

RSMU Summer Report – by Lewis Ryan

Handover: Back in June, Richard Simons (RSMU President 11/12) carried out the handover to myself, everything went very well. I worked in the USA from June 7th so the handover happened early.

August & September: The primary tasks that had to be completed by the RSMU Exec committee were to organise our part in the Fresher welcome pack and organising the Fresher events including the Fresher's Fair. Our main traditional events were planned, booked and budgeted early on, with our Bar Night on the 4th and our Fresher Dinner on the 19th October.

We continued on the great work done by last year's committee in terms of publicity for our Freshers; in the Fresher welcome pack we had this year's 1st edition of the RSMU Newsletter "The Pit", a welcome letter from the President and an outline of the events we have in store at the start of the Autumn term. We also organised the design and production of our Autumn Term events flyers, which outlined the events that all of our Clubs and Societies have arranged in the first term. We also ordered more of the RSM branded stress balls which were extremely popular last year, and 2GB branded USB flash drives to be distributed amongst our new Freshers.

Sponsorship & Faculty of Engineering Grant Proposal: Over the summer we have been considering closely what to propose for our grant and our Sponsorship Officer has been in contact with numerous corporations looking for sponsorship for our Fresher period. This was at first a struggle because of companies going through financial difficulties and being less willing to offer sponsorship. Therefore we proposed £375 more than last year's proposal in the hope this would help run our Fresher's events. So the following grant proposal was put forward, and accepted:

Category	Grant Request	Breakdown
Freshers' Events	£475	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freshers' Bar night (£100) and Fresher's Dinner (£475)
Social Events	£500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £500 for Christmas dinner.
Bottle Match	£450	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £300 contribution to travel expenditure, Newquay and back.• £150 for Bottle Match publicity and printing of the event's programme.
Freshers' Week Marketing & Publicity	£450	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £300 for RSMU branded USB memory sticks.• £150 for printing of RSMU event flyers.
SUB-TOTAL	£1,875	

These funds are currently in the process of being transferred through CGCU to be distributed to the RSMU, when it does go through they will cover the costs we have already spent in the various areas.

Sponsorship was eventually acquired and generously offered from Rio Tinto. They are in the process now of sending over £3000 to sponsor our entire Fresher period – every event is publicised as being sponsored by Rio Tinto.

Freshers' Week so far:

- **Introduction Talk:** On the Monday of Freshers' Week the RSMU Committee and relevant DepSoc committees gave a short introduction talk to the Freshers, welcoming them into their relevant departments. This was very successful in educating the Freshers of what we do, publicising our events and making them aware of who looks after them within the Union.
- **Fresher Fair:** This year we had an excellent effort from our clubs and societies in terms of making themselves attractive at the Fresher's Fair. We had a much better Location in UDC outside the EEE café, and this worked in our favour as we had a very good number of Freshers sign up to all our clubs and societies. Our RSM Rugby club this year was located outside the Rugby bus alongside ICU Rugby and this was an excellent situation. Our branded stress balls and events flyers were both very popular at the fair and were great ways to get our name out to the Freshers.
- **Fresher Bar Crawl:** Tuesday evening, we had our traditional pub crawl around South Kensington. It was a very successful event with around 120 attendees, approximately 50 of which were Freshers. We also had our motor club mascot "Clem" with us the whole pub crawl, and the reviews of the night were very pleasing.
- **Fresher Bar Night:** Thursday evening we had our bar night in the Union bar which had about 100 attendees, half of which again were Freshers. We had exclusivity of the event and the ability to use drink vouchers in 568 as well as the Union Bar, both of these factors made the night a lot more successful than last year. The Union were very accommodating and allowed us to have our bar night whilst maintaining our long lasting traditions, for which we were grateful.

Mums and Dads & DepSocs: The RSMU DepSocs are arranging the first few events in the on-going Hill Cup which sees them compete in various different friendly events. We have been and will work closely with all the DepSocs, in particular MatSoc considering the majority of our general committee are from Earth Science and Engineering as opposed to Materials. The new Mums and Dads scheme has been working very well so far, we have had lunches with our "families" and it has proved to be a great way to integrate the Freshers with older years and make them feel more comfortable within their departments.