

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Dramatic Society of the Imperial College Union in the 2015/2016 session

3rd May, 2016

PRESENT:

Zöe Edwards, Elena Stronach, Omar Hussein, Ellie Rose, John Oliver, Sam Gardiner, Jack Steadman, Peter Bridgman, Anisha Kadri, Olivia Gatliff, George Ainscough, Daniel Clay, Daisy Rogers-Simmonds, Harry Kingsley-Smith, Elena Stein.

APOLOGIES:

Agnes Donnelly, Gautumn Kambhampati, Steven Kingaby, Chris Love, Andrew Finn, Helen Root, Oscar Gill.

1 Agenda

- Previous Minutes
- Introductions
- Handover (inc. HandoverFest)
- Shows:
 - Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
 - Splinters
 - Emoji (Edinburgh Fringe Festival)
 - MT 24
 - AOB

2 Previous Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved unanimously.

3 Introductions

Introductions were made between the current and elected committee members, by method of going round in a circle and stating their name, role and the last time they (ahem) used the facilities.¹.

4 Handover

The current officers of the society relayed necessary information to the elected officers². General committee meeting procedures were explained by the chairs. The date and nature of Handover-

¹ **Zöe Edwards** reconsidered imparting the latter piece of information **Jack Steadman** says "Hooray!!!"

² **John Oliver** was his own counterpart, and proceeded to engage in a 'masturbatory handover'.

Fest remains a mystery. **Jack Steadman** made his first decree as president elect.³

5 Shows

5.1 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

After a week of auditions, the main summer term play has been cast and is ready for rehearsals. The titular roles of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern will be played by Joseph Dudley and Helen Root respectively.

5.2 Splinters

Zöe Edwards is producing the show. Splinters will take place in Blythe, and its date has not yet been determined. The members of DramSoc have been called upon to like and share the facebook page for Splinters, which is already live.

5.3 Fringe: Emoji Thing

The play devised for the fringe this year is based on Emojis. Auditions are to take place on the 6th of May. There are auditions for the cast this year to promote greater commitment to rehearsals. Tech support for the fringe is needed. The first performance of Emoji is the 14th of August, with Preview shows in college to raise funds.

5.4 MT Soc's 24

This is happening.

5.5 The BBC

The BBC will be hiring out the union building over the summer, we have the opportunity to work with their technical team in some capacity. We still have the use of Metric to test out any new equipment.

6 Additional Notes

- New flooring allows for more venues to be used as black box theatres, and thus greater flexibility. If we improve play proposal timings, we can put on more drama with venues planned in advance.
- There are new Tech Meetings to reduce technical content in regular committee meetings.
- A new acting subcommittee was proposed, and is open for discussion. They could also help to increase the variety of play proposals and improve their timing. A writing officer may be appointed within this subcommittee, to improve our devised productions and organise writing workshops.
- We may be reviving the DramSoc Newsletter, *The Plinge*, in electronic format (named after Sir Walter Plinge, ghost in residence of the UCH).

³"Let there be snacks in the committee meeting!" And there were snacks. Jack saw the snacks, and they were good; and Jack divided the snacks from the people and ate them. (The Book of DramSoc 1:3)

- DramSoc workshops could be more widely and dynamically advertised, perhaps in the newsletter as well.
- **Jack Steadman** wants a gavel. However, **Zöe Edwards** is a strong independent woman who don't need no gavel.

7 Summary

- Splinters: Performance date and venue to be booked.
- **Daisy Rodgers-Simmonds** urges all members of DramSoc to like facebook pages for Splinters and Rosencrantz.
- Tech crew member for Fringe needed.
- Equipment to be tested out in Metric over the summer.
- The prospect of Acting subcommittee meetings for next year to be explored by **Olivia Gatliff**, and an improved play proposal process.
- Rejuvenation of the DramSoc newsletter, *The Plinge* to be attempted for the next academic year.
- There will be a committee meeting in the next fortnight.⁴

8 Adjournment

At 7:30PM, **Zöe Edwards** made motion to adjourn the meeting and **Anisha Kadri** seconded it.

⁴ JACK'S SUMMARY OF THE MEETING:
"Admin Admin Admin
Are things happening? Yes.
Are things happening? No.
Oh no."