



RCSA Open Meeting Agenda
2pm, 19th February 2017, JCR



Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Will Birch, Anna Maloney, Emily Fishman , Laura Prince, Lottie Howson, Amelie Haeberlin, and Matt Kite.

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
N/A

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests
N/A

4. Approval of the order of the agenda
Approved

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
N/A

7. Reports from the Committee
N/A

8. Questions to the Committee
N/A

9. Extraordinary Motions
N/A

10. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Constitutional Review
 - b) Street Workout Society

11. Any other RCSA business

Ordinary Motions

A) Constitutional Review

RCSA Notes:

1. That the RCSA constitution must be submitted to college council to be reviewed every five years.
2. That the RCSA constitution was last amended and reviewed in 2012.
3. That the RCSA set up a Sub-Committee to review the constitution and propose amendments on the 20/11/2016. These amendments were presented for consultation to members on the 16th and 17th of February and that given no objections were raised the sub-committee proposed the new changes to the President to bring to an Open meeting as in the committee's original mandate. A further consultation took place on the 18th.

RCSA Believes:

1. That some sections of the current RCSA constitution are out of date with best practise for certain roles.
2. That some sections of the current RCSA constitution are unclear.
3. That the proposed constitution is clearer and gives a better framework for the RCSA to operate on.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To commit the RCSA Executive to consider the proposals and put them to referendum if satisfied that no further substantive amendments need to be made to the draft constitution circulated alongside this motion.

Proposed by : Rhys Goodall

Seconded by: Matt Kite

FOR:

Lizzie Palmer (EP): We've been having meetings to review and amend the constitution. It has been amended and we want to take it to a referendum which will hopefully pass.

Rhys Goodall (RG): I'm going to read out the bits that we've changed so that you're aware.

- Addition of a Mental Health and Disabled Students' Officer
- Closing action on decisions loophole by ensuring that minutes are published within 24hrs and then decisions aren't acted on for 48hrs after the minutes.
- Amendments to the Name of the Society for ease of reading
- Extension of the period over which members can opt out of the RCSA to the end rather than division of Michaelmas term. This allows students to make a judgement on the new committee before deciding.

- Slight amendments to our equal opportunities aims to better reflect the 2010 Equality Act.
- Removal of gendered pronouns,
- Clarification on process of setting up a society
- Shifting the emphasis to clarify that online voting is the preferred methodology for conducting polls,
- Implementation of an unfriendly amendment system,
- Formal definition of referendum quoracy
- The removal of co-option of some non-executive committee roles given the ease of running online elections and the sense of illegitimacy co-option can cast onto valuable roles.
- Clarification of the period in which a legitimate claim from an allocated budget can be made.
- Removal of clauses allowing the President to approve small payments when the President is not currently a signatory for the RCSA account,
- Removal of powers for delegate the responsibilities regarding contractual decisions to the President given the restrictive nature of the requirements,
- Clarification of how the MCR budget now works,
- Clarifications and adjustments to committee meeting procedures
- Corrections and amendments to some of the duties of officers
- Addition of an appendix for committee and meeting attendance of officers
- Removal of requirements for printing and posting of paper copies in conjunction with the introduction of a paper back-up system.
- Updates to society list

AGAINST:

N/A

QUESTIONS:

N/A

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes

B) Street Workout Society

RCSA Notes:

1. That there are currently strict rules governing the use of calisthenics equipment which is preventing many people from using it, and that the entire system depends heavily on one person.

RCSA Believes:

1. That the increase of usage from members of the college will ensure the long-term survival of the equipment, with the result that people from across the university can continue to enjoy.

RCSA Resolves:

1. That a street workout society be set up, with a formal induction on how to use the equipment safely. There is no requirement for budget.

Proposed by: Yikai Zhang

Seconded by: Rhys Goodall

FOR:

Yikai Zhang (YZ): So they've chained up the bars because there are people are trying dangerous moves. No now you have to undergo a formal induction in order to use the equipment but It is all dependent on me and considering that I'm leaving at the end of this year I feel like it is necessary to create a society to keep this going. There is a 1st year engineer who is willing to take on my role after I leave.

RG: We are discussing with Nick the prospect of getting the chains removed and getting a safe surface.

YZ: I also think creating the society will help raise awareness and get more people involved because at the moment not enough people are using the equipment to justify paying for the new surface.

AGAINST:

N/A

QUESTIONS:

Mark Driver: Do You Have a Constitution ?

Friendly Amendment: To add the Street Workout Society to Appendix I of the constitution on providing a written constitution to the RCSA Executive.

EP: Is that Amendment ok with you Yikai?

YZ: Yes

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion is amended

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion is passed