



Sunday 24th January 2010

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
 - a) Presents for erstwhile President and Chair.
7. Questions to the Committee
8. Extraordinary Motions
9. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Matriculation Photo
 - b) Ironing Board
 - c) Fairtrade Policy
 - d) Laundry Baskets
 - e) Wii Game
10. Any other RCSA business

have to foot the bill for the photo

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate an additional £5 from this open meeting budget for the purchase of the Matriculation photo.
2. To mandate the Catering and Amenities officer to purchase the photo.

Proposed: Andy "costs more than we thought" Aitken

Seconded: Duncan "disappointed by the lack of matriculation photo" Stibbard Hawkes

b) Ironing Board

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA notes:

1. The ironing board is in a very bad state
2. The top is no longer flat, rendering the entire board useless
3. The ironing board is too small for people of reasonable size
4. The ironing board cover does not stay on the board when in use
5. It is important to maintain the image of the College, and as such, facilities for ironing clothing should be available for those who wish to use them
6. In particular, the morale of students has been hit severely by excessively crumpled shirts at Formal Hall
7. The College has a vested interest in maintaining facilities
8. A new ironing board and cover of reasonable quality can be purchased for at most £50 (source: Argos website)

Ordinary Motions

a) Matriculation Photo

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RCSA Notes:

1. We decided to buy a Matriculation photo for the JCR of this year's fresher's.
2. That the photo will actually cost £50, not £45 as allocated in the last meeting

RCSA Believes:

1. That we should still buy the photo
2. That no member of the RCSA should

RCSA believes:

1. Replacing the current ironing board would be useful for all those who may at some point wish to iron clothes
2. It may be possible to get some or all of the funding from the College, if the College will not replace the ironing board itself

RCSA resolves:

1. To mandate the Catering and Amenities Officer (CAO) to have, by the next business meeting, either
 - a. Purchased a new ironing board, or
 - b. Lobbied College to purchase a new ironing board(whichever is decided appropriate by the Meeting)
2. If it is decided that it is the duty of the CAO to purchase the new ironing board and cover, up to £50 should be made available for the purpose from the relevant funds. This money would be used in the event that the College would not provide funding.

Proposed: Matthew "Straightening things out" Jordan

Seconded: Antony "Can't stand creases" Milne

c) Fairtrade Policy

RCSA Notes:

1. That the issue of supporting the Fairtrade movement to guarantee "fair" prices for farmers in developing countries is important to many Robinson students.
2. That the existing RCSA Fairtrade Policy needs updated as we have implemented many of the changes required to become
3. a Fairtrade establishment.

RCSA believes:

1. That the updated policy document highlights the changes that have been made, in our aim towards becoming a Fairtrade establishment.

RCSA resolves:

1. To replace the original Fairtrade Policy document with the updated version (see addendum), as a more representative reflection of the level of Fairtrade activity within Robinson College.

Proposed: Rosalyn 'daughter nature' Old

Seconded: Amy 'mother nature' Woolloff

d) Laundry Baskets

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RCSA Notes:

1. People don't always collect their laundry when it's done.
2. There is no good place to put completed laundry.

RCSA Believes:

1. Baskets should be placed in the laundry for completed laundry to be put in if necessary.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £35 to purchase washing baskets (gets 5 + P&P).

Proposed: Dan 'scrubs up nice' Green

Seconded: Andy 'The Soap you can believe in' Aitken

e) Wii Game

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA notes:

1. Wii games have been well received
2. The Wii is totally RAD.
3. There are lots of totally RAD games that we don't have though
4. That total RADness is a good state of affairs

RCSA believes:

1. That any opportunity to make Wii based puns can be nothing but a good thing.
2. That another Wii game would enrich the lives of students, no end!
3. That the people should decide which game is chosen.

RCSA resolves:

1. To put a poll on the RCSA website in order to gauge which game would be the most popular.
2. To allocate £40 towards the cause.
3. To buy that game for college.
4. To play that game- awesome!!

*Proposed: Duncan "Head Shot" Stibbard
Hawkes*

*Seconded: Chris "Pwned in THE FACE"
Powell*

Addendum

Fairtrade Policy

The background to Fairtrade:

Millions of landless labourers and small farmers in the economically developing world do not earn a fair and reliable income that guarantees enough to feed their families, send their children to school and invest in a sustainable livelihood.

The Fairtrade Foundation guarantees “fair” prices for produce it purchases, and can help to ensure that farmers and labourers in the developing world earn a decent and sustainable sum to live on.

Fairtrade at Robinson:

Many Robinson students are supportive of the promotion of Fair Trade.

For purchases within college, consumer choice is limited by what is readily available, and providing Fair Trade options within colleges can increase consumer choice.

Fair Trade Questionnaire recorded that students desire greater access to Fairtrade products within the College.

Many other institutions have already achieved ‘Fairtrade Status’, including St Catherine’s, Kings and Pembroke Colleges, Cambridge, and the Universities of Bristol, Edinburgh, Warwick, Nottingham, Glasgow, York, Leeds and the LSE.

Fair Trade status involves the five following commitments:

- 1) The RCSA, MCR and college authorities have created a Fairtrade policy incorporating the following four goals.
- 2) The Fair Trade steering group must continue to meet at least once a term to manage and monitor progress towards the five goals. The group includes representatives from the catering staff, college administration, the RCSA/MCR committees, and the student Fairtrade society.
- 3) The college has committed to selling Fairtrade options in all outlets.
- 4) Fairtrade foods are served at meetings hosted by the college and the RCSA/MCR.
- 5) The College is committed to the campaign for increased consumption of Fairtrade products.

The action:

The RCSA has committed to endorse and actively support the campaign to achieve official 'Fairtrade status' for the college from The Fairtrade Foundation (see appendix).

As part of this campaign, the RCSA has committed

-to serve Fairtrade products at events it hosts wherever possible e.g. tea, coffee, chocolate, wine, fruit, fruit juice.

- to purchase Fairtrade RCSA executive clothing (i.e. Freshers' week hoodies)

- to promote Fairtrade by putting up posters and other sources of information in college as well as organizing FairTrade events.

The RCSA also is committed to encouraging college authorities to continue including more Fairtrade products in food prepared on site, and to continue to run regular 'Fairtrade formals'.

The RCSA aims to encourage college authorities to sell more Fairtrade supplies within college, but with no intention of removing all other options.

It is the job of the Fairtrade steering committee to continue campaigning for and promoting new Fairtrade products in college. The steering committee is made up of the Green Officer, FairTrade Society, catering staff and college administration.

The RCSA is committed to supporting the campaign to achieve Fairtrade Status for Cambridge University.

Redrafted December 2009 by Rosalyn Old and Amy Woolloff.