

# **ICSMSU 3rd General Meeting 2025-26**

**19/10/25: 17:00 – 19:00**

**Reynolds Building & MS Teams**

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| **PRESENT** | Sarah, Kete, Aden, Matthew, Iolanthe, Ella, Rachael, Oluchi, Kalista, Yousuf, Reika, Lair, Yongmin, Nina, Harsha, Joelle, Amelia, Rama |
| **APOLOGIES** | Alwin, Antony, Sadhana, Angie |

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# **Agenda**

1. Freshers’ Debrief – Sarah, Kete, Nina (+ everyone else)
2. WhatsApp Advertising
3. Review of Alumni Structure
4. Suggestions for alumni website (archive segment)

**Discussion Points**

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| **ACTION POINTS OF LAST MEETING** | |
|  | Action Point – **Complete/In Progress/Not Complete** |
| **ACTION POINT 1** | Angie / Ella - Bops – investigate why Arts Bop didn’t end up happening last year; look at interest in CSPs / generally; application system for Bops   * Yongmin: Delayed due to trying to find a day / name that works for all arts socs * Sarah: MG and Ents to figure out at next meeting (Nov) |
| **ACTION POINT 2** | Aden - Instagram post r.e. rules for Notion page – announcements; weekly updates of events   * Rachael: 150 character seems good; but still seems like a lot of messages – would be nice to have a picture with it! * Yousuf: SU should also keep to it – should hold ourselves to the same standard * Rachael: what led to the rules being put in * Yoli: due to feedback – polled to year groups – people wanted some change for ads * Rachael: suggest creating separate gcs for ads for each stream * Kete: making a PDF to compile all ads even if not reading chats; but might not be best / feasible to reassess every week * Nina: agree with allowing images for ads – helps with capturing attention for ads – but maybe limit how many times you can send the photos * Kalista: can also put more details onto images * Kete: main issue was the paragraphs of text – images should be fine * Matthew: prefers it with images – but should keep the overall changes for at least a year * Yousuf: had discussions about ad changes last year; don’t want to go in circles; images discussion last year – to prevent messages being missed on chats * Kalista: embedded links taking up similar amount to images anyway * Oluchi: creating a calendar to centralise – on Outlook * Sarah: tried this last year – C&S can add it on; but societies not really engaging with it – maybe need to push it more; if going to change it – needs to stick for a while; stick to no images for now * Yousuf: focusing feedback on the younger years – seeing how the culture changes around ads |
| **ACTION POINT 3** | Kete - Add in rules about Notion into Year GCs; weekly message updates about events; rule reminder message?   * Covered above |
| **ACTION POINT 4** | Ella - LKC Social – extend a slot for Dodgeball, look into extra hour? |
| **Action point 5** | Kete, Alwin - Message Dorrit r.e. Egypt trip, cc Alwin   * Emailed on 9th Sept – yet to receive response – will chase |
| **MATTERS ARISING** | |
| **AGENDA POINT 1** | Freshers’ Debrief – Sarah, Kete, Nina (+ everyone else)  **Freshers’ Welcome:**   * Yoli: liked it overall, but not sure about location in Beit – too hot * Matthew: appreciated the location, easier to manage, flow was better for Freshers’, but appreciates it’s not a traditional medical spot – good alternative to SAF * Ella: did numbers of Freshers attending change? * Matthew / Sarah / Nina: not really * Nina: crowded & hot, but easier for decorations; a lot of sponsors at the start – Freshers' a bit confused about the stalls coming in * Reika: A better stand for BMB – not as signposted well, students confused * Nina: could create a stall map * Sarah: agree – BMB Soc could source a banner sign   **Mums & Dads:**   * Yousuf: allocation system can be redesigned; give it to the clubs and socs – how many couples can you provide; Freshers can apply to those clubs; anyone left can show up on the night and allocate that way; current system too slow * Nina: event went well, esp. With adoptions; with the form, should be options of what clubs they want to join (one club they’re most interested in) * Yoli: Would be better cohesion with FPR too (esp if FPR day after Mums & Dads) - know some people from the clubs; but never going to be perfect – despite matching interests; more help with what parents are doing with their kids * Kete: worth making a new form now – linking families via clubs and grouping them in such a set way isn’t always the best solution; current system allows you to tick multiple C&Ss – gives some variations * Ella: does the form ask what Parents can offer their kids? E.g. welfare, academic support, trips, etc – to better structure what the parents do for their kids * Amelia: maybe have less specific C&S options – maybe more stream options e.g. Sports, Arts, Academics * Matthew: by expanding pairings to a year wide scale – might be too much work * Yoli: could be more stringent with standards that Parents have to provide their kids; limit number of parents and have larger families – siblings can connect and work together * Reika: the problem with the Mums and Dads – fine at the start of the year BUT tapers off later in the year – kids being ghosted by their parents; could have a readoption scheme for any kids who get abandoned later * Matthew: good idea, but the work that would need to be done; cannot force making friends with people – most kids are able to try and find other parents * Harsha: creating an excel with all the people? – have the kids who don’t have parents later can look through and find parents   **FPR:**  Patrolling:   * Rachael: students are largely concentrated at certain pubs – could be worth have SU stationed at the high traffic pubs * Ella: worth considering the times that certain areas get busier – could have done with MORE SU at priority times vs less SU when it’s going to be quieter * Kete: the same but for Fulham Broadway – Alwin and I didn’t need to be there the whole night – quite a calm time, didn’t need 4 SU BUT also acknowledge we didn’t know what to expect as Match Day – but only 1 pub * Ella: most people with merch on – non-medics who had come to join – wondering if they’re receiving the messaging r.e. no merch * Yoli: difficult to assess as it changes every year – could be worth having some patrols in central e.g. Montague Pike – appreciated the organisation, BUT cannot be fully controlled * Nina: Reynolds was quiet this year – didn't need 5 people there, could reallocate, don’t need SU to show up till 10:30, 11 at Heaven * Amelia: agree with patrols in central, Montague Pike – would have been useful to have at least 2 SU there to manage   Queue management at Heaven:   * Yousuf: a lot better than last year – stamps could be better than wristbands – faster; rate-limiting step is currently wristband handout – could be faster if we have multiple parallel lines into Heaven * Nina: stamps were the original plan – but concerns r.e. visibility esp. With the 2 groups in Heaven – distinguishing them for security; most feedback was about it going smoothly * Kete: agree it was going more smoothly; without the 2nd event going on – wristband / ticketing would have been better (as wouldn’t have needed wristbands); barriers worked well – less pushing and shoving than last year; a 3rd person on ticketing could be better * Kalista: more security this year meant it was less chaotic, thinks the delay was more so on security doing their checks / searches * Matthew: wristbands used to be standard – but too many people / too little SU to run collections * Nina: the extra security would have been better if they were all there from 10:30 * Ella: if barriers where the corner turns on the inside – where the crowding was mainly occurring – to create a lane; if we had a sign for people to get tickets out / ready * Yoli: need more awareness on students not getting in / being kicked out if too drunk   **1SN:**   * Amelia: lots of C&S found they had low attendance – due to FPR being day before – would consider not even running it that week if FPR is day before? – seemed 1SN was more for older years   **HWD Movie Night:**   * Went well   **I’m a CC:**   * Kete: don’t bother with Card Machine for the door – would be better to just have QR code for link to tickets * Kalista: general point – would be better if we had a card machine for merch sales * Kete: £5 for entry into I’m a CC for non-club members – a bit steep as a price – could bring down? * Nina: (in reply to Kalista) able to apply for card machine – only issue if event is before term start * Kete: sound system for Reynolds is better   **RAG Jewellery:**   * Rachael: happy with the event, good turnout   **Bioscars:**   * Reika: low turnout due to the second event also running at same time on Sat   **Dodgeball:**   * Ella: went well, Dodgeball happy   **Puttshack:**   * Nina: went well, Freshers enjoyed; advertise the finish time would be better (some Freshers came late when it was closed)   **Big Chill:**   * Yoli: went well – sold 3 times number of tickets for a cheaper price (£3 vs £5 last year); would be better if we get more performers in before the bands play * Nina: Advertising this year was better in groupchats and Instagrams   **Grad SN:**   * Yongmin: issues with overflow and ticketing – 250 person limit in Reynolds – no way to check the numbers inside properly; numbers seemed to decrease as more people went in? Lots of Freshers / Members signed up to enter BUT never showed up – thus lots of extra space; some C&S had to go elsewhere due to the cap on numbers for each C&S * Amelia: 2 SN in Freshers’ - ticket cap for C&S could be solved if certain C&S given 1st SN, some given 2nd SN * Yoli: Overflow as a concept wasn’t fully clear to Freshers * Amelia: waiting a whole hour before being let in – not ideal * Nina: If SU knew where the overflow pubs / pres were – can send freshers’ straight to there; Joel (Bar Staff) happy with the night * Matthew: previous years – split C&S into 1st, 2nd SN * Sarah: issue - due to Grad placement – a lot of Alumni want to come back to Grad SN * Matthew: could split 1st SN – Freshers priority; 2nd SN – Grad / Alumni priority * Amelia: with Alumni – generally keen to be at Reynolds for Grad SN, rather than alternative space * Sarah: hopefully, wouldn’t be an issue next year if Grad doesn’t fall in FF   **Treasure Hunt**   * Ella: co-ordinate better when Freshers should be back to Reynolds for Reynolds Show * Matthew: appreciated idea of Freshers heading over to Reynolds as an endpoint; could be better balanced with more no. Of SU in Reynolds to setup for the show * Yousuf: helps to have all of SU in Reynolds for the start of setup – helps for all stations to know what they’re running, etc; could work better if RAG / Freshers’ Buddies ran Treasure Hunt before * Kete: Treasure Hunt – from being a helper – could be given to Buddies to do * Nina: a good idea – just ended too fast -> Freshers got to Reynolds too fast; difficult to keep them out of the bar during setup * Matthew: could have put Scrubs in SAF at the start for collection, Freshers change   **La La Labs:**   * Lair: good feedback; good turnout * Reika: would be nice to have had the BMB Fresher Buddies to the BMB events e.g. La La Labs – get to know older years, etc * Nina: did ask Joelle r.e. Fresher Buddies – could rethink for next year; heard really good feedback from Faculty, Students * Reika: making it a non-alcoholic event meant all students were able to enjoy, regardless of drinking vs non-drinking   **Reynolds Show:**   * Yousuf: thinks times have changed – should reword the oath slightly to remove certain outdated concepts; some Freshers thought it was a bit outdated * SU: generally agree - needs an update * Yoli: enjoyed all the games / stations * Nina: more thinking about the timings of each game – so much variation * Kalista: worth having a bell for changeover * Yousuf: good idea - changeover starts at 10 min intervals, became 6 min by the end -> worked * Matthew: 6 min fine but at the start – more chaotic and takes longer due to learning curve – might need longer; the lights issue with Reynolds? * Nina: better if one person from SU coordinating lights; less chaotic to bar; some stations e.g. wheelbarrow needed bright lights   **Boat Party:**   * Oluchi: thought this boat was better for talking, plus at the end of FF – people know each other better, have friends * Kalista: agree – at the end is better * Rachael: heard mixed opinions from Freshers – everyone already made friend groups – not much mixing – maybe at the end of 1st week is better? * Kete: better at the end, made it more balanced in terms of energy for both weeks; didn’t like the outdoor area for the boat – as smaller, more cramped – consider going back to old boat * Yousuf: queue system – not a private pier – thoughts? * SU: general nods - good * Matthew: thinks the queue system worked better * Nina: thoughts on location being a bit further? * SU: general nods – good * Nina: thought the outdoors capacity was overall fine * Ella: patrolling / directing from station – only on for 10 mins, not needed that much * Nina: students coming from all over – patrolling not really needed; Boat Party at the end was good, since freshers’ bought tickets throughout FF -> got more sales * Yoli: Boat Party at the end – Freshers had a good time – circles, games, etc since they knew each other * Reika: 3rd floor of Boat – Freshers can’t leave early – good to have it as a quieter spot to enjoy the boat – gives them a space to chill / talk * Ella: in future – Karaoke circles – limit size – prevent people being shoved   **Welfare Day:**   * Yoli: Food was good, went well 😊   **BMB integration into FF:**   * Reika: went well * Lair: would have been nicer for 1st event (Bioscars) but due to clash; 2nd event (La La Labs) - went really well * Joelle: some Freshers asked about the location being in Reynolds – could think about where to locate events |
| **OTHER AGENDA POINTS** | Due to time constraints (meeting going over 2 hours plus – will be discussed at Nov Meeting in 2 weeks |
| **OTHER BUSINESS** | |
| **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** | * *ICSM LCN* * *ICSM Student Body Review* |
| **NEXT MEETING** | 2nd Nov 2025 |
| **DATES FOR DIARIES** | SU social: Rama’s house – Murder Mystery Dinner – 22nd / 23rd Nov  SU Christmas Dinner – 1st week of Dec? |

# **Action Points and Deadlines**

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| **ACTION POINT** | **PERSON RESPONSIBLE** | **DEADLINE** |
| Mums & Dads reconfigure / readoption | Yousuf, Kete, Nina, Matthew, Yoli | Next Meeting |
| Ensuring handover of Freshers to next SU committee – points of improvement noted | Sarah, Yoli, Nina, Kete | Next Meeting |