



## RCSA Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 29th April

8pm

JCR



### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness  
James Timmins
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  
N/A
10. Ordinary Motions
  - A) Creation of Robinson College Society of Dungeons and Dragons
  - B) Motion for the RCSA to partially pay for purchase of a Nintendo Switch
  - C) Motion to create scholarships for future refugee students at the University of Cambridge

## Ordinary Motions

### **A) Creation of Robinson College Society of Dungeons and Dragons**

RCSA Notes:

1. There is currently no society which promotes tabletop roleplaying games such as Dungeons and Dragons.

RCSA Believes:

1. That such a society would benefit those who enjoy such games.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To found such a society, namely the Robinson College Society of Dungeons and Dragons (see Appendix A for the constitution)

*Proposed by: Sam Clements*

*Seconder: Sam Sully*

People have expressed interest in such a society, and having a society would help for organisation.

Mark: It should be renamed to ‘Society of Role-Playing Games’ rather than Society of Dungeons and Dragons, and necessary changes should be made accordingly. Something should also be added about second resolves. It should be added to the appendix of the RCSA constitution to ensure it is eligible for funding.

Valentine: I don’t know how you choose a dwarf?

Sam: That’s a Lord of the Rings reference.

#### **Vote on motion:**

**For: 25**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

*This motion passes.*

### **B) Motion for the RCSA to partially pay for purchase of a Nintendo Switch**

RCSA Notes:

1. The Video Game Society currently owns a PS4 and an Xbox 360. A Wii U is available to members of the JCR.

2. New Nintendo game releases are not compatible with the Wii U.
3. A Nintendo Switch costs £280 (e.g. on Amazon).
4. The Nintendo Switch would be available to all JCR members to use, as well as society members.
5. The Video Game Society could look after a Nintendo Switch as it does for other consoles, and purchase games and additional controllers out of its budget.
6. The society has £250 of its budget to spend (£120 of which could be spent on controllers, the game 1-2 Switch and a storage case).

RCSA Believes:

1. A new console would provide entertainment to students.
2. Nintendo multiplayer games are particularly popular.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £150 from the Open Meeting budget towards the purchase of a Nintendo Switch, which will be looked after by the Video Game Society.

*Proposed by: Adam Dagleish*  
*Secunder: Sam Sully*

Comment: The Video Games Society wants to buy a Nintendo Switch but it's over budget so we are asking for money from Open Meeting budget. The Nintendo Switch would be available for anyone in college to use, but would be looked after by the Video Games Society, who would also purchase games, etc.

Tom Hinch (Treasurer) proposes an Amendment:

Amendment: Change from 'Open Meeting Budget' to 'whichever budget the RCSA sees fit'.

**Vote on amended motion:**

**For: 25**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

*This motion passes.*

**C) Motion to create scholarships for future refugee students at the University of Cambridge (see Appendix B for Cambridge Refugee Scholarship Campaign (CRSC) background information)**

RCSA Notes:

1. That the plight of refugees remains a matter of profound ongoing concern both in the United Kingdom and around the world;
2. That over half of the 22million refugees, leaving aside the number of people who are displaced within their own countries, are under the age of 18;
3. That many thousands of students are among those currently fleeing conflict zones and that these students have been deprived of the chance to pursue higher education in their home countries;
4. That the University of Cambridge has thus far no existing sustainable system of scholarships or support for refugee students whilst 59 UK universities, including the University of Oxford, have committed to funding scholarship places;
5. The existence of the Cambridge Refugee Scholarship Campaign (CRSC), which aims to work to provide scholarships for future refugee students at the University of Cambridge;
6. That CRSC has been endorsed from refugee related groups in Cambridge;
7. That there is an urgent need for these scholarships, clearly demonstrated by the fact that there have been 33 eligible – accepted – candidates in the case of Oxford during the 2016-2017 application cycle.

RCSA Believes:

1. That access to higher education should be based on merit, and not nationality, race or financial situation;
2. That the University of Cambridge has a responsibility to support refugee students;
3. That given that the University of Cambridge is one of the leading universities in the world, by supporting this cause, it has the potential to influence the policy pertaining to student refugees at an international level;
4. Such a scheme would not only change the lives of the refugee students, but also enrich the Cambridge community;

RCSA Resolves:

1. To endorse the Cambridge Refugee Scholarship Campaign as it calls on the University to:

a. Offer at least 10 scholarships that cover course and maintenance fees for refugees and individuals who have been granted international protection by the state in which they reside lawfully. “International protection” in this context means recognition as a refugee or a grant of complementary protection;

b. Publicise these scholarships so that potential students can easily apply;

2. To mandate the JCR/MCR president to inform the College Governing Body that this motion has been passed and request they endorse the Campaign.

*Proposed by: Tiara Ataii*

*Seconder: Teddy Mack*

James: The organisation originally tried asking colleges to add £3 to everyone’s accommodation bill to raise money for fund. Since lots of colleges didn’t accept these terms, they’re now campaigning for the uni to fund scholarship campaign centrally. We should put our name on the campaign to say we support it.

Mark: ‘Governing body’ should be changed to ‘college council’. There should also be no mention of MCR since it is separate from the JCR and the RCSA.

**Vote on amended motion:**

**For: 24**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 1**

*The motion passes.*

**[Any other business](#)**

N/A