



Sunday 19th February 2012

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
 2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
 3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests
 4. Approval of the order of the agenda
 5. 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.
 6. Matters Arising from the minutes
 7. Reports from the Committee
 8. Questions to the Committee
 9. Extraordinary Motions
 10. Ordinary Motions
 - a) New 2.8k Projector
 - b) Yoga Mats
 - c) 'Take a Break' afternoon
 - d) Charity Motion
 - e) Newsletter funding
 - f) Pool Tables
 11. Any other RCSA business
4. The Auditorium used to contain a long-range projector used mainly by FilmSoc. This projector exploded about a year ago after 10 years of consistent use by students

RCSA Believes:

1. The modern day society is facing the problem of an ever-decreasing attention span. A bright projection would better capture the attention of any audience.
2. A projector available for use to the RCSA in the Auditorium would benefit the college in a number of ways:
 - a. Improve the quality of official RCSA events by enabling the use of a top-of-the-range projector in the biggest room in College
 - b. Enable College Sports, Societies and Individuals to use the projector in a creative way for an unprecedented range of events
 - c. Avoid extensive negotiations with the Conference Office which are currently present when requesting access to their projectors in the Umney/Auditorium
 - d. Help the next Pantomime Director project a better quality Eye of Sauron
3. The proposed projector is a mobile one. The RCSA could therefore use the projector in rooms other than the Auditorium if needed

Ordinary Motions

a) New 2.8k Projector

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. The Auditorium is the largest, most technologically advanced conference room in Robinson College
2. Its full potential is presently not exploited fully by the RCSA
3. The RCSA is only allowed to use the Conference projector in exceptional situations

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £1915.44 from the reserves for the purchase of a projector [see report]
2. To allocate £928.80 from the reserves for the purchase of a lens to enable viewing in the Auditorium
3. To mandate the Film Society as its potentially most regular user to gain guardianship over the projector
4. To nominate the current Film Society presidents to be fully inducted in the use and operation of this projector.
5. To nominate an additional member from the RCSA to be fully inducted in the use and operation of this projector.

Proposer: Krista 'Helena' Mumdzjana
Secunder: Steven 'the writing's on the wall' Gordon

b) Yoga Mats

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. There are currently no yoga mats in Robinson College.
2. Yoga mats are a necessary piece of equipment needed for Yoga Classes to be held in Robinson College
3. That 20 yoga mats would be needed. Each costing £6.82 from Tesco. (20 x 6.82 =136.40)
4. That the potential of yoga classes proved popular among Robinson students
5. That a motion has already passed through an open meeting to pay a yoga instructor to run these sessions each week

RCSA Believes:

1. That yoga classes would be beneficial for many students in college

2. It would be difficult to run Yoga classes without yoga mats available to participants

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £136.40 from the reserves (20 x 6.82) in order to purchase Yoga mats.
2. To mandate Daisy May Pope to take responsibility for the purchase, set-up and maintenance of these mats

Proposed: Daisy 'Deena' May Pope
Secundered: Alex 'The Situation' Marshall

c) Take a Break afternoon in exam term
THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. Exam term is a stressful term and we should try our hardest to help alleviate some of this stress.
2. The exams are in summer, and there are sometimes better ways to spend a sunny afternoon than studying.
3. That the RCSA can persuade everyone to take an afternoon off of studying if they put on an afternoon of fun and frolics in the garden.

RCSA Believes:

1. That this afternoon needs a bouncy castle and sumo wrestling suits.
2. That this afternoon needs Twister and GIANT JENGA.
3. That this afternoon needs soft drinks and nibbles, including party rings.
4. That this afternoon needs some music, featuring the best artists from the next open-mic night at the bar.
5. That this afternoon will take place in 5 Adam's road garden.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To mandate the Welfare Officer to negotiate with college about hosting this event.
2. To promote this afternoon of fun (happening near the start of term so as not to interfere with people's actual exams) in order to prevent students becoming too stressed and to send a message for the rest of term about the importance of learning effectively by taking regular breaks.
3. To allocate £350 from the open meeting budget to allow this event to be funded if it does take place - see the report attached for the cost breakdown of the event.

Proposed: Hannah Cowan
Seconded: Rosalyn Old

d) Manuel's Charity Fundraising
THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. That charitable giving is good. This an especially worthwhile cause – for info on charity see appendix.
2. To participate in this trip to Kenya Manuel and the other 7 Cambridge students need to raise £5600 for the charity - not their travel/accommodation costs - between them.

RCSA Believes:

1. That this charitable cause deserves the support of the RCSA student body.
2. That fundraising this money for this cause will allow Manuel to take part in this worthwhile project in Kenya.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate Manuel the sum of £100 towards his fundraising efforts from the open meeting budget.

Proposed: Manuel Hettich
Seconded: Mehdi Gourdazi

e) Newsletter Funding
THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. The new format of The Brick has been well received by students and even by the teaching staff
2. The distribution model has worked, but it is very difficult to prevent people from taking copies
3. Currently we spend £15.90 on each edition, making 18 copies with college printers
4. From issue three onwards, CUSU printers would be used, with which the budget can print 36 copies of each of the remaining editions
5. The idea would still continue that The Brick remain in public circulation, but that with extra copies there will always be several issues in the Café and JCR.

RCSA Believes:

1. The Brick can be an entertaining facet of college life.
2. With a small budget increase, we can print 50 copies of each remaining issue and reprint 10 copies each of the last two issues, which have been lost.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £27.36 (3 x 6.16 + 8.88) from the open meeting budget to print 50 copies of issue three, four and five as well as reprint 10 copies of issues one and two.

2. To mandate Alex Marshall to take responsibility for the budget, printing and publishing of the newsletter.

Proposed: Alex 'Yeaah buddy!' Marshall
Seconded: Joe 'Snooker Certificate' Pritchard

f) Pool Tables

RCSA Notes:

1. It currently costs 50p to play a frame of pool in college
2. The JCR pool table has a very poor playing surface
3. People like to play pool

RCSA Believes:

1. People should have access to good tables for playing pool.
2. These tables should be free to use within college.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To mandate the catering and amenities officer to investigate the cost of renting or purchasing outright one or more pool tables for the JCR and/or bar.

Proposed: Shershah Assadullah
Seconded: Nathan Grundy

Appendixes

1. Report on the projector

[See Report 1 and Report 2 for full quote and product specifications]

[Please Note: Report number was re-confirmed as valid on 14.02.2012]

Why wasn't this proposed at the Budget meeting?

At the time of the Budget meeting an alternative proposal was being made to Mr Ross Reason. This proposal, which consisted of purchasing a much larger projector for the Conference Office at their expense, but with mere permission for use by the Film Society, was rejected over the Christmas holidays.

The second alternative, which unfortunately involves some RCSA spending but also gives us a greater level of independence from the Conference Office, is now on the table.

Who would benefit from it?

Everyone interested in making presentations, performances, speeches, popularising their college societies, organising events or attending any of such events... and the Film Society.

2. Report on Robinson's 'Take a Break' afternoon

Why this wasn't included in the budget meeting: the current welfare officer had not been elected then and as such as not made plans to hold this event.

Who will benefit? Everyone in Robinson!

Date: Saturday the 5th May in the afternoon.

Site: 5 Adams Road Gardens is best because it is a big space, and college will probably be more worried about us using the main garden. It also means it is away from academics that may be staying in college and as it's a weekend, it shouldn't matter too much about disturbing the academics with offices in 5 Adams Road as long as they are forewarned.

Alternative site: I will talk to college about the possibilities of using the hall as an alternative site if it rains. It is the only space large enough in college to fit a bouncy castle. If they are unwilling we can put on a reduced-size event in the Umney Lounge or the bar.

Bouncy Castle and Sumo suits and games: I have done some research into inflatable hire in the Cambridge area and have found the cheapest place to be Kool Bouncers (www.koolbouncers.com). They do an adult bouncy castle (that looks like a juke box!), sumo wrestling suits, and giant jenga. The bouncy castle costs £90, the sumo suits £75, and giant



jenga for £15. We will also need a petrol blower which costs £35 for the bouncy castle.

Music: The open mic nights have shown that that Robinson has a lot of talent! Therefore I want to set up a small set in the garden... just a guitar/keyboard amp, PA with mics... this can be done on the patio bit so its near a power source. Also if we get different people playing it should attract more groups of people to come along to see their mates play. Inclusivity, score!

Refreshments: There are about 300 undergraduates in college. If 200 of these come, each person costing about 50p for food and drink, then we will need £100 for food and drink. Drinks will include juice and fizzy drinks, and food will include party rings (my fave), crisps, cheese straws, maybe even some dip!

Summary: Robinson Take a Break will be an awesome way of letting people de-stress in exam term. It is a really great, informal way of getting across this message, and will hopefully give people a chance to put their exams in perspective. The costs overall are £315, but there should be a small contingency, therefore I am asking for £350 but will give back to the RCSA anything which goes unspent.

3. Information on the Charity: KOP

KOP (Kenyan Orphan Project, Reg. Charity No. 1118528) was started in 2001 by three medical students, who wished to combat the increasing poverty and HIV/AIDS problems faced in Kenya. The charity's work has been focussed in the Nyanza province in the west of the country. It has so far been involved in establishing a hospital, a health clinic, a primary and secondary school, two community/feeding centres and a support and rehabilitation for street children. In doing so they are helping to bring the standard of living in rural areas of Kenya in line with the Millennium Development Goals, which are at the heart of the projects.

KOP relies heavily on fundraising by many UK Medical Schools to allow them to continue the amazing work they do. The charity holds annual trips where medical students provide vital support to the projects set up by KOP. Most importantly, each student raises £800 to help fund the projects' year-round operation. This student programme of KOP is unique in a particular way: Every penny of the money donated by the students goes straight to the projects – the donations are not used to finance our fares or pay salaries. The charity also uses infrastructures already in place, provided by local partner charities to meet its goals, allowing development to be rapid and sustainable by the community itself