



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes
5pm, 7th May 2017, JCR



Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
 Catriona Somerville, Mihai Truta, George Barton and Emily Fishman.
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
 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
 N/A
7. Committee Reports and Resolutions
 N/A
8. Questions to the Committee
 N/A
9. Extraordinary Motions

a) Underwriting the Welfare Puppies Event

RCSA Notes:

1. That the Welfare Puppies Event is taking place on May 18th.
2. That the charity conducting the event wish to raise £400 from the event.

RCSA Believes:

1. It would be helpful for the RCSA to subsidise the event.

RCSA Resolves

1. To allocate £100 from the Open Meeting Budget to subsidise the event.

FOR

Rhys Goodall (RG): Last year we didn't raise nearly enough money - only £50. The year before we raised £180 but that was over a longer period of time. Thus we need to underwrite the event.

AGAINST

N/A

QUESTIONS

Will Birch (WB): Would this not be donating to a charity? If so we cant do it.

RG: It would be from the open meeting budget. so it is subsidising a welfare event rather than supporting a charity.

Laura Prince (LP): Yes, it is about subsidising the welfare event.

RG: In any case I think we should try to look for a different charity next year as it will be unlikely that we'll reach the £400 they're asking for.

LP: We don't technically have to give it in the timeframe of the event, although I admit it is unlikely that people would donate after the event. There are some other charities out there, but we have a relationship with this charity and they have done the event for many years. I'll look into it try and find some other charities for next year.

Lizzie Palmer (EP): Could we collaborate with other colleges?

LP: Trinity are keen to collaborate with us as they aren't allowed to have the event in any of their spaces and they offered us a lot of money as well. However, if we were to collaborate with them then we'd need to give them some of our time with the puppies. I don't think collaboration is a good idea.

Edward Butler-Caddle (EBC): Where do the Union get their puppies from?

LP: The union have a lot more funding than we do, I can look into it though.

EP: Could we do it twice a year?

Lottie Howson (LH): Yes we could do it in Michaelmas - people are stressed out all year in Cambridge.

EP: Ok, lets see what other possibilities there are later, but for now lets underwrite the event.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This extraordinary motion passes.

10. Ordinary Motions

- a) Reallocating Sports and Societies Budget
- b) Funding Request for Welfare Eurovision Night
- c) Funding Request for Luggage Weighing Device

11. Any other RCSA business

Ordinary Motions

a) Reallocating Sports and Societies Budget

RCSA Notes:

1. That The Sports & Societies Officer's "Coach Travel to Sister Event" budget will not be used this year.
2. The Sports & Societies Officer sometimes needs to replace equipment at short notice and is considering subsidising yoga classes.

RCSA believes:

1. The money in the coach travel budget should be reallocated so that it can be used by the Sports and Societies Officer for other purposes.
2. It is extremely unlikely that it would all be spent, but is wasted whilst in the travel budget.

RCSA resolves:

1. To transfer £1700 from the "Coach Travel to Sister Event" budget to the Sports & Societies Officer's Expenses budget.

Proposer: Edward Butler-Caddle

Secunder: Rhys Goodall

FOR:

Edward Butler-Caddle (EBC): I had £1700 to fund transport for the sporting events with our sister college at Oxford, which couldn't go ahead because of the beer festival. I thought it would be better to move the money to a more general budget so I can use it. I just want to be transparent about my budget.

AGAINST:

N/A

QUESTIONS:

Laura Prince (LP): Where would the funds be moved to ?

EBC: The Sports and Societies Officer's Expenses Budget.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes.

b) Funding Request for Eurovision Event

RCSA Notes:

1. That the annual Eurovision Song Contest is taking place on the 13th of May.
2. Everybody is stressed due to exams approaching and it is necessary to encourage students to take sufficient breaks and this event would be a good opportunity to do so.

RCSA believes:

1. That it would be a great event for people to appreciate the different performances and the multi-national importance of the event.
2. This would involve buying a few snacks to make it a lovely viewing.
3. It would be a fantastic way to improve student welfare before exams.

RCSA resolves:

1. That £15 should be transferred to the RCSA to buy the snacks for the Eurovision Night.

Proposer: Amelie Haerberlin
Secunder: Luisa Luttgen

FOR:

Amelie Haerberlin (AH): Next Saturday night is the Eurovision song concert, we want to host an welfare event in the JCR and we need snacks. I need £15 to fund this

AGAINST:

N/A

QUESTIONS:

Mark Driver (MD): I'd like to propose a **friendly amendment** - change Resolves 1 to say "£15 from the open meeting budget".

AH: That's ok.

EP: Is £15 going to be enough - How much did you spend on the welfare event at Christmas
Laura?

LP: £40

LH: I'd like to propose another **friendly amendment** - change Resolves 1 to say "£25 from the open meeting budget".

AH: That's ok.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This amended motion passes.

c) Funding Request for Luggage Weighing Device

RCSA Notes:

1. That many international students have a limit on the weight their luggage may have when they travel back home.
2. The college currently does not have a set of scales at the disposal of the students.

RCSA believes:

1. That it would be a good idea to provide a device to weigh luggage with easily.
2. This would involve storing a device permanently with the porters for easy access and use.
3. It would be a great way to reduce the stress of students having to travel at the end of term.

RCSA resolves:

1. That £6.99 should be transferred to the RCSA to buy the "FREETOOLuggage Scale Portable Digital Travel Suitcase Scales Weights with Tare Function for Travel Outdoor Home 110 lb/ 50KG Capacity Red"

Proposer: Amelie Haerberlin
Secunder: Luisa Luttgen

FOR:

AH: We used to have a weighing scale but it broke, international students need to weigh their luggage as there is a restriction of 23 kilos on most flights. We want to buy a new scale to keep in the Porters Lodge so that students can weigh their luggage like they used to be able to do.

AGAINST:

N/A

QUESTIONS:

MD: I would like to propose a **friendly amendment**: - change resolves 1 “to allocate £6.99 from the open meeting budget”.

AH: That’s ok.

WB: Can’t you take it from miscellaneous administration budget?

LP: Literally no one cares which budget it comes from.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This amended motion passes.