



RVCSU Council Meeting – 14th Jan 2020

Council Meeting: 5:30pm- 7:30pm

1. Welcome & Apologies: Fuchsia Stocker (FS), Chantelle Woodward-Isles
Attending: Jade Urquhart-Gilmore, Chair (JUG), Stephanie-Flicker Rae (SFR), Hayley Wighton (HW), Ben Blowers (BB), Jacques Taffinder (JT), Lucie Bourne (LB), Maxim Bembinov (MB), James Sweet-Jones (JSJ), Emma Thomas (ET), Hasita Dodhia (HD), Jack Conway (JC), Legend Thurman (LT)
Staff: Dave Sherlock-Jones, Clerk, (DSJ), Willow Gibson (WG)
2. Minutes from last meeting – circulated electronically
3. Constitution – JUG
Strategic Plan working group – JUG and DSJ asked volunteers to sit on a working group to review the Constitution as part of our Strategic Plan. The group agreed was JUG, DSJ, SRF and JT. DSJ also suggested an external viewpoint and has subsequently met with SRF and Peter Baran (recently retired General Manager of SOAS SU) to start the ball rolling. Action DSJ to lead on this.
4. JUG and DSJ suggested setting up a working group for the Strategic Plan, JUG asked for volunteers to meet regularly and push the plan forward, group agreed with JUG, DSJ, JT, SRF, BB, QW and WG all on board and SH to be invited as not present. Action JUG to lead on this.
5. Events this term – JUG
Elections (set dates, organise promotion) – SRF set out the timetable for this year's main Officer Elections, nominations open on Jan 20th with 4 weeks of nominations, 2 weeks campaigning and two weeks voting, taking us nearly up to the end of term. SRF has set up a working group to promote elections, group is SRF, JC, JUG, WG and needs to be active to promote and push this election. Action SRF to lead on this.

International Women's Day – Plan is to promote this more thoroughly than last year, LB going to speak to HD and plan a campaign, similar to the one LB ran with pictures of famous women involved in the Veterinary Science, Nursing and Medicine fields but also maybe some of our office alumni. Action HD to lead on this.

HD also wishes to organise a Chinese New Year event and an International Cultural Event. Action HD.

Varsity – JT, set for Camden HH varsity, date Sunday at the beginning of May, the day after Open Day

JT would like a big SU push for RVC v Surrey Varsity as it's close to the end of term and JT wanted to take the Zorbs with them, DSJ agreed as long as we get them back.

Refreshers Fair, to be confirmed at Captains Meeting. JT and DSJ feel it is central to moving forward the Strategic Plan. SRF and JT also proposed non-sports events in the bars to get other students engaged such as games nights. Action JT and SRF to look at non-sports events.

Sports Ball – JT, has pencilled in a date with the venue, 11th March, Proud Embankment, it does mean that colours can't be handed out but it should be a sell out as more courses and years can attend.
6. Photography competition – JUG, we wish to run a wildlife and domestic one, try to get anatomy and art club involved and some staff on the judging panel. QW suggested his tutor Virginia Luis Fuentes



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and the post room manager (Richard), JUG to see if Simone wishes to head it up... Action JUG to discuss with SH

7. Website / Social Media Guidelines – JC wishes to update the website and set some guidelines for social media and website, more specific to the SU than the RVC, design and agreed guidelines. We will ask all users to follow JC's lead on what is suitable and fits our profile. Council also agreed that we should watermark all SU photos put out by the RVC.
8. Combined Grad Ball working group – JUG wants to set up a working group also for this, Council agreed that we would set up the group to consist of JUG, SRF, JP, WG, ET, the PG Officers would chip in but worried about too much engagement and possibly a course rep or two.
9. FYR becoming part of the SU – JUG to look at FYR being more integrated in to the SU, especially in the light of recent events, DSJ pointed out that he felt they needed to remain separate, partly due to VAT issues and also that they have always been autonomous. JUG suggested a closer relationship with their committee to help head off future problems. DSJ suggested the VP Treasurer and himself should be a conduit to the FYR Committee each year and meet with them early each year.
10. Sustainable Spending – QW, SU signed climate change letter committing to being carbon neutral by 2030, subsequently it turns out that the college have signed to 2050, not particularly satisfactory... QW thought we should create a sustainability strategy for the future, so looking at our spending from the SU and assessing the impact of it and look to be more sustainable; DSJ suggested a visit to Roehampton SU as they are way ahead of us in this.
11. AOB- BB would like to set a target over each year for non-drinking events, with the definition of a non-drinking events where drinking is not the focus for the event.

JC wanted approval of the format of the newsletter he had circulated, Council liked the ideas, JC will have to work with SRF and JT to keep it more on brand.

JC would prefer to keep on the contract with MSL as there are limited alternatives, JC wishes to update the website, WG suggested something separate that would manage the shop side better.

12. Date of next meeting 6th Feb 5pm



Agenda Point	Action	By Whom	Date Actioned	Date Completed
3. Constitution	DSJ to lead on working group and set up meetings	DSJ	Ongoing	Ongoing
4. Strategic Plan	JUG to lead on working group and set up meetings	JUG	Ongoing	Ongoing
5. Events - Elections	SRF to oversee Elections and set up group to work with her	SRF	Ongoing	Ongoing
5. Events – International Women’s Day	HD to lead on celebrating this	HD	Ongoing	Ongoing
Refreshers Fair	Date set 28 th Jan	JT	21 st Jan	28 th Jan
6. Photography Competition	JUG to speak to SH with the aim of running it in Camden	JUG / SH	21 st Jan	Ongoing