RCSA Open Meeting Agenda

Sunday, 11th February
8pm
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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) Motion to allocate a budget to the Green Officer
    B) Allocation of money to finance Open Mic Night
    C) Motion to purchase a Cut-Sheet printer
    D) 4th Year Room Ballot Position
11. Any other RCSA business

Ordinary Motions

A) Motion to allocate a budget to the Green Officer

RCSA Notes:

1. That the Green Officer should be allocated a budget to enable them to run various events.

RCSA Believes:

1. A Green Officer budget would be useful for supporting sustainability within college and promoting green initiatives to the students (for example for purchasing the film, food and other things for the film screening on the 10th of March) and to increase the scope of future events led by the Green Officer.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £50 from the RCSA reserves for the Green Officer.

Proposed by: Alice Gilderdale

Seconder: Jessica Henderson

B) Allocation of money to finance Open Mic Night

RCSA Notes:

> 1. That diversity in college is an issue that should be celebrated.

RCSA Believes:

> 1. That a £20 budget to cover expenses of such a presentation, namely an open mic night, is a fair and reasonable request for such an important issue in college.

RCSA Resolves:

> 1. That the sum of £20 be allocated to finance the aforementioned open mic night, in collaboration with Newnham College.

Proposed by: Teddy Mack
Seconder: George Speck

C) Motion to purchase a Cut-Sheet printer

RCSA Notes:

> 1. Architecture students have to spend an incredibly large amount of money on materials for printing and model making in order to do their degree.

> 2. A single print room in the Architecture Department is used by the entire faculty, which leads to a huge backlog of queueing in the run up towards the end of project deadlines, to the extent that the print room is kept open 24/7 in the week towards portfolio hand-ins to try to ensure everyone is able to print their work, although this is not always successful.

RCSA Believes:

> 1. A cut-sheet plotter printer (a large printer that can print various sizes from A1 to anything smaller) - specifically a Canon imagePROGRAF iPF670 - could be purchased from the RCSA reserves for £1019 as well as the required ink cartridges for £291.94

> 2. People would use their own paper to use the printer and it would not only be used by architects would be beneficial to the entire college. The previous Ents team made use of the Architecture department printers in out of term time and any society, group or student would be able to use it, so its uses would be far-ranging.

> 3. The printer could be placed in the library, games room or IT room (discussions would of course need to be made with the IT department to connect the printer to the college system as well as the regular replacement of ink cartridges).

RCSA Resolves:

    1. To transfer £1310.94 from the RCSA reserves in order to pay for the printer and the initial set of ink cartridges.

Proposed by: Michael Croghan
Seconder: Penny Brearley

D) 4th Year Room Ballot Position

RCSA Notes:

    1. At present Natural Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering and Maths students who continue for a fourth year of study choose their rooms after current second year students.

    2. It is already tough being a fourth year with the majority of your friends leaving after three years.

    3. MML students who are in our year are currently at the top of the ballot, making it hard to arrange groups with both MML and non-MML students.

RCSA Believes:

    1. That putting students returning for a fourth year above current second years in the room ballot would allow them to choose rooms closer to their few friends remaining in college.

    2. That as there are relatively few returning fourth years this would have a negligible impact on current second years but would make a huge difference to the welfare of remaining fourth years.

    3. That being in fourth year is already difficult enough with a high academic workload and a large number of friends and peers leaving, so anything that can be done to improve welfare would be hugely beneficial.

    4. That it would be nice for groups of fourth years to be able to group together in staircases or houses and particularly to be able to coordinate with returning MML students.

RCSA Resolves:

    1. To move students returning for a fourth year to above current second years in the room ballot.

Proposed by: Max Medhurst
Seconder: Matthew Spry