

RVCSU Council Meeting Agenda, September 20th 6:30pm

Apologies Received: SU RAG, SU Ents, SU Environment,
Absent: Elizabeth Brooks (IVSA), AVS Reps (Both)

Attendance: Priya Toor, Rhian Hill, Lauren Crayton, Chantelle Woodward-Iles, Dana Yun, Gareth Jones, Kan Tang, Victoria Body, Caoimhe Adbul-Wahab, Jade Urquhart Gilmore, Allyson Pace, Flora Foxx, Morley Jones, Ezrie Prideaux (Sports), Jack Conway (Website), Danielle Tolhurst (Buttery), Maddy Smith (Haxby), Dave Sherlock-Jones (GM), Fuchsia Stocker, Willow Gibson

1. Welcome to Council – Introductions
 - a. LT background of SU and introductions of information needed
2. SUupdates – PT (SU Rep Comms)
 - a. LT background on what SUupdates is.
PT should be sending out the first one soon. Will either be monthly or every 3 weeks depending on load.
3. Equality and Diversity Position and Action Plan – LT, PT, and RH (President, SU Rep Comms, and SU Welfare)
 - a. Announcement of Summer stepping down due to personal reasons. Vacant position for now on. PT to run by-election.
October is Black History Month. RH to lead equality and diversity action plan. Meeting with college to collaborate and see where we left off. RH meeting a couple days ago, a few things planned such as movie night and advertise on social media. Also collaborate with Animal Aspirations. Other ideas of visiting exhibitions
DSJ – one at bank of England is until January, is about slavery and links for bank of England. One south of the river that Andy The Chaplain suggested. Working group to look around to see what we can do. Things in progress. Meeting with AA tomorrow (21.09)
LT – Requesting document from RH. RH been in contact with Ferhat Equality and Diversity Manager, who is going through working groups and asking for SU presence.
GJ – for context, this was discussed a lot last year (the action plan), college wanted to use a form that didn't fit with our plan.
LT – if anyone has any plans either put them in the chat or please email them
FF – If we could make use of the screens around campuses
CAW – UG planning UG sciences planning pub quiz, would it be worth having a round of black history and involving AA
DSJ – need to move away from mentioning vets all the time.
CAW – A lot of people from ethnic minority backgrounds don't have a viable career in biosciences. Too much overfocus on vets.
DT – Buttery would love to host a pub quiz surrounding this topic.
RH to show last ED action plan
Giving background on ED Action plan from last agreed upon council with explanation.

RH going through each action point and seeing what the latest update on it is.
FF – Discussion with Occupational Health? Needs to be a system in place
GJ – Surprised this doesn't already happen. College does with QMHA and internal placements, but no support for external placements
LT – if we push external vs internal need to contact placement office.

4. Christmas Ball Prices and VIP Invitations – Collaborative Discussion

a. LT Background provided. Who the council are inviting and pricing.

- Stuart Reid, Imelda and usual VIPS

PT – Charlotte Lawson

VB – Not sure on course leaders but make sure equal consideration of staff.

LT – limit on VIPs? DSJ – planning to lose a lot of money anyway. Using it as a PR opportunity. DC, Jill, Julie Waterfield, Stuart, Charlotte and more.

GJ – Course leader such as John Fiswick, Hilary, etc. Invite some other VP's of the college

MJ – JF moving to deputy? Mike Hewittson taking over.

WG – should be fair. Shouldn't Sarah Ready be invited if Julie Waterfield is?

KT – Invite Jonathan Elliott?

PT – Question from ex officers – whether they would be allowed to be invited.

GJ – dependent on how much money we are going to lose. Current students should not lose out.

DSJ – opinion we wont sell it out. We can use this as an opportunity to thank people but is that our job as a charity. In past invited ex presidents. Matter of respect that people have put in

VB – suggesting discount of ticket.

GJ – cautious about giving them a discount. Wouldn't want a blanket discount policy.

JC – no point talking about whether it will sell out if or not when nobody knows

LT – is there a perspective date on when tickets will be released

Finances discussed

VB – suggest releasing price early so people can plan

LT – issue with cost of living

Suggestion of installments but tech wise unfeasible

LC – suggest using officer budge to discount

GJ – good idea but cant do it fairly

Suggestion of competition? – have done some before

GJ – suggestion of work for discount.

LT – what if each officer in terms of part of their plans they can run a competition in relation to their initiatives to offer Christmas ball ticket / discount

KT – if we are trying to encourage more people to come can we discount if they buy multiple tickets or something. Unsure on how this is going to work.

PT – course reps in past years receive a discounted ticket.

GJ – check with college

ACTION: Officers to go away and think.

5. Any New Business or Points of Discussion

- a. LT – opportunity about appeals boards, needs SU representation on the board and training. Siobhan Baker asks the council who wants to be trained?
GJ – can also be a supportive member as SU members have more information.
- b. LT - Social Media post on RVC post twinning with University in Ukraine. Ukraine task force since problems arose. Discussion in ways the SU can get involved. The SU want to be involved. Ways to get involved. – Language discussions (such as pen pals esque)
GJ – asks if IVSA can get involved. JC to ask IVSA UK President whats happening and any advice.
- c. LC – 3 new clubs that need to be discussed. Trampoline, Jewish Society, African and Caribbean Society.
LT – are they looking for approval at AGM. GJ – have they sent all the paperwork.