

RVCSU February Council Meeting Agenda and Details: February 9th 6:30pm

Attendance: Chantelle Woodward-Iles, Legend Thurman, Priya Toor, Rhian Hill, Lauren Crayton, Dana, Gareth Jones, Kan Tang, Praavie, Vicky Body, Caoimhe Abdul-Wahab, Jade Urquhart Gilmore, Allyson Pace, James Roe, Morley Jones, Emma Wyles, Danielle Tolhurst, Maddy Smith, Ezrie, Harriet (Y4 BioSci)

Ella oConnor (Compath), BioSci Y2 x2, Ambre, Emma (BioSci Y3), Jade (BVetMed2), Molly Drenan (Y1 BioSci), Sally Baker (VetEd)

HH Council Room:
Camden F17:
Remotely via Teams:

Apologies: Willow Gibson, Flora Foxx

Minutes: Jack Conway

Absent – AVS, IVSA, Jasmine James,

Agenda:

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes from November**
 - a. PASSED
- 2. Update from February CSF Meeting and previous action points raised by Representatives and Council Members**
 - a. Cleaning of the courts and should be in use soon
 - b. Bench placement fine?
 - c. No charging points in the Great Hall, will look in budget scheme and refining the Camden campus. On agenda. In LT1 have extension points could we get some extension ports in the GH. Need long term solutions but also short term fix
 - d. Cleanliness in Camden, common room, open areas, needs feedback to next CSF
In regards to sanitary items, only tampons, no pads. Backorder on menstrual products so should be coming soon.
Toilets are not getting cleaned, nothing getting fixed.
- 3. Any new points for LTAC / Academic Board Meeting in March or next CSF Meeting in April**
 - a. Reasonable adjustments for exams for BVetMed finals
 - b. Exams not releasing exam results on the day its meant to be.
 - i. Gareth and Legend to bring back up to LTAC. Happened to Nurses, BioSci. Feel like making up excuses. Results being released weeks later. With compath too. All to email to Legend and Gareth (postgrad)
 - ii. College needs to communicate better.
- 4. Update on Club Members Policy Points from Gymnastics – LC, CWL**
 - a. Point were meant to be sent to Lauren and Chantelle. No communication
- 5. Basketball Club Introduction – LC**

- a. New club and submitted documentation. Approve now or wait till AGM. Want to play in BUCS. Teams get entered April. Club before April then fine. Could enter before official club but need to be voted in.
- b. How do we pay for BUCS league fees. Do we pay their entry fees or do we take it from their funding. We pay minimum but if they want more then they pay for more people. Difference from league play payment to separate events payment for clubs such as boat club or tri.
- c. Basketball has sent proposal but need to send why they need to be funded. Need to have a sit down to tell them what they need for funding.
- d. Idea to invite them to sports meeting. Meeting with them on captains meeting day. Then look to get them voted through. Next council meeting next month.
- e. Mixed or separate gender teams?

6. OpenPlay App – RH

- a. On behalf of president of TRI. Proposed looking at app rewarding users when they do physical activity that they can get rewards for. Cost = £10000 annual subscription + VAT. Basically Tesco Club Card + Strava. Need also to get uni approval.
 FS – VAT wouldn't be able to claim back.
 JC – is the president of TRI getting anything out of this (i.e. is she an ambassador)
 MJ – How many kings students use this app. Can be found out. Is it even worth it
 JR – Do they know if this is the cheapest route. If they are all the same price isn't there something we could do similar within the RVC?
 GJ – anything that costs this much needs a business case to be made. How much interest? Cost/Benefit analysis. Request money from college if there is interest?
 SU doesn't have a spare £10k to cover the cost. Needs a formal proposal from interested parties to the SU.
 ACTION – if they want it they need to put forward a business plan so we can put to the college.
- b. Demo can be requested [Contact Us OP - OpenPlay](#)
- c. During lockdown we did it via strava and it worked.

7. SU Response to MP Cost of Living Crisis –RH

- a. Circulated to all council. Government survey. Has been discussed at trustee board.
- b. CAW – What is the response? Survey and they want SU's to fill in. Going to be brought to parliament. Evidence from different student unions.
 Q3 – more money into fund for hardship. Looking to making one for international students. Digital Support Fund. 5 ways to be well. Allocation upfront for BVetMed4 rotations. Support fund. SU Emergency loan, food handouts, subsidizing events. Transport via minibuses.
 Q? (affect on student) – Hockey, coaches, pitch fees, insurance, travel, buying things. Christmas Ball – all prices rising. Increase sub prices. Ability to put on events and affecting student engagement.
- c. Q? (Government Support) – cant answer? Nothing directly to the student union..
 No
- d. Q? – (how have services changed due to cost of living) – cost of café has gone up for students.

- e. Q? – (Further comments) – student loan not increasing as much as stipend especially postgraduates.

8. Entertainment Officer Position Removal from the Bye-Laws

- a. Elections have started. Entertainment officer no longer an officer role but now a staff member. Needs to be removed from the byelaws. Copy of byelaws been sent around to attendees.
side note PT - also electing a senior IVSA representative as no junior elected last year.
- b. Correction – paid staff position. Not officer position.
- c. International apply to position they are only allowed to work 20 hours a week. Probably wouldn't go over in a month. Would have to clarify with HR if it comes to it.
Whats the pay? – Unrelated.
In terms of struck through, does LT needs to edit or? Updated byelaws to intranet and SU website.
JUG to send original byelaws
Put forward a vote to strike through entertainment officer position in byelaws.
Original document to be edited and revised date THURS FEB 9. New document circulated at next meeting
VOTE: 10.10 removed from byelaws. Seconded. - **PASSED**

9. AOB

- a. Food in restaurants. – lack of vegan options and other dietary requirements in restaurants. Whats listed isn't whats always being served. Not always another option other than jacket potato and beans.
- Raised by JR to Rachel. New chef starting that's keen on doing vegetarian items.
Also changing vending machines (Hawkshead) but unsure about Camden
Halal options – rare (once, twice a week). From experience, HH meat is Halal, Camden is not. Previous CSF topic to be raised again at CSF. If they are using, they should advertise it more.
- b. University stance of Halal meat on pre stun slaughter? Ethically controversial.
- c. Trustee point. Paid officer role. Not stated in byelaws. Need to find a way to stipulate and correct this.
PT to suggest under page 22. Standing for an election. Add only run for one role total.
Add – regardless on paid position or non paid position
Add to 4.5.12 suggested to be added.
4.5.5 can add only apply for one role.
'Candidates can only apply for one role per election' – section 4.5.5
OB – is there anything against nominated twice. Nothing. Have to apply self though.
- d. University mental health day 9th march. Try and run some events, craft session and then potentially ice cream van or churros. Also some freebies. Clashes with JR Green Week
CAW – Student Minds initiative. – Resilience training talked. Mindmatters (RCVS). Rep for MindMatters not here. Purple Cat Coaching (Anne Marie).
First aid courses for mental health. Either several days or expensive.

Lots of stuff going around sports events with sober stewards. Sports teams need to make sure first aiders on site at socials

Aber quiz required first aider, sober steward AND fire marshal.

- e. First Aid Training – another session to run. Should focus on clubs and people that are here for longer

Can we change deadline. Unable due to needing form 1 week beforehand

Haxby staff keen to be first aid trained.

Camden estate want risk assessment forms for every event? Emailed back but no reply.

Made clear in HH that events held in the buttery are not part of the buttery and therefore not subject to RVC H&S forms.

LC to send email to DT and MS as only to fill out one form for BATTERY and Haxby

- f. Green Week – to move?

10. Closing Reminders