



# Robinson College Students' Association - Agenda

## Sunday 20 February 2011



### 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) Personal Safety and Response to the TCS Article
  - b) new pool cues
  - c) Securing Valuables
  - d) Opening Robinson Film Showings to non-Robinson members.
  - e) Record Player Replacement Needle.
  - f) Ski Cuppers Entry Fee
  - g) Academic Feedback Pizza
  - h) Volleyball Cuppers entry fee
10. Any other RCSA business

### Ordinary Motions

#### a) Personal Safety and Response to the TCS Article

##### RCSA Notes

1. An article in the most recent edition of The Cambridge Student has accused Robinson of failing to take adequate steps to

warn its students about the recent attacks on female students.

2. In particular, they pointed to the failure of the college authorities to notify people about the most recent attack on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February near Mount Pleasant Road.
3. An editorial in the same edition accused the porters of being "negligent" in this regard and suggested that they deserve more than "a slap on the wrist".

##### RCSA Believes

1. The article does not take into account the previous and continuing actions of both college authorities and the RCSA in warning students and doing whatever is possible to reduce the risk of a future attack.
2. It reflects poorly and unfairly on the porters and Robinson in general by implying that the college does not care for the safety of its students.
3. Not responding to these allegations could be seen as reinforcing this implication.

##### RCSA Resolves

1. To mandate the President, Welfare Officer and Women's Officer to write a response to TCS to draw their attention to the efforts made to protect Robinson students.
2. To express general confidence that the college authorities are doing everything in their power to ensure that the risk of another attack is minimised and that the porters have

not been negligent in their duties.

Proposed: Rosalyn Old

Seconded: Jamie 'Paterson

## b) New pool cues

***THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS.***

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. Robinson College has 2 very good pool teams, but a distinct lack of good pool cues in the bar.
2. The last time the pool club applied for money for cues, we didn't spend it since we were promised that Simon the barman would get new tips for the existing cues. This hasn't exactly happened.
3. Owen has had quite a few requests for new cues from various RCSA members.
4. Robinson College pool also has a large fan base (mainly Alex Brazier), with one of the first team players having his OWN FAN CLUB!

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. A lack of decent pool cues discourages people from playing pool and affects the quality of their game.

2. People should be encouraged to play pool to maintain Robinson's good reputation in the sport (yes, that's right, the 'sport').
3. RCSA members already have to pay to use the pool table - they shouldn't have to pay for their own cue too.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £40 from the reserves for the purchase of 4 new pool cues.
2. To place the new cues in the bar and JCR.

Proposed: Owen 'first-teamers don't need nicknames' Jones

Seconded: Peter 'Yoda' Newton

## c) Securing Valuables

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### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The new (60 Inch!) television, Blu-ray player, Old television, DVD player, and Sky box are currently not secured.
2. The Wii has been secured using the Catering and Amenities Officer's own lock.
3. The current method for securing the Wii seemsto be effective yet expensive.
4. The new Blu-ray player has been removed from the JCR over security fears.
5. Thieves might operate in this area.

*Seconded: Rosalyn 'On dry land (economy)' Old*

**RCSA Believes:**

1. The security of the above items is a genuine issue.
2. It would be a good idea to secure the above items to help prevent them being stolen.
3. It would seem appropriate to secure the above items in the same way that the Wii has been secured.
4. The RCSA should provide the lock to secure the Wii.
5. It would be nice to remove the new Blu-ray player from quarantine.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £135 from the reserves to buy locks etc. to secure the above items, and replace the lock on the Wii.
2. To mandate the Catering and Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of these locks etc.
3. In the meantime, to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour immediately to a member of the committee.

*Proposed: Harry 'Safety in numbers' Brunton*

**d) Opening Robinson Film Showings to non-Robinson members.**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. There are no objections in the RCSA Constitution to allowing attendance of Society events to students of other colleges, provided the event remains beneficial to Robinson members and non-affiliates
2. The agreement of the Conference and Catering Department in extending attendance to students of other colleges has been negotiated
3. The capacity of the Auditorium is not being fully utilised during the Sunday Film Showings. Up to 200 additional students could be permitted to see the film at no extra financial cost to the RCSA (although a further fire-steward would need to be provided by the Film Society)
4. Attendance by non-Robinson students would not incur financial or other expenses on the part of the Film Society or the RCSA

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Non-Robinson members should be able to attend the Sunday Film Showings
2. The Film Society should be able to advertise the Sunday Showing through the weekly CUSU bulletin
3. Extending attendance to students of other Colleges would assist in 'placing Robinson on the Cambridge map'

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allow the Film Society to invite non-Robinson students to Film Showings via the CUSU bulletin
2. To ensure that Robinson students would have absolute priority over external students, should questions of priority arise.

*Proposed by Krista Mumdzjana*

*Seconded by Dan Green, Alex Kennedy & Martyn Statter*

**e) Record Player Replacement Needle.**

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**RCSA Notes:**

1. That there is no needle in the record player in the Hi-Fi room.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. That there is no point having such an extensive record collection without the facilities to play them.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To give the High Fidelity Association the sum of £24.00 to

buy a replacement needle for the benefit of the masses.

*Proposed by: Michael 'and the Damage Done' Boyle*

*Seconded by: Elizabeth 'in A Haystack' Ayres*

**f) Ski Cuppers Entry Fee**

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**RCSA Notes:**

1. Indoor Ski Cuppers was held for the first time this year.
2. RCSSC has been established since the last budget.
3. 4 RCSA members competed as one team in indoor ski cuppers on 7th Feb
4. these members paid £30 entry fee
5. The fee was announced after the deadline for motions for the last RCSA open meeting.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Members of RCSSC should not have to pay this fee themselves as the RCSA fund many other sport's cuppers entry fees.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £30 from the open meeting budget to re-imburse the RCSSC members who have already paid the entry fee.

Proposed: Hannis "shifty Rodeo 5"  
Whittam

Seconded: Josh "switch flatspin 7"  
Brookes

**g) Academic Feedback Pizza**

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**RCSA Notes:**

1. The RCSA Academic Affairs Officer (AAO) will in the coming weeks be running short academic feedback sessions to pilot a successful system currently in place in Oxford.
2. An estimated maximum of 50 students will be asked to participate in these sessions.
3. The AAO currently has a budget of £0.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. It would be nice to give people free pizza and drink if they participate.

2. 50 students can probably get through ten pizzas and ten 2L bottles of coke or lemonade.
3. Pizza usually costs more like £2.30 than £0. Coke and lemonade also cost more than £0.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £40 for the purchase of food and drink for these sessions.

*Proposed: Clive "Meat Feast" Newstead*

*Seconded: Chris "Chicken & Sweetcorn" Halcrow*

**h) Volleyball Cuppers entry fee**

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**RCSA Notes**

1. that the Cambridge University Volleyball Club made a loss at the end of last year's Lent Cuppers due to unanticipated expensive court hire.
2. That, as a result, teams wanting to compete in this year's Cuppers are being asked to pay an increased fee of £50.
3. That Robinson's mixed volleyball team (RCVC) is actually very good; narrowly missing the second stage of Lent Cuppers last year and coming third in the University-wide league in the summer.
4. That finances granted to the RCVC at the Budget Meeting will be needed to compete in the summer league.

### **RCSA Believes**

1. That this year's competitors should not be disadvantaged by what happened last year
2. that we should be looking to compete in any sporting event...especially one we're actually good at.

### **RCSA Resolves**

1. To allocate £50 from the Open Meeting Budget to cover the cost of entering a team in this year's volleyball Lent Cuppers.

Proposed: Dan 'I like my volleyballs'  
Fisher

Seconded: Henry 'What can be served  
but never eaten?' Carruthers