



SU Council Meeting - Agenda

Wednesday 18th August 2021, 7-8.30pm on MS Teams

Attendees:

Staff: Willow, Dave, Fuchsia

Officers: Sam, Jack, Garath, Matty, Fuchsia, Priya, Gigi, Steph, Sam, Anantha, Vicky, Hasita, Dani, Seb, Adam Robbins, Ester Rodriguez, Katehrine Strathdee

1. **Welcomes and Apologies** – officers need to send in their apologies to Sam if they can't make it to meetings
2. **Officer Intro Videos** - These need to be sent in ASAP
3. **Freshers Planning Updates** - SF, MC, SRF, FS, WG, DSJ, SM, JC
 - Steph has advised where we are up to with Freshers planning
 - Weekly Freshers Meetings (Thursdays, 11am)
 - Cohorts involved – no restrictions on cohorts attending but we are offering to 1st and 2nd years first and then will offer to other non-clinical students
 - Electric Ballroom and Indoor Venues – WSN's and EB. We will have 2 in person events with covid precautions
 - Virtual events
 - Future Refreshers event – Seb asked for ideas for virtual events

Dave advised that Officers will need to clear if they are going to attend and suggests they are double vaccinated as well. There are limited spaces only this year (free ticket for all officers but they need to commit)

4. Freshers Fair - SF, MC, SRF, DSJ, FS, WG, JC

- Logistics, timings – 12pm – 5pm and advise what time each cohort should arrive
- VP Activities timeline and comms focus to clubs and socs – putting together comms with a timeline and a form for them to sign up for their stalls
- SU website videos and promo material – virtual version on the website as well
- Officer contributions – officers to ensure clubs and socs to get involved
- Virtual on website

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- Site visit in Camden today. It will be limited, as we still need to have some social distancing

5. UoL Stance – Matty

- Dispended their SU
- All clubs and socs dissolved
- UoL Snow Club/Soc is asking to be adopted by RVCSU. In discussions with how they run their soc and they need to submit an application, just as an RVC club
- Our insurance only covers RVC students, so snow sports won't be covered and they need to be aware.
- Gareth asked if we would, we still be liable. Dave said it's not possible for us to insure students from another uni. As a charity legally, we fund RVC student only.
- We could work with Endsleigh and they might be able to pay a premium separate from us.
- Vicky asked if it might be worth asking what other London uni's do?
- We'd need to look into how they would pay their subs and how we'd keep this separate (perhaps they could pay directly to the company)
- Matty – ask how they usually handle their finances (would they need an account with us)

6. Return to Play Sports – Matty

- Matty has circulated a document that he has drawn up. They are a few hoops to jump through but no barriers as such
- Have a covid marshal in place – test and report to covid marshal - clubs and socs
- They must follow all of policies in the doc and Matty happy to monitor it
- BUCS has a guideline on how to put these measures in place
- Vicky has advised it's extensive and would have liked to have an opportunity to discuss as an SU before it went to the college. She feels it is still very strict and there could be a difference of opinion on it.
- Matty advised that the college said to produce a draft and take it to council to discuss further
- Preferable to have practices outside where possible
- A social is equal to an event and we'll encourage online socials
- Putting onus and responsibility on students
- Dave advised that we'll need a secure drive to put the test results on. Matty only to have access to this.
- Vicky advised we'll have GDPR issues
- Jack Conway advised we look into this and ensure very few people have access.
- Students would need to actively 'opt in' and it could be conditional
- Matty to speak to Mathew Grigson for more GDPR info
- Sept 12th is the first league match, so would need to be sorted before then
- If students don't comply, we would refer them to the SU and Uni's disciplinary procedure (failure to comply)
- Sam asked for everyone to read through and send comments over to Matty

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7. Sports Night discussion - MC, SM

- Sports night will be online, because the uni has asked us to limit the amount of in person events around Freshers
- Dave – have to be careful that we are being ‘rail roaded’ into being the ‘fun police’ rather than the college. We to be careful not to let them set the agenda.
- Steph advised that we are trying to strike a balance between trying to be sensible and still letting students have fun

8. Bye-Law Amendments for Clubs and Socs – MC

- There is currently no set rule on what a society needs (eg treasurer, chair etc)
- For new socs – we let them choose what they need
- Define what a new soc needs to have as a committee and they’d need to elect the committee members as a minimum each year
- Societies may need more time to get their committee together, due to the past year
- Vote to give club and socs more time to elect and suspending all commitments to put in a an application form – unanimous vote of yes
- Vote on Matty’s suggestions in his doc – unanimous yes

9. Blended Learning Strategies – VL

- Vicky summarised what happened and how the SU were not in agreement with the colleges document
- V& G met with Adrian Boswood
- Post pandemic BL should be given a different name (to the emergency BL during the pandemic)
- Asked them to re-write for clarity
- SU and uni has come close to an agreement
- Will go to ALTEC and academic board this term

10. Covid-19 WG members - need to recruit officers - VL, GJ

- Vicky to send out in an email
- New members needed

11. Discussion about setting up group for officers joining committees - VL, GJ

- Vicky advised Students didn't go to the committees that they needed to sit on and a better system needs to be in place

12. RVC Community Proposal – DG

- Doc has been circulated
- Dani has spoken to Imelda and SR in their weekly meetings
- Would like to increase support for different cohorts in the future
- Vicky has asked what is the problem with 'college family'? Imelda isn't happy with the 'culture it creates' (eg drinking games)
- Suggested that all Officers get involved

13. Academic Planner and Campaigns - SRF

- a. Using budgets this year
- b. SU Handbook idea
 - Everyone should have a link to the SU google drive for better communication
 - We'd like to encourage everyone to use their budgets

14. New SU Roles - VP Camden/BioSci - SRF

- a. Setting up emails and support
 - VP Cam and undergrad Bio role (needs email address). These roles are completely new and may need more support

15. IT and SU/Club Email Accounts - MC, SRF, WG, FS

- Matty has had trouble accessing his SU email account and IT is now going to reset all clubs & SOCS passwords
- New system going forward, to make it easier to hand accounts down to the next person

16. Social media policy to be created for the SU and updated for the college. Favs have permission to take pics of animals at the farm and would like to do a 'social media take-over' to show these.

End of meeting