



RCSA Open Meeting Agenda

7:15pm, JCR, Sunday 2nd February 2014



Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
Lydia Burton
Steven Gordon
2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
No guests present.
3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests
N/A
4. Approval of the order of the agenda
N/A
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.
Request from Harry Brunton (HB) to amend the minutes from the Budget Meeting of 10.11.2013 from:

“HB: Are you aware of anyone else wanting to run for Catering and Amenities Officer?”

to:

“James Sandow (JS): Are you aware of anyone else wanting to run for Catering and Amenities Officer?”

Approved.

and to amend the minutes from the Budget Meeting of 10.11.2013 from:

“James Sandow (JS):: Make sure you take your rubbish away!”
to:
“HB: Make sure you take your rubbish away!”

Approved.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes
There are no matters arising from the minutes

7. Reports from the Committee

Chris Halcrow (CH): Abi Bevan who was the woman's officer has had to resign so we need a new women's officer. The nominations will take place next week and the election will be on the 10th of February.

8. Questions to the Committee

HB: Was a report submitted with motion a) and if so, can we please see it?

CH: Yes.

Mark Driver (MD): In motion d), it says 'email attached', but there isn't anything attached to the agenda.

9. Extraordinary Motions

There are no extraordinary motions

10. Ordinary Motions

a) Breast and Testicle Self-Examination Models

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. The Welfare Officer and the sub-committee (especially the Men's Officer) wish to hold an event to raise awareness of testicular cancer and breast cancer
2. The proposal is to purchase a breast self-examination model and a testicle self-examination model so that students can come and feel the models and learn how to self-examine and detect and potential tumours.
3. This event could be an annual event, making the payment for self-examination models a one-off payment

RCSA Believes:

1. That such a welfare event to be held annually would be beneficial to all students of college and improve welfare knowledge
2. Although expensive, these models are the cheapest that could be found online and are a one-off payment which can be used for many years into the future
3. It would be impossible to hold such an event without these models

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £220.80 from the reserves so that a breast self-examination model (£102) and a testicle self-examination model (£118.80) can be purchased – the welfare budget does not cover this cost.
2. That the models be held by the RCSA Welfare Officer for use when asked by students, and to hold an annual cancer awareness drive

Proposer: Emily Shaw

Seconder: Andreas Papadogiannakis

FOR:

Emily Shaw (ES): We wanted to get this rolling last year, but we never got round to it. We want to order a testicle and breast self-examination model. Especially for men, it's really important to make them aware of how to examine themselves and also to let them know that men can also get breast cancer. I've spoken to the nurse and asked her what she thought and she came back saying the NHS used to give them out free, but now they're reasonably expensive and these are the most reasonably priced ones I could get.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

HB: What are the chances of losing them?

ES: It's not just going to be left in the RCSA office, where it could be lost. I'm going to keep them with me

VOTE

FOR: 28

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

This motion passes

b) Basketball Kit**RCSA Notes:**

1. The basketball kit is several years old.
2. The basketball club has £200 allocated for new kit, but this isn't enough to buy a full set.
3. The basketball team has grown a lot since the start of the year and full set of kit is required.
4. The basketball club will have excess money in its court hire allocation, and this money could be used to buy kit.

RCSA Believes:

1. RCSA members should be able to represent Robinson at basketball in appropriate kit.
2. Reallocating funds within the basketball budget will not cause any additional cost to the RCSA.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate £13.60 from basketball's court hire allocation to basketball's allocation for kit.

Proposer: Stef Brown
Seconder: Andreas Papadogiannakis

FOR:

Stef Brown (SB): We now know we need 10 bibs, but we don't think we're going to spend as much on training as we requested so we want to transfer money from training to kit.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

None

VOTE

FOR: 28

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

This motion passes

c) Badminton Shuttles and Rackets

RCSA Notes:

1. The Robinson College Badminton Club (RCBC) has been going through shuttles faster than expected
2. Numerous racquets have also been broken
3. It turns out that Cuppers is free to enter this year
4. RCBC have been able to save some money on court fees by booking cheap courts

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson students should be able to play badminton using good quality racquets and shuttles

RCSA Resolves:

1. Reallocate all the £60 Cuppers Fees budget to Shuttles
2. Reallocate £62 from the Court Fees budget to Racquets

Proposer: Tom "Everyday I'm shuttlin'" Pearson
Seconder: Chris "What a Racket" Derrick

FOR:

Tom Pearson (TP): We've had a couple of racquets broken and shuttlecocks lost and since we've saved money by getting cheaper courts and cuppers fees are now free so we want to take £60 from cuppers fees and £62 from courts and relocate them to shuttles and racquets.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

None

VOTE**FOR:** 28**AGAINST:** 0**ABSTENTION:** 0

This motion passes

d) Film Society - Claiming personal expenses (2012/13 budget)

This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass

RCSA Notes:

1. For the budget year 2012/13, Robinson College Film Society were allocated a fund of £150 to buy films
2. The last day for societies to submit claims for the budget year 2012/13 was Saturday 9th November 2013 (the day before the Budget meeting, Sunday 10th November 2013)
3. Gianpiero Roscelli (the President, henceforth "GR") submitted the claims for film costs to Kitty Somerville (RCSA Treasurer 2012/13) on 2nd November 2013 (email attached) , totalling £149.02
4. Following meetings in November in the Red Brick Cafe between GR and the new RCSA treasurer Douglas Robinson (henceforth "DR"), it emerged the previous treasurer made a mistake and did not enter the submitted claim as spent
5. DR suggested to GR to take the claim to the next open meeting, and arrange for a refund for last year's expenses out of this years "Miscellaneous" budget (as DR said he would be unable to go into last year's budget and rectify the mistake made)

RCSA Believes:

1. GR should not lose £150 of his personal monies in purchasing DVDs for the Film Society, when he rightfully expected it to be refunded to him and submitted the claim within time of the deadline

RCSA Resolves:

1. To follow the suggestion of DR to GR in November 2013 and refund the monies owing to GR out of the "Miscellaneous" budget of 2013/14, as neither GR nor DR was at fault in this matter
2. Alternatively, find another solution to ensure the monies are reimbursed to GR

NOTE – this does not affect (and would not be coming out of) the allocated budget of £165 for film costs in the budget of 2013/14, as it is to do with last years budget

Proposer: Gianpiero Roscelli
Secunder: Andreas Papadogiannakis

FOR:

Gianpiero Roscelli (GR): For some reason, Doug told me that some money from the Film Society wasn't put down as spent last year.

HB suggests the ammendment of RCSA Resolves to the following:

1. To agree that the RCSA owes GP £149.02.
2. To mandate the Chair, Treasurer and other Senior Officers to liaise with GP to find an appropriate solution to this issue in accordance with RCSA constitution and policy.
3. To empower the Treasurer to refund the £149.02 to GP once an appropriate method from resolves 2 has been determined and agreed by all parties.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

HB: Have we spoken to college about this?

Doug Robinson (DG): We're not claiming out of last year's budget because it wasn't put down as spent so we're claiming it out of the reserves of this one.

MD: The issues with auditing come from the fact that for last year, but coming out of this year's budget.

CH: We shouldn't be too worried about the details because we're not going to do anything illegitimate. We're not worried about the details, the THRUST is what we're interested in.

VOTE

FOR: 27

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION:0

This motion passes

[e\) Reallocation of Film Society Budget \(2013/14 budget\)](#)

RCSA Notes:

1. For the budget year 2013/14, Robinson College Film Society have been allocated a fund of £165 for film costs, and £325 for Auditorium Hire
2. The old figure of £325 was spent by previous presidents for longer hiring's of the auditorium (ie; 4 hours every Sunday) and occasional screenings in the Linnett Room

3. As part of an efficiency drive, GR has reduced screenings to 2 hours every Sunday (the average film is 100-120 minutes) and after the “Tarantino” marathon last term (which attracted less people than warranted the cost of the hiring charges) has scrapped future screenings of marathon film days given the poor attendance and lack of enthusiasm
4. For 18 screenings in the Auditorium across Michaelmas 2013 and Lent 2013, the Auditorium Hire charge will be £260.00 (at the new reduced booking lengths of 2 hours)

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson College Film Society’s main function is the lending out of DVDs for members of the college to watch in their own time; screenings of films are less popular now than before with the rise of the internet, Netflix, televisions, Wi-Fi, etc.
2. It makes more sense to reallocate the budget so less money is wasted on hiring charges, and more money is given to “Film Costs” to enable the requests of college members for purchasing DVDs to be met
3. The number of films being lent out on loan during term time has risen considerably in the last 12-18 months, as has the number of requests for new film purchases

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reduce the “Hiring Charge” budget allocation of £325 to £260 and reallocating the left-over £65 to “Film Costs”
2. This would leave the 2013/14 budget expenditure for Robinson College Film Society as follows

Area of expenditure (2013/14 budget)	Original budget allocation	Change	New budget allocation
Film Costs	£165	+ £65	£230
Auditorium Hire	£325	- £65	£260
Licenses	£250	0	£250

Proposer: Gianpiero Roscelli
 Seconder: Andreas Papadogiannakis

FOR:

GR: Less people are attending the films now so we want more money to buy more DVDs.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

None

VOTE

FOR: 26

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

This motion passes

11. Any other RCSA business

DR: Can we fix the issue of Constantine spending some of his own money now or shall we do it at the next Open Meeting?

CH: He's going to have to bring it up in the next Open Meeting.