



**RVCSU Council Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Council Meeting: 1730 – 1830**

Agenda Point	Action	By Whom	Date Action	Date completed
New Clubs & Socs	Set up email account for new Nerd and Welsh Socs	Jac Taffinder		
Black History Month (Oct)	Volunteers to general social media post and Jack Conway to get involve as well. Set up working group for Black History Month	Liv Craddock & Q		
VP Camden	Set deadline for VP Camden to be elected	Q & Dave		
AOB	Zoom account needed for Grad school social for incoming Research students.	Victoria & Q		
Entertaining our isolated students	Create a working group to discuss Support for quarantining students	Ellie & Quentin		
Create separate Facebook profiles for Officers	Create a working group to discuss	Quentin & Georgia		

1. Welcome & Apologies:

*Apologies: Legend Thurman (SU SAVMA); Olivia Nicholas (SU Environment); Laura Scowen (SU IVSA); Sam Fenton (SU Treasurer)*

*Attending: Quentin President, Georgia Buck VP Rep Comms, Dave Sherlock-Jones General Manager, Victoria Lindsay and Gareth Jones (SU Postgraduate Officers); Stephanie Rae Flicker, Ellie Bayne Welfare, Seb Miller Ents, Jac Taffinder VP Activities, Annie Shelton RAG, Jess Tang International, Jade Urquhart Gilmore, Emma Thomas, Jack Conway, Liv Craddock E&D*

*Lauren Kempenaar Nerds Soc, Victoria Payne, Adam Robbins, Lloyd*

2. Confirm minutes of last meeting – All

3. Update on Freshers

- **Fuchsia** – Freshers week near it's final stages: Events booked from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Cook-along chef will cook an easy noodle dish, Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jackbox, Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Pub Quiz, Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Freshers Fair in day (online vids from Clubs and Socs, external vids from RVCS etc, intro from Q in morning, live Q&Q's from Officers, Andy the Chaplain, Socials), Thurs Theatre night, Thurs Live Comedy Night, Sat Escape Room, Sun Netflix Party and games while watching the film
- Surrey vs RVC Varsity the following week



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- Jack C has completed a Freshers Week booklet.
- Jess has done welcome week booklet for Internationals
- Yoga booked with Janet as well
- Gareth and Vicky would like the info for the Grad School. Info will be on welcome app for all
- A lot of the events will be open to all cohorts (live streamed without limits)
- Comedy night will have 20 Front row seats and all others can watch via YouTube (Competitions will be run during other events for the Front Row seats)
- Fuchsia spoke to John MacKenzie regarding promoting events on all platforms (email, socials, app)
- Are all VPS available on afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> September for Q&A? Jac, Georgia, Ellie said yes. Ellie asked if students can send in questions ahead of time. Fuchsia to speak to Jack C regarding this

#### 4. Proposed new societies: Nerd Soc; Welsh Soc – both applying unfunded, will raise funds for themselves.

- **Lauren Kempenaar – Proposing Nerds Society** – Movie night, online gaming sessions, exchanging consoles, Dungeons and Dragons, meet up once able too. Requesting funding for Zoom membership from SU. Jac VP Activities can lend out paid account. Gareth advised free Zoom is unlimited and free under RVC email. Voted by raising hand option on zoom. **Passed with majority.**
- **Lloyd** – Proposing Welsh Society – brings people together, would like team up with LGBT soc and have film night, celebrating prominent Gay and Lesbian Welsh. Dave – will they try to link up with Aberystwyth students? Lloyd confirmed it will now be easier now with doing things online and happy to collaborate. 27 people in club (confirmed by Facebook page) **Passed with majority**

#### 5. Update on RETG and SU survey review – OC

- Liv Craddock – Liv and Q are reps on race equality task group. Monthly meetings have gone to every 2 weeks. E&D survey was created and identified common themes that come up. The results that were presented were well received well by group. Taking on board students suggestions.
- Themes were: Accountability, Ed, employment, placements, reporting, diversity rotations, support, widening participation, SU came up as well, on how we can improve E&D
- *Would like more education from SU on how to understand E&D issues*
- Report system – Liv and Ellie working with Advice centre for a Report and Support system, coming out 28<sup>th</sup> Sept
- *SU Supporting Students more and being more Present* - Ellie – centralised form for all year groups, questions for Officers. SU staff going into lectures and speak to students outside.
- *General attitude of SU towards racial discrimination* – people asked about consequences. People felt some students were excluded (eg drinking events at Freshers)
- *Transparency and better communication from college and SU.*



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- *Resources are focused on Vet Students rather than Bio and Vet Nurses* - Ellie suggested Bio-vet day to be celebrated by SU. Bio Science and Vet nurses to work on this.
- New Bi-laws are on the website, including the E&D policy, but new constitution not approved by the college yet.
- Dave – Camden issues were being addressed with Strategic Plan but been delayed due to pandemic. Not enough input from Camden due to not enough presence in Camden office.
- Dave advised each year we offer funding for Grad ball for non-vets but hard to get input from those cohorts. We had plans but not happened due to covid.
- Georgia – good idea if Ellie emails everyone with the results of the survey, as many things happen behind the scenes.
- Gareth advised we all need to be more proactive, including bio vets. Non – Bevet
- Bio Sci Society or Course Reps to help communicate to non-vets.
- Stephanie – used platforms to sign post. Need to sign post but also have the info available. Easy to feel we aren't doing enough sometimes but need to give some credit that things are going in the right direction. Re-survey and then see what the feedback is from students.
- Biggest issue that came up was gender and race equality - Liv has requested that we see some good resources, please share with Liv.

### 6. Officer helpers for Black History Month – OC –

- Run a fundraiser over the month of Oct. Had emailed RAG (Annie present)
- Ellie said there is a working group – Liv, Ellie, Fahah College E&D, Andy Chaplain, AA social media reps. AA want to host events to celebrate Black History. Ellie has contacted Stuart about an evening event with key figures from Vet community.
- Looking for helpers – RAG Officers to get ball rolling on Fundraiser
- Want to create an SU event and Ents to get involved after Freshers events. Needs to be done before end of Oct. Dave advised we need to do this before Halloween.
- Fuchsia can help with social media as well

### 7. Entertaining our isolating students feedback – QW

- Good feedback from students but needs to carry on
- Communication needs to be improved
- Content missed when people got busy and not shouted out for help

### 8. Role of VP Camden

- DSJ – we had verbal agreement from DC in March. Needs to be kept on the agenda with the college meeting. Officers to do this
- Set a deadline for a job description so it's not just sorting the lockers and engaging with Camden students
- Target by end of Nov



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- How we work better with Bio and post grads

### 9. Set date for Re-Freshers

- Q has been approached about Refreshers
- Asked Q for a date but we would need to stay flexible.
- Must include all cohorts, not just Bvet Med 1
- Students who aren't physically in Camden still need representing

### 10. AOB-

- RVC Exec email address needs to be replied to – Dave is mostly replying. Georgia and Quentin are receiving emails. Quentin has been replying. Bit of confusion about whom it's going to.
- We need a rota of VPs and President, so staff can contact – Victoria suggested a share calendar
- Reasonable timeframe to reply to emails from staff – 48 hours agreed
- Gareth asked if there are quite a few agenda points – such as survey – DSJ asked if we could we prepare an Officer report to help shorten meeting. Will help with transparency. Jack C confirmed Officers can update their own page on the Website or Jack C can help out.
- Victoria – Grad school social for incoming Research students. They need a zoom account and Q will send on details.

### 11. Set date and time for next meeting

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-6.30pm