



**Royal Veterinary College
Students' Union**

Council Meeting minutes

Date: 1st May 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Camden

Chair: Ezrie Prideaux

Secretary: Willow Gibson

1. Attendance

1.1. Members present

Ezrie, Willow, Fuchsia, Rahat, Erica Oliver, Hannah, Alexis, Catrin

1.2. Apologies

Jack Conway, Tom Smith

2. Confirm minutes of previous meeting

3. Action tracker

Date of meeting	Action	Action For
Ongoing	Officer reports: All Officers to update from meetings and events	All Officers

Date of meeting	Action	Action For
5th March 2024	Email addresses for new SU Socs - 01.05 WG to follow up	WG
1st March	Email new club - Neuro Divergent soc with finance details	Rahat

4. Proposal for Neuro Divergent soc for RVC

- Lex Kernan and Seneca Philips presenting
- Poll created - received 3 responses from students
- Logo showed poster with 'brain' as logo (no RVC crest involved)

Questions

- Rahat (SU Treasurer) advised
 - Will set up as 'model B' protected characteristics
 - will be funded
 - won't have to charge subs
 - Will need a treasurer and president for the clubs
 - Lex as president and Seneca as Treasurer
- Vote
 - 13 votes - all in favour

5. Risk register

6. Feedback from Trustee meeting

6.1. Finance Update

- MSL Student Group Finance software (SGF) for processing club/socs debits
- New RAG regulations
- Officer budgets - look at ways of using the rest of budgets before the end term

7. Officer Updates

Ezrie would like some more communication, from officers attending college meetings

7.1. SU Representation and Communication

- All roles filled except RAG
- Total of 414 votes (decreased from 548 2023)
- Plan for more engagement in the future
- Meetings - Vanessa hasn't attended any recently

7.2. SU Welfare

- Claudia speaking with WG to plan events
- SDC coming up - send point to Claudia
- FS suggested doing something for final years (eg massage session, like the one SAVMA did recently)

7.3. SU Activities and Campaigns

- Moved from 18th May to 1st June - due to RUGBY availability
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7.4. SU Camden

- Appeals and misconduct meetings
- Party in Camden
 - Looking at meal likes like HH
- Idea of ice cream truck again, for the warmer weather -early June after written exams (14/15th), Bio sci done by then

7.5. SU Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- **Organising Pride month - June**
 - Will be overseas for EMS in June
 - 'Hands off' events and promo for events in London - might need some help from other officers
- Attending meetings
- Organising a drag event and asked if alcohol can be included in ticket price for drag bingo
 - Different ticket options - bottomless brunch or just entry

7.6. SU Post-Grad

- **Anju**
 - Working on new student handbooks for grad students, working with grad school
 - Organising PG research day - in Camden
 - Academic meetings in May

- Host an event for UG and Masters students, to showcase PG course
 - Open forum, informal chatting event
 - Ezrie suggested PG officers email the course reps for timetable, presentation and then social after in the Haxby

7.7. SU Undergrad Bio

7.8. SU International

- Potluck booked for 16th May in Buttery

7.9. SU Vet Nursing

7.10. SU Environment

7.11. IVSA Rep

- Congress recently
- Use IVSA budget to subsidise
- Exchanges planned for next academic year
- Find out what can be subsidised and what cannot

7.12. AVS Rep

- 'AVS monthly' newsletter which is new and released monthly (Ezrie asked if a link can go in the SU SUPdate)
- Animal welfare forums as part of AVS
- Help during exam season
- Talks in Term one planned - former Dean of Cambridge
- Sports w/e planned for Glasgow
- 7-9th Feb in Cambridge

7.13. SU RAG and Fundraising

- Fundraising regulations going well
 - Use of SUM UP machine
- Buttery having a new monthly event for Clubs (Women's rugby had a successful event recently)
- HWD fundraising - next slot in June

8. Submitted Agenda Points

- 8.1. To Note - Figures and Update from Election and Bye-Election - *Vanessa Ng, Ezrie Prideaux*
- 8.2. To Note - Election of RAG officer - *Vanessa Ng, Ezrie Prideaux*
- 8.3. To Note - Plan for handover day - *Ezrie Prideaux*
 - 8.3.1. Individual handover documents
 - 8.3.2. "SU Officer Handbook"
 - 8.3.3. Miro Board activity

- 8.4. To discuss - officer budgets - *Rahat Chowdhry, Ezrie Prideaux*
- 8.5. To Note - feedback form - *Ezrie Prideaux*
- 8.6. To discuss - change to Bar Logos - *Fuchsia Stocker, Abi Karreman* - *to be added to the next meeting agenda*
- 8.7. To discuss - Basketball additional team and use of SAWC - *Lara Richardson*
 - Both netball and BBall needing SAWC at the same time
 - Suggested flood lightening increased - may have been refused previously

9. AOB

- **RVC Open Day 10-3.30pm Sat 11th May**
 - Ezrie, Hannah, Catrin is there as a student ambassador
- **RVC Council**
 - Would like more engagement with student
 - Next meeting mid July
 - Would like to open it up to a few students, to chat about wider uni life/experience and what can be changed
 - Students needed who are keen to have a productive discussion
 - course rep could attend
- SU General Manager update - interviews happening w/c 6th May, Ezrie on interview panel and hopefully will be available to attend handover day
- London Zoo have offered some free/discounted places for Officers/students (to attend in July)

10. Date of next meeting

- June in HH, last one of the academic year
- Next elects will be invited