The Computer Users’ Society (CUS) was formed in the early 1970s as a lobby group for the various users of the central computing facilities provided by the then Computing Services Unit which was part of the Vice-Chancellor’s Unit. The central unit at that time was responsible for maintaining remote batch stations (13) and approximately 120 teletype and video terminals around campus. Following a review of the university’s computing sciences services by a Professorial Board Committee the Computing Services Unit had been established within the Vice-Chancellor’s Unit in late 1972. [University News, September 1972, p. 3]

The Society was in existence by 1973. On 22nd November 1973 seventy-eight university staff members attended a general meeting which was addressed by A.A. Thompson, Manager of the Computing Services Unit. From at least 1974 on members of the Society met regularly (the minutes of the First and Second Business meetings are not dated, the third meeting was held on 20 March 1975, CN1185). An Executive Committee was elected annually; the first Chairman was J.B. Douglas.

A constitution for the Society was adopted at its first business meeting. Membership of the Society was open to all members of the university and associated institutions who were actively involved in computing. The aim of the Society was to improve the knowledge and use of resources available to members and others responsible for using and providing computing facilities within the university and to provide a vehicle whereby future developments and requirements in computing might be discussed. The Society held two types of meetings, business meetings and technical meetings. The technical meetings were held monthly throughout the year and took the form of lectures, seminars, discussion groups etc. The Society also produced a monthly newsletter called CUSWORDS.

The Executive Committee consisted mainly of staff members but in 1977/78 had two student members, Jim Torossian and Martin Waterworth.

The Society was still active in late 1981. In October 55 members attended a meeting to hear Dr John Gergen, Director of the Computing Services Unit, talk about ‘Changes to the hardware and software in 1982’. The regular publication of CUSWORDS ceased with Issue Number 53, October 1981. Any future meetings were to be publicised in Focus; minutes and attendance books of the Society also cease with its 1981 October meeting which seems to indicate that the Society ceased to function after that time.
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