU collaborated with ICSM Faculty to deliver Mocks clinical examinations for the final year MBBS students.
10. ICSM Values Survey & Standing Orders Review: Launched the ICSM Values Survey and conducted a review of ICSMSU's Standing Orders.
11. ICSM Spaces: Re-vamped the Reynolds Common Room, ICSMSU Office and collaborating with ICU Venues team to continually review and improve the Reynolds Bar.

Royal College of Science Union (RCSU)

1. Welcome week: stall and informative emails to introduce members to RCSU.
2. RCSU Autumn Ball in Nov 2024 was a big success
3. Introduced the postgraduate role to increase postgrad representation within the CU (by writing and passing a council paper).
4. Running regular (monthly/biweekly) welfare events together with the Wellbeing Events Officer.
5. Currently having discussion of how FoNS/RCSU can encourage students to register with a GP as Becky Middleton (Director of Education and Student Experience in FoNS) mentioned this to be a big problem in FoNS.
6. Organising the annual RCSU Science Challenge with the help of its founder, Jad Marrouche
7. Working on RCSU merchandise (hoodies), getting them on the system for sales, and exploring options to expand product range and designs.
8. Restarting the RCSU student publication Broadsheet with the new committee elected in December.
9. RCSU Spring Ball being booked for 13th March
10. Currently in the middle of organising the RCSU summer dinner for early June
11. Planning postgraduate bar event for summer term.

Royal School of Mines Union (RSMU)

1. Finances: The constituent union remains in debt, however we have started to work with the Imperial Union and the RSMA on a multi year plan. Upcoming events including Bottle and the Spring Dinner are set to break even/profit. The RSMA has donated considerable funds to subsidise large events with an amount set aside to be absorbed into the sgi debt, in addition to RSMA donations we are chasing up outstanding donations from the departments which have been 'promised' to the RSMU, which span over the last four years.
2. Education: Module changes within departments have been carried out based on student feedback. Monthly meetings between department staff and student reps have recognised persistent issues, which are the focus of future plans.
3. Wellbeing: Last term, our candle jar painting event was a huge success, attracting many attendees and receiving great feedback. This term, we're hosting a pre-bottle bar night to decorate banners and plan to collaborate with union clubs and societies for even more wellbeing events.
4. Events: In fresher's week all events were attended well with 80 attending the Pub crawl and 130 selling out Fresher's Dinner. This term Bottle Match, Spring Dinner and Hills cup are under planning with additional wellbeing events.
5. Outreach: In November an outreach team of ten RSMU students went to Norfolk where they delivered interactive workshops to students in year 11 and 12 on Material Science, Geology and Geophysics. A smaller group gave a presentation on 'Why University?' and participated in a live Q&A informing students on possibilities within different STEMM sectors.
6. Website: A new website has been created and the broader framework for it has been created. The plan going forward is to fill the pages with more information and to look into the analytics of the site. Link: <https://www.rsmunion.co.uk/>
7. Regalia: With most of RSMU's finances trapped in regalia, sales are happening monthly. No new regalia has been ordered other than fleeces which were made to order and prepaid.
8. Departmental Societies:
 - a. Materials Society (MatSoc) have had a series of successful events so far, including selling out a 160-person Ceilidh, and 100-person annual dinner. Multiple lunchtime lectures with industry partners such as McLaren and Alloyed are scheduled for this term, alongside young academics in the department giving lectures on their current research.
 - b. For Geology Society, Term 1 was successful with our fastest ever selling field trip where we took 40 students (28 freshers, 12 seniors) to the Isle of Portland for a weekend filled with geology and fun. Looking ahead to this term, we are currently

- planning our annual symposium ('Sustainability in Geoscience') as well as looking to plan other social activities for the term and exploring the possibility of a seniors trip.
- c. As for Geophysics Society, in first term there were four events held including a fresher's welcome talk, a PhD virtual recruitment event from UC Berkeley, and Shearwater's 'REVEAL' software training session accompanied by a company presentation. This term, we plan to do a company visit to Viridien, hold our annual seismic hackathon competition, and jointly organize the postgraduate conference with British Geo-physical Association.
9. Sports Clubs:
- a. RSM Football have had a steady uptake from freshers in the start to the sea-son. Currently playing in two leagues and consistent numbers turning up for training. Alternative training and five aside sessions are organised by alumni and undergrads are invited to play as well in addition to mixed social fostering a inclusive environment. Long term plans are to make sure to elect a dedicated committee and hopefully introduce a women's football team to the RSM family.
 - b. RSM Hockey has had a high fresher intake this year and has had a great turnout to training and socials. Friday fitness will start up gain in preparation for bottle match in addition to matches.
 - c. RSM Netball have played half our matches and are currently 4th in the league. With 14 members consistently turning up to training and 10 to matches.
 - d. RSM Tennis has seen rapid growth over this academic year, with session attendance rising to 10-20 and full courts consistently. We are hoping this trend continues as the weather improves, with the potential for bigger sessions.
 - e. RSM Badminton has a full membership, played 3 games and has two. We plan on continuing our core activity as we have already been doing for the last term.

Silwood Park Students' Union

1. Successful events – Halloween, Bonfire night, Movember (£800), Thanksgiving, small Christmas, back to school, Clothes swap, Spring festival.
2. Transport - Bikes were repaired and a procedure created to loan them.
3. New Role created - Sustainability officer, is looking into single use items on campus and discussing possible sustainable energy options.
4. Budget for societies has been agreed upon and sent out to our 10 societies.
5. Discussing new classes through MOVE imperial (waiting for a response from a completed survey)
6. Waiting for response from maintenance about getting new gym equipment and a water fountain
7. Discussing improving the food offered at the refractory – specifically including more vegan options and cutting down on meat (waiting for response from completed survey)
8. Putting together Silfest team to start planning the big event!
9. Bi-weekly meeting with the whole committee (6 so far)
10. Giving Mr. Tinkles his monthly medication