



RVCSU Council Meeting – 6th Feb 2020

Council Meeting: 5:00 pm- 7:30pm

1. Welcome & Apologies:

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), Hasita Dodhia (HD), Jack Conway (JC), Beth Hall (BH), Simone Heaney (SH), Jessie Predko (JP)

Staff: Dave Sherlock-Jones, Clerk, (DSJ), Willow Gibson (WG)

2. Minutes from last meeting – circulated electronically

3. Constitution Working Group (CWG) Report – JUG reported that herself, SFR and DSJ had met with an external consultant to discuss rewriting the current constitution, the consultant (Peter Baran, ex SOAS SU General Manager was retained to help with the process and give an alternative viewpoint. JUG to discuss consultation fees with PB). The intention was to slim down the document and reflect what happens in reality. DSJ to arrange next meeting

4. Strategic Plan Working Group (SPWG) Report – JUG reported that the group had met in Camden and that they felt it was important that they look to develop a VP Camden role to champion causes and lead in Camden and to improve SU visibility in Camden. JUG to arrange next meeting

5. Events this term – JUG

Elections – SRF still pushing for nominations, JC uploading vox pops to explain the officer roles and encourage people to stand, currently not filled all posts

International Women's Day – HD organising celebrating SU Women Officers and Women in Veterinary Science

6. Non-drinking event targets – BB asked where we were with promoting events that were themed around alcohol, he wanted to set a percentage up for these each year. DSJ asked that we discuss this further and budget for more events as they rarely made a surplus.

7. New society – MB proposed the forming of a Research Society in conjunction with Kings to provide free access to labs etc., it would be externally funded so no need to commit any SU money. **Passed unanimously**

8. Rugby Tour – HW reported that Men's Rugby wanted to run a bi-annual home and away fixture with Dublin Vet School so would be looking for funding to play a fixture in Dublin, SFR suggested setting up a process where clubs applied for funding to Council for such occurrences, MB said that he hadn't been aware that clubs could apply for such funding, DSJ replied that it had always been on an ad hoc basis. DSJ also said we should look at insisting that clubs and socs use more environmentally means of travel over flying if we are funding it.

9. Action Points & AOB

- Refreshers Fair was a success and clubs / socs managed to sign up new members
- Photo Comp, Simone is to lead on this and work with JC
- RAG Clothing, JUG and JP making good progress and should be announcing them soon



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- Christmas Ball, DSJ reported to Council that the only dates available were 1st, 7th or 14th of Dec, the issue was that the 1st and 7th were just before 4th year exams and the 14th was just after the end of the term in Camden.
- Council voted to go with the 14th of Dec and to try to find ways to support those who would need to wait for the event after term had ended.
- SRF mentioned that she was looking in to NUS training and would try for funding from DC.

10. Suggested Date for next Council 19th March tbc

Action Points

Agenda Point	Action	By Whom	Date Actioned	Date Completed
Review of Constitution	Review of Course Rep and Elections	DSJ & SRF	Jan 2020	Ongoing
Constitution	DSJ to lead on working group and set up meetings	DSJ	Ongoing	Ongoing
Strategic Plan	JUG to lead on working group and set up meetings	JUG	Ongoing	Ongoing
Events - Elections	SRF to oversee Elections and set up group to work with her	SRF	Ongoing	Ongoing
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
Photography Competition	JUG to speak to SH with the aim of running it in Camden	JUG / SH	21 st Jan	Ongoing