



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes 7pm, Thursday 11th June 2015, JCR



1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Richard Odle
Alex Maynard
George Barton
Karl Thompson
Elle Shea
Annabelle Monnot

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.

N/A

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

There are no matters arising from the minutes

7. Reports from the Committee

Niamh Spence (NS): We made £170 for the charity Pets As Therapy when they brought the dogs into college this term.

8. Questions to the Committee

There are no questions to the committee.

9. Extraordinary Motions

N/A

10. Ordinary Motions

a) Robinson College Windsurfing and Sailing Club

RCSA Notes:

1. At the budget meeting, RCWSC was allocated £70 for Sailing Cuppers entries, £30 for Windsurfing Cuppers entries and £25 for training expenses.
2. The Sailing Cuppers entry fee has gone up this year to £44 per team.

3. There has been unexpectedly high demand for places on the coppers teams, with more than enough sailors to fill the maximum of 4 entries.
4. There has been very little demand for a windsurfing coppers entry.

RCSA Believes:

1. The RCWSC should cover Coppers entry fees, as is standard when Robinson members represent the college at sport.
2. Entering many teams is good as it generates a base of people who can improve year on year and extend the length of time that Robinson, the current champions, can hold the trophy for.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate the £30 Windsurfing Coppers entry money to Sailing Coppers entry.
2. To allocate £65 from the open meeting budget to Sailing Coppers entry fees.
3. To reallocate £7 from the training budget to Sailing Coppers entry fees.

Proposer: Arthur 'captain' Henderson.

Secunder: James '1st Mate' Pinder.

FOR

Arthur Henderson (AH): I assume you've all read the motion, it's pretty self explanatory.

Mark Driver (MD): He's said where all the money's coming from, one of the only motions to do so.

VOTE

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstention: 8

This motion passes.

b) Ethnic Minorities Event

RCSA Notes:

1. This college aims at having as inclusive a community as possible.
2. This college aims to make everyone feel like they are a part of the Robinson community.

RCSA Believes:

1. An event aimed at celebrating the nationalities and ethnicities through the college will help create this nicer atmosphere for everyone.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £80 from the open meeting budget to the Ethnic Minorities Officer to put on a daytime event dedicated to this cause.

Proposer: Rohan Giblin

Secunder: James Clark

FOR

Rohan Giblin (RG): We've finally got the fondue set so I thought it would be nice to do a fondue party – free chocolate fondue for everyone, not exclusively ethnic minorities.

QUESTIONS

MD: Why £80? LGBT and men's and women's officers get £50 for their events in freshers' week.

RG: Well 400g of strawberries is £4.50 from Sainsbury's so the cost does add up; I'm not making it up, I've looked into it and it will cost that much.

MD: Will the £80 be used for alcohol?

RG: No, it's a non-alcoholic event.

Greg Barbour (GB): When are you thinking of having it?

RG: Next Thursday.

GB: Would it not make more sense to have it during fresher's week?

RG: There haven't been any ethnic minorities events all year yet and plus it's flag week this week so that fits in well. And we can do something else in freshers' week.

Niamh Spence (NS): It's a good idea but if it's an either/or thing with next week or freshers' week I think it should happen in freshers' week.

RG: Do ethnic minorities have a budget for freshers' week events?

NS: There's a list on the RCSA website with all the budgets.

MD: The issue is that by next Thursday quite a few people will have left to go home already.

James Clark (JC): Doesn't Ramadan start next Wednesday too, so if you were planning on having it during the day that would be a problem.

RG: Ok, maybe it would be better in freshers' week then.

GB: So are we delaying the motion to next term?

RG: No, it would make more sense to allocate £80 of the open meeting budget now but just not specify a date for the event; that can be sorted later.

VOTE

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstention: 8

This motion passes.

c) Positive Investment Cambridge

RCSA Notes:

1. The cumulative funds invested by colleges of the University of Cambridge can have a large effect on society.

RCSA Believes:

1. We should do our best to promote ethical investment at every opportunity.

RCSA Resolves:

1. We would like to endorse all efforts the University of Cambridge undertakes to investigate ways in which its investment practices and policies can be more closely aligned with its stated values.

Proposer: RCSA Executive

FOR

Chris Barton (CB): PIC are quite capable and really passionate about what they do. The university is conducting a review of its investments and it's a good thing for us all to support this.

QUESTIONS

AH: What does voting yes actually mean?

CB: It means they can go to the council and show that all the colleges support it, it gives them more power.

MD: I want to make a procedural motion to vote on whether to vote for this motion.
Procedural motion: 17 vote yes, 8 abstain.

VOTE

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstention: 8

This motion passes.

11. Any other RCSA business

n/a