



Robinson College Students' Association Open Meeting



Sunday February 17th 2013

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. Co-Option of vacant Ethnic Minorities and Brick Editor RCSA committee positions
 10. Extraordinary Motions
 11. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Gifts for Outgoing President, Chair and Vice President
 - b) Access – Visiting Link Area Schools
 - c) Fair Trade Society
 - d) Women's Basketball
 12. Any other RCSA business
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Ordinary Motions

a) Gifts for Outgoing President, Chair and Vice President

RCSA Notes:

1. That it has become customary to purchase a present for the outgoing President and Chair of the RCSA
2. For the last 2 years £80 has been spent on the purchasing of these gifts.
3. That the role of Vice President is a significant one and we feel that Bryn's and future Vice Presidents' contributions should also be recognized.

RCSA Believes:

1. That it would be nice to buy Harry, Jimmy and Bryn something to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the RCSA.
2. An allocation of £20 each for the outgoing Chair and Vice-President and £40 for the President from the Open Meeting Budget would enable the committee to purchase these gifts.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £40 from the Open Meeting Budget for the purchase of a present for Jimmy Campbell, RCSA President 2011/12.
2. To allocate £20 from the Open Meeting Budget for the purchase of a present for Harry Brunton, RCSA Chair 2011/12.
3. To allocate £20 from the Open Meeting Budget for the purchase of a present for Bryn Pickering, RCSA Vice-President 2011/12.
4. To mandate an as yet undecided member (or members) of the committee to purchase these gifts on behalf of the RCSA and, by extension, college as a whole.

Proposer: Lewis “Just call me Santa” Blackwood

Secunder: Mary “Bring back the nicknames” Hughes

b) Access – Visiting Link Area Schools

RCSA Notes

1. Robinson has designated link area schools in Wandsworth, Swindon, Wiltshire and Gloucester, a system which is dedicated to improving access to the college.
2. Most other colleges send current undergraduates to talk to prospective students in their link area schools. Robinson currently does not send students to talk in any of its link area schools.
3. Feedback forms indicate that students feel the most valuable part of Access events is the opportunity to meet and speak with current undergraduates.
4. Roisin Ellison – Robinson’s School Liaison Officer – notes that students feel that they can relate to and ask questions of undergraduates in a way that they cannot with SLOs, Admissions Tutors etc.
5. Current undergraduates have expressed strong interest in accompanying Roisin to visit schools in the London borough of Wandsworth London.

RCSA Believes

1. There should be funding available to send undergraduates to visit Robinson’s link area schools.

RCSA Resolves

1. To provide funding for two students to accompany Roisin to visit Graveney School and Emanuel School on 26th February to the sum of £50
2. To provide funding for two students to accompany Roisin to visit St Cecilia’s and Ibstock School on 4th March to the sum of £50 (£22 per return ticket with a Young Person’s Railcard; £3 per head for lunch).

Proposer: Emily “FERNAAANDEESS” ...Fernandes

Secunder: Rob “Who broke my treadmill” Richardson

c) Fairtrade Society Funding

RCSA notes

1. Everyone enjoys Fairtrade snacks and drinks.
2. The Fairtrade Society budget is running low.

RCSA believes

1. The college would benefit from some refreshments provided at the upcoming Fairtrade society events.

RCSA resolves

1. To allocate an extra £50 to the Fairtrade Society.

Proposer: Katy "We just want more money" Taylor

Seconder: Cathy "Fairtrade > Green" Mansfield

d) Women's Basketball

RCSA Notes:

1. There is a Robinson college men's basketball team but not a women's team.
2. Some Robinson women would like to play basketball.
3. We would like to join the women's league.
4. We would like to train with a ball.
5. As we can share training sessions with the men we do not require money for renting a sports hall.

RCSA Believes:

1. Women should be allowed to compete at basketball.
2. Money should be spent on a good quality ball so it will last a long time.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £113.50 from the Open Meeting Budget to join the women's league and buy a ball.

Proposer: Stef "Michael Jordan" Brown

Seconder: Deborah "Space Jam" Brobbey