



Thursday 12 June 2008

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
3. Approval of the order of the agenda
4. Reading by the secretary on request by any Member, amendment if necessary and approval of the Minutes of any previous Open Meeting not yet accepted by an Open Meeting.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes
6. Reports from the Committee
7. Questions to the Committee
8. Extraordinary Motions
9. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Go Team
 - b) SAFE allocation ratification
 - c) Committee Hoodies
 - d) Bike Pump
 - e) Amateur Football Society
 - f) Holiday Storage for International Students
 - g) Hockey budget reallocation
 - h) Robinson College Stash
 - i) College Families for Freshers
 - j) Condom Machine
 - k) Rollover Open Meeting Funds
10. Any other RCSA business

b) SAFE allocation ratification

RCSA Notes:

1. According to the Robinson College Southern African Fund for Education (SAFE) constitution, there must be open meeting ratification of the SAFE committee
2. After scrutinising the numerous charity proposals received last year and this year, the SAFE committee recommended the following charities for support:
 - a) David Anderson Africa Trust - **£720**
 - b) Ripple Africa – **£250**
 - c) Rainbow development Africa - **£630**
 The money allocated reflects the total amount requested in the proposal or an appropriate part contribution based on the spending breakdown provided in the given proposal.
3. Hard copies of the proposals received from the three charities are available at this open meeting for the perusal by any interested students.

RCSA Believes:

1. The SAFE committee's proposed allocation should be carried out as soon as possible

RCSA Resolves:

1. To permit the SAFE committee to allocate a total of £1600 to the above named charities

Proposed: Maia Beresford, SAFE Chairperson
Seconded: James Howat

Ordinary Motions

a) Go Team

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. Several members of College enjoy the board game Go.
2. From next year, there will be a university-wide team Go tournament run by the CU Go Society).

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson should have a Go team to play in this tournament.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To form a Robinson College Go Society.
2. That this society agrees to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.

Proposed: Andrew Kay
Seconded: Chris Hodge

c) Committee Hoodies

RCSA Notes:

1. Deloitte have decided not to sponsor the RCSA this year.
2. The budget for this year included £450 income from Deloitte sponsorship to buy hoodies for the Committee.

RCSA Believes:

1. Hoodies are useful during freshers' week to identify members of the committee.
2. That for the hoodies to be useful they need to be ordered before freshers week.
3. It should be possible for the RCSA to find other sponsorship.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate up to £450 from unused areas of the RCSA's committee's budget and CUSU subscription.
2. To mandate the committee to seek sponsorship.
3. To mandate the committee to investigate other ways of raising money for the RCSA.
4. That if a source of the money has not been found, and as a result of this re-allocating the money the RCSA end up over budget, the current RCSA committee will be responsible for paying back money for hoodies. Each committee member will owe the amount over budget due to spending money on hoodies divided by the number of committee members.
5. To confirm that individual RCSA officers may decline to get a hoodie if they wish to do so.

Proposed: Iain Barr, likes hoodies

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, is a hoodie

d) Bike Pump

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The Porters' Lodge is missing a bike pump.

RCSA Believes:

1. A flat tyre is as useless as hair on a fish. The

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £16 from the open meeting budget to pay for two new bike pumps.

Proposed: John Tweed, avid cyclist.

Seconded: Pete Wood, dislikes cars

e) Amateur Football Society

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The success of a current unofficial Robinson Amateur Football Society (RAFS) in organising regular casual games with other likeminded students outside of the League;
2. Several students enjoy football but do not want to commit themselves to a rigid timetable of matches, potentially in the rain;
3. Becoming a society would entitle the RAFS to a Freshers' stall to promote casual football in college and provide opportunities for less competitive students.

RCSA Believes:

1. An amateur football society would encourage likeminded students to take part in sport and further their physical welfare.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To form the Robinson College Amateur Football Society and for it to be bound by the Constitution of the RCSA;
2. That the objects of the Society shall be:
 - i) To provide regular opportunities to participate in football;
 - ii) To organise social events for members.

Proposed: Jamie "El Jefe" Melly

Seconded: Chris Oates

f) Holiday storage for international students

RCSA Notes:

1. Renovation of the party room over the summer will limit storage space considerably

RCSA Believes:

1. International students should have additional storage space to store their belongings over the holidays.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To mandate a member of the RCSA committee to look into alternative storage facilities for this summer
2. Expects international students should be given an appropriate substitute to the party room

Proposed: Emma Irving

Seconded: Maria Radjenovic

g) Hockey budget reallocation

RCSA Notes:

1. That £400 was allocated in the hockey club budget for 'Astroturf'
2. That spending on pitch hire by the hockey club will exceed this amount
3. The high demand for hockey pitches in Cambridge

RCSA Believes:

1. That having a hired pitch is essential to a hockey game

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate £25 from 'Tour' to 'Astroturf' in the Robinson College Hockey Team's budget

Proposed: Fiona "Rogers" Wright

Seconded: Guy "Corletto" Corlett

h) Robinson College Stash

RCSA Notes:

1. That other Cambridge colleges sell college stash, such as hoodies and t-shirts
2. These items are not currently available to Robinson students, except from shops in town which are overpriced.

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson stash is nice.
2. It would be possible to set up something similar in Robinson.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To investigate the possibility for the RCSA to sell Stash to Robinson students.
2. To mandate a current officer to oversee this project, with the possibility of setting up a separate position for next year.

Proposed: Iain Barr, like things with Robinson's logo on them

Seconded: John Tweed, loves a corporate image

i) College Families for Freshers

RCSA Notes:

1. That family systems at other colleges consist of couples and parents, and marriage formal halls are organised during the academic year
2. That the current family system at Robinson only consists of uncles, aunts and cousins

RCSA Believes:

1. That, although 'couples' and 'parents' carry slightly different connotations, they have essentially a similar nature to 'uncles', 'aunts' and 'cousins' in terms of implementation of the system
2. That allocation of family members may not follow biological convention due to actual distribution of both genders; the proposed family system can take account of the subject and location of freshers
3. That this may provide another (optional) means of communication between international and local students

RCSA Resolves:

1. By mandating the RCSA Vice President to make an enquiry, asking the College if such changes can take immediate effect at the Freshers' week this October

2. To allow the Vice President to appoint any committee members to assist in carrying out this duty.

Proposed: Daniel Tse, RCSA Overseas Officer

Seconded: Iain Barr, RCSA President

j) Condom Machine

The following proposed motion will be constitutionally invalid without amendment

RCSA Notes:

1. Most colleges have a condom machine dispensing cheap or free condoms

RCSA Believes:

1. This would be a nice addition to Robinson

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £143 to the purchase of a condom machine to be put in college
2. To distribute condoms freely to members
3. That this machine be placed below the library where the welfare cupboard is

Proposed: John Tweed, play it safe kids

Seconded: Pete Wood, no love without a glove

k) Rollover Open Meeting Funds

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The uneven demand for funds throughout the year.
2. Unallocated Open Meeting funds go into reserves.
3. It has excess reserves.
4. The purpose of the Open Meeting funds is to provide financial assistance for current events and needs.

RCSA Believes:

1. The usefulness of Open Meeting funds should be maximised.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate any remaining unallocated funds from this Open Meeting to the next Open Meeting.

Proposed: David Bewicke,

Seconded: Rebecca Yeoh, RCSA Secretary

(The above motion was adjourned from the previous open meeting.)