

Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Operations Board

Held at 17:00 on 25th of October 2017 at the RCSU Office

PRESENT:

- Becky Neil – RCSU Vice-President (Operations) (BN)
- Michael Edwards – RCSU President (ME)
- Michael McGill – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (MM)
- Michael Suarez – RCSU Honorary Secretary (MS)
- Abhijay Sood – RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (AS)
- Shervin Sabeghi– RCSU Welfare Officer (SS)
- Ansh Bhatnagar– RCSU Science Challenge Chair (AB)
- Ivan Tang– RCSU Web Communications Officer (IT)

APOLOGIES:

- Pranavi Agarwal– RCSU Broadsheet Editor (PA)

Meeting opened at 17:00.

A. Introduction by BN

BN made everyone aware that she is the point of contact for this Board rather than ME. She is very happy to provide assistance and help to anyone who needs it.

B. Reflection of Last Minutes

RECEIVED:

The only big change that happened since the last meeting was the introduction of the Wellbeing Representative Network.

NOTED:

Last Meetings Minutes were accepted unanimously.

C. RCSU President's Items: RCSU Five Year Plan and Constitutional Review

RECEIVED:

ME has a structured plan which can be found on the RCSU drive for the next five years. This includes a constitutional review which is due by late January 2018.

NOTED:

Possible changes or implementation to the current/future positions as briefly suggested by this board:

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- BAH Fest Coordinator (as part of the Operations Board)
- Sponsorship Officer (as part of the Operations Board)
- To move the Academic and Welfare Board out of Operations and to have it parallel to Operations and Entertainments
- Include the Clubs and Activities as part of the Operations Board or at least make the VPO responsible for both
- Include/invite DepSoc Chairs to the General Committee

RESOLVED:

All those suggestions are provisional ideas. The timeline of the constitutional review is yet to be confirmed, but it will most likely include an outreach to students for feedback and its writing up over Christmas. Further details will be review in the Executive Meeting.

D. Science Challenge

RECEIVED:

The topic of this years Science Challenge is “One small step, one giant leap” and will launch on the 5th of December in CAG 200 and the Foyer in front (coincides with Imperial Fringe). The topic was decided via Facebook survey and got over 100 responses (choice between “small scale” - winner, “grand scale”, “renaissance”). This should be done in future as well.

NOTED:

AB had two meetings with Lord Winston and invited the Felix Science Editor to the 2nd meeting. There will be an interview transcript coming out the week before the event launch. The plan exists to contact Science Communicators to film short videos to explain the relevance of science communication. One judge has been confirmed, but three others are still needed. The final will be held in the House of Lords and the deposit has to be paid (~ 6k).

RESOLVED:

It was recommended by SS to look into Andrew Pontzen for the Essay category (Digital, Essay, Creative Writing, Article).

Dignitaries should be invited soon to both launch and finals!

E. AAO

RECEIVED:

AS had a meeting with the Dep Reps at the union and elaborated on their roles and responsibilities. On Monday the 30th of October there will be an Introductory Session (explaining the rights and limitations of their roles) for the ARN and WBRN in Physics LT2 at 6.30 pm with a trip to the Union Bar afterwards (open tab).

NOTED:

The first SSCs of the Departments are as follows:

- 26/10, 12 pm, Physics
- 31/10, 12.30 pm Life Sciences

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- 1/11, 12 pm Maths
- 1/11, 2 pm Chemistry

F. Welfare

RECEIVED:

SS spoke to Wellbeing DepReps, introduced himself and highlighted their roles within the RCSU. The CWB meeting last Thursday (19//10) has mainly consisted of reports by the members about their summer activities.

RESOLVED:

A Wellbeing Board will be created parallel to the Academic Board.

G. Website

RECEIVED:

IT is stuck and has no clue on what to do.

RESOLVED:

Should refer to Lloyd James for further advice/help.

H. Broadsheet Update

RECEIVED:

- People are writing an article atm
- Committee should get in touch for Broadsheet RCSU

NOTED:

RESOLVED:

I. AOB

RECEIVED:

AS mentioned the fact that Union Council does a review of its constitution. This should be an opportunity to get the PGs involved into the UG student union.

There is also the opportunity for students to provide feedback towards the 2018-19 course structure for the departments later this term. Further there should be segregated ARN and WBRN SSCs in the department.

Meeting closed at 18:00.

J. Points of Action summarised:

- Add everyone to the drive
- Shervin to check with Laura whether the WBRN is part of SSC