



Robinson College Students' Association - Open Meeting

Sunday 16th October 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
 - a) President's report regarding CUSU
7. Questions to the Committee
8. Extraordinary Motions
9. Ordinary Motions
 - a) TV Room TV
 - b) CUSU Block Grant
 - c) RCFC Budget Reallocation
 - d) RCFC Five-a-side
 - e) RCBC Budget Reallocation
 - f) Basketball League Fees
 - g) Bike Pump
 - h) Darts
 - i) Board Games
 - j) Pool Cues
10. Any other RCSA business

1. A new TV for the TV room would allow people to watch sport not on in the bar.
2. Such a TV would also be of benefit to other societies
3. Not everyone likes watching the same programs

RCSA Resolves:

1. To mandate the catering and amenities officer to research and find a new TV for the TV room

Proposer: Chris Rafaluk

Secunder: Dylan Ede

b) CUSU Block Grant

RCSA Notes:

1. That a 'block grant', which is unrestricted funding direct from the central University, is the standard model for funding Student Unions in Britain.
2. That the average block grant in the Russell Group is £1,200,000 a year, and at Oxford is almost £400,000 annually.
3. That CUSU is the only University Students Union in Britain without a block grant.
4. That CUSU is, as a result, forced to levy college affiliation fees which impair JCRs and MCRs from spending money on their College members.
5. That despite meager funding arrangements, CUSU runs the world's largest student-run access scheme, gives JCRs/MCRs important training and infrastructural support, and represents us successfully on issues like bursaries and the sports centre at the highest levels.

RCSA Believes:

Ordinary Motions

a) TV Room TV

RCSA Notes:

1. The TV in the TV room is relatively small.
2. The TV is not HD.
3. The TV room has sky unlike the JCR.
4. Not all sports fixtures are shown in the bar.
5. The JCR is often busy.

RCSA Believes:

1. That there are significant weaknesses in the college affiliation fee model, by levying undue financial pressure on JCRs and MCRs and leaving services for all students at risk from individual College disaffiliations.
2. That with even a modest block grant, CUSU could both expand the services it offers its members, as well as reducing the direct burden on JCRs and MCRs.
3. That tripling tuition fees with no corresponding increase in funding for student-led representation and support is unjustifiable.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To add our voice to the CUSU Block Grant campaign
2. To ask our JCR/MCR Committee to raise the issue of the college affiliation fee model with the College Bursar
3. To consider writing to the Vice-Chancellor as a JCR/MCR to express the above view

Proposed: Rosalyn Old
 Seconded: Chris Halcrow

c) RCFC Budget Reallocation

RCSA Notes:

1. The previous captain of RCFC was unaware that spending in excess of individual spending categories, but within the society’s cumulative spending allocation, is prevented by the Finance section of the RCSA constitution.
2. The previous captain of RCFC spent money allocated for Referee fees and Laundry on football equipment.
3. In order to reimburse the previous captain of RCFC for his expenditure an open meeting motion is required under article 65b of the RCSA constitution.

RCSA Believes:

1. Reallocating funds will allow RCSA to function without incurring any financial cost to any of its members or any additional cost to the RCSA.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate £20 from RCFC’s laundry allocation, and £40 from RCFC’s “Referees” allocation, to RCFC’s allocation for equipment/balls.

Proposed: Peter ‘nice touch’ Judge
 Seconded: Joe ‘Jooooooooooooo’ Pritchard

d) RCFC Five-a-side

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. RCFC are entering a team into a 5-a-side league for the first time this year.
2. 5-a-side is an excellent alternative to 11-a-side.
3. There are registration fees of £60.

RCSA Believes:

1. The members of RCFC shouldn’t have to pay for the league fees.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £60 from the Open Meeting Budget towards the league fees for the Five-a-side.

Proposed: Charlie ‘5-in-a-bed’ Richards
 Seconded: Peter ‘Supreme Court’ Judge

e) RCBC Budget Reallocation

RCSA Notes:

1. There are unused funds in some sections of the Boat Club budget.
2. The Boat Club needs to buy some new equipment (in particular, footplates and seats).
3. This motion only involves a reallocation of the existing budget, with no more money being asked for.

RCSA Believes:

1. The Boat Club should be able to buy the required equipment for its boats.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate the following funds:

£20.08 from Cam Subs

£20 from Admin

£100 from Fines

£467 from Race Fees

All into 'Equipment'.

Proposed: Joe 'engine room' Griffiths

Seconded: Simon 'threetard' Bushell

f) Basketball League fees

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. Basketball league fees have increased dramatically (£170 to £290) since last year, due to:
 - a) Kelsey Kerridge increasing the price of court hire.
 - b) Fees for a single team being proportionally higher than for a joint team.
2. The fees have already been paid by the RCBbC vice-captain so that the team can play this year.
3. There is no money left in the 'Fees' section of the basketball budget, due to last year's fees being paid out of it.

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson should be able to play basketball this season.
2. The vice-captain should not have to pay the fees.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate the money from the 'Kit' section of the basketball budget (£99.86) to the 'Fees' section.
2. To allocate a further £190.14 from the Open Meeting budget to reimburse the vice-captain the full amount. See Appendix A for Report.

Proposed: Joe 'tomahawk' Griffiths

Seconded: Josh 'ankle-breaker' Lomax

g) Bike Pump

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The bike pumps in the porters lodge are small handheld pumps which are inadequate for getting bike tyres up to proper pressure, they are more designed for emergency puncture repair on a long ride.
2. Bike tyres at lower pressure puncture more regularly and this can also result in inner-tubes twisting and ripping.
3. The attachments in the porters lodge for the bike pumps have gone missing rendering them useless.

RCSA Believes:

1. All college members would benefit from a simple stand-up pump in the porters lodge enabling them to get their tyres up to pressure.
2. When Winston Churchill said "give us the tools and we'll finish the job" this was precisely the kind of situation he was referring to.

RCSA Resolves:

3. To allocate £25 from reserves for the purchase of a stand-up bike pump, See Appendix B for details.

Proposed: Josh 'Pump it' Brooked

Seconded: Tom 'Cycle-path' Anelay

k) Darts

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. There are no darts left in the bar.
2. There is a darts board in the bar.
3. People like to play darts.

4. The bar staff have agreed to a new, more secure, way of looking after darts.
5. To keep these board games behind the bar using the proposed 'card deposit' system to keep them safe.

RCSA Believes:

1. People should have darts available to play.
2. The new darts will be more secure than previous sets.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £50 from the Open Meeting Budget to Purchase 2 new sets of darts.
2. To keep the darts behind the bar using the proposed 'card deposit' system to keep them safe.
3. To mandate the Sports & Societies Officer and/or the Catering & Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of said darts.

Proposed: Harry 'Double Top' Brunton
Seconded: Steven 'Straight to the Point' Gordon

I) Board Games

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The board games in the JCR are 'past their best'.
2. There are no board games behind the bar.
3. People like to play board games.
4. The bar staff have agreed to a new, more secure, way of looking after board games.

RCSA Believes:

1. People should have the option of playing board games.
2. The board games will keep in good condition behind the bar.

RCSA Resolves:

4. To allocate £100 from the Open Meeting Budget to Purchase several board games.

6. To mandate the Catering & Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of said darts.

Proposed: Harry 'With the Spanner in the Linnet Room' Brunton

Seconded: Steven 'All Above Board' Gordon

m) Pool Cues

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The pool cues are in poor condition (again...).
2. People like to play pool.
3. The bar staff have agreed to a new, more secure, way of looking after pool cues.

RCSA Believes:

1. People should have good quality cues for playing pool, especially when they have to pay 50p per game.
2. We should not have to continually fund new cues if they keep getting damaged; however
3. The new cues will be more secure.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £120 from the Open Meeting Budget to Purchase 4 new pool cues.
2. To keep these cues behind the bar using the proposed 'card deposit' system to keep them safe.
3. To mandate the Sports & Societies Officer and/or the Catering & Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of said pool cues.

Proposed: Harry 'Is that a Cue in your Pocket...'
Brunton

Seconded: Steven 'Cue the Music' Gordon

Appendix A: Basketball League fees Report

RCBbC have requested £190.14 from the Open Meeting Budget which is greater than the value specified by the Budget at the beginning of the financial year.

This money is to be used to pay the Vice-Captain of the RCBbC who has already paid for this year's fees, which are significantly higher than last year's (reasons are stated in the motion). Although fees have been requested to be re-allocated from the 'kit' section of the RCBbC's Budget, there isn't a sufficient amount to make up for the entire league fees of £270.

Money to pay for league fees was requested in the 2010 Budget meeting but was insufficient to cover last year's and this year's fees. It is being requested before the 2011 Budget Meeting as the fees have already been paid.

The £190.14 will benefit all those on the RCBbC, most of all the Vice-Captain who had to pay the fees and is now out of pocket by £190.14.

Appendix B: Bike Pump

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