



RCSA Open Meeting Agenda 2pm, 15th October 2017, JCR



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. Committee Reports and Resolutions
8. Questions to the Committee
9. Extraordinary Motions
10. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Sewing Machine
 - b) Cut Sheet Plotter Printer
 - c) Football Funding
 - d) Purchasing a Camera Base
 - e) Purchasing a Lens
 - f) Robinson Medical Society
 - g) Student Access to the Crausaz Wordsworth Building

Ordinary Motions

A) Sewing Machine

RCSA Notes:

1. That a sewing machine would be really helpful for repairing/making clothing
2. That the proposer would be happy to give training sessions to people wishing to use the sewing machine for the first time.

RCSA Believes:

1. That a sewing machine would be really helpful for repairing/making clothing.
2. That a sewing machine would be a useful aspect of welfare activities such as craft/art sessions.

3. That a sewing machine could also be used for making/mending pieces of costume used in Brickhouse productions.

RCSA Resolves:

1. That a sewing machine is bought using the RCSA reserves budget. The proposer has found one online (a Singer Sample 3223 Machine), which would cost £130 including accessories.

Proposed By : Rebecca Guthrie

Seconded By: Matt Kite

B) Cut Sheet Plotter Printer

RCSA Notes:

1. Architects at Robinson need printing facilities within college. The only available printers for portfolio work (the main component of the course) are at the faculty department.
2. While this in itself is not a issue, the fact that all three years of roughly 130 people use the faculty printers in the week lead-up to portfolio deadlines has meant every year students have to either be selective of what they are able to print due to a large waiting list or reconfigure work so that they avoid using large format printers (a workaround that becomes less viable as the course progresses).

RCSA Believes:

1. Money in the reserves could be put towards a cut-sheet plotter printer that would ensure all architects are able to fully print out their portfolio work without having to cut corners and compromise the quality of their work.
2. The printer would not only benefit architects. Several groups including the ENTS team in college have asked architects to use printers in the faculty to produce posters and banners to promote events in college. By having the printer in college, all societies and college groups would be welcome to print any A1/A2/13 sized documents/posters/banners.
3. Negotiations could be made with the IT department in terms of installing the printer and paying for the ink throughout the academic year.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To take £658.80 from the reserves to purchase a HP DesignJet T120 24 Printer.
2. To take £196.80 from the reserves to purchase ink for the printer. Discussions could be made with the IT department to see if they could cover any costs.

Proposed By : Michael Croghan

Seconded By : Penny Brearley

C) Football Funding

RCSA Notes:

1. That the three teams are entitled to new kits this season.
2. That league fees, referees, equipment, and laundry all need to be paid for.

RCSA Believes:

1. That it isn't the responsibility of the players to pay for these things.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To transfer £1500 from the reserves into the different sections of the football budget - refs, laundry, kit, equipment and league fees.

Proposed By: Stefan Thomson

Seconded By: Oliver Friend

D) Purchasing A Camera Base

RCSA Notes:

1. That the photography society owns a go pro and a Fuji FinePix HS50 EXR. Both these products are good for certain limited uses but cannot be upgraded.
2. That the photography society has not run any competitions this year and has not spent any of its budgets.

RCSA Believes:

1. That purchasing a camera base and separate lenses is the best way to ensure that the needs of all students interested in different types of photography are met.
2. That the RCSA will get best value for money in purchasing a second hand entry level professional camera such as a cannon EOS 70D (£440) as opposed to a new camera.

RCSA Resolves:

1. The 70D was released in 2013 and replaced by the 80D in February of this year. Despite a better sensor on the 80D the 70D is still arguably better in many regards (weatherproofing, more shots per charge)
2. To reallocate £150 from Prints, £100 from Projects and £100 from Prizes for competitions to equipment to allow for the purchase of a new camera base.

Proposed By: Rhys Goodall

Seconded By: Ed Butler-Caddle

E) Purchasing A Camera Lens

RCSA Notes:

1. That the photography society provides the camera used to take photographs at bops.

RCSA Believes:

1. That purchasing a lens specifically tuned for low light portrait photography would produce better bop photos and so such a lens would be beneficial for the photography society to own.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate a further £31 from the open meeting budget to the photography society equipment budget to allow for the purchase of a Canon EF 40mm F/2.8 STM EF Lens (£91).

Proposed By: Rhys Goodall

Seconded By: Ed Butler-Caddle

F) Robinson Medical Society

RCSA Notes:

1. There is not a formal Medical Society in Robinson College, and we are an exception given most colleges of our size have a formally established society.
2. It will provide extra-curricular insight in Medicine with the principal event being the invitation of distinguished speakers to Robinson College accompanied by a formal dinner, likely to be on the Tuesday Formal.
3. To promote the interests of Robinson Medical Society and to maximise numbers attending talks by distinguished speakers, the events shall be open to all members of the University.
4. The talks by distinguished speakers have been already been confirmed and set out in the society term card.

RCSA Believes:

1. The costs of the society shall be limited to light snacks and refreshments for the events hosted in Robinson College, as well as the formal dinner for the speaker.

2. On principle, the society believes that the speaker should be well-treated, as their talk will be entirely voluntary and done on good faith. Consequently, the society believes their visit to Robinson College should reflect their good sentiment.
3. The society does not request RCSA funding to provide the formal dinners for students themselves.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To establish 'Robinson Medical Society' as a recognised society by the RCSA, binding by its own constitution (available on request) and also the society in turn will agree to be bound by the Constitution and Policy of the RCSA.
2. Permit an annual budget, to be confirmed in the budget meeting.

Proposed By: Rahul Herlekar

Seconded By: Monty Matson

G) Student access to the Crausaz Wordsworth Building (CWB)

RCSA Notes:

1. The CWB is part of college
2. It is difficult to access as a member of college
3. Societies have been rejected/prevented from booking or using the building

RCSA Believes:

1. It would be great for societies and teaching to be able to use this building
2. It should not come at the cost of individuals

RCSA Resolves:

1. To support individual members of college and college societies in booking rooms in the CWB.
2. To mandate the RCSA President to mention that at present it is difficult for students and academics to use the CWB in his next meeting with Bill Nolan
3. To mandate the RCSA President to investigate and report on, with documentation, the college's policy for student bookings of the CWB

Proposed By: Lizzie Palmer

Seconded By: Lottie Howson