
Roehampton Students' Union
Students' Union Council

A G E N D A

The 4th Students' Union Council meeting (SUC) of the 2018/19 academic year
17.12.18, 5PM
Adam's Room, Froebel College

Welcomes & Apologies

1. Confirm quoracy
2. Notification of any other business
3. Welcome to the 4th 2018/2019 meeting of Students' Union Council [CN, President RSU - Oral]
4. Apologies for absence [CN, President RSU – Oral]
5. Approval of minutes from last SUC [25.10.18, 5PM – Convent Parlour, Digby Stuart College]

Items for Information

1. RSU Sabbatical Officers Updates. [Sabbatical Officers – Oral]
2. RSU Part Time Officer Updates. [Part Time Officers - Oral]
3. Replacement of RSU LGBTQ+ Students' Officer [CN, President RSU – Oral]
4. Appointment of the new Vice Chancellor [CN, President RSU – Oral]
5. Renaming of Duschene Building [CN, President RSU – Paper 1712.01]
6. A member of SUC to become an RSU PTO Trustee [CN, President RSU – Paper 1712.02]

Items for Decision

7. RSU Idea's Platform [CN, President RSU – Paper 1712.03]
8. RSU Task Force Review [CN, President RSU – Paper 1712.04]
9. RSU Task Force Assignment 18/19 [CN, President RSU – Oral]
10. RSU Elections 2019 – Officer Role Review [CN, President RSU – Paper 1712.05]

Any Other Business.

Next Union Council Meeting (II)

11. Items to be brought to UCM II
12. Date: Thursday 17th January 2019, 5PM Location: TBC, Whitelands College

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| TITLE: | Renaming of Duschene Building |
| DESCRIPTION: | <p>In October 2018, the Vice Chancellor – Professor Paul O’Prey set up a working group to review the names of University buildings following a conversation at University Senate; when it was decided that we would name the new Media Centre (Harvey) – The David Bell Media Centre.</p> <p>The working group consisting of Gilly King (University’s History and Heritage Promotions Adviser), Eleanor Merrick (University’s Director of Alumni, Development and Careers), Liam Hurley (University’s Director of Strategy and Communications), Professor Paul O’Prey (Vice Chancellor) and myself (Students’ Union President)</p> <p>The working group met three weeks ago and the name of the Law Building (Duschene) came up; as the Vice Chancellor had expressed his desire for us to review the name of the building. Prior to our meeting, Gilly King had a conversation with the Society of the Sacred Heart (Founding Body of Digby Stuart College) and the sisters had expressed that they would like a building to be called Mandela because there was a Mandela House on Digby Stuart College, but it was pulled down in 2002 to build Shaw House, and it saddened them deeply.</p> <p>We decided that it would be fitting at the meeting to propose that the building called Duschene should be renamed the ‘Nelson Mandela Building’. Nelson Mandela was a Lawyer and fundamentally we felt it would be symbolic to have the building that inhabits our Law School named him but also an individual that stretches past law into Humanitarianism and more.</p> <p>The proposal has been taken to Student Senate for consultation and endorsement, I am pleased to say that the students supported this proposal. I have now received responses from Gulliver Ralston (Head of Digby Stuart College) and Giles Proctor (Head of Law School), they have both given their endorsement to the proposal. In regard to the next steps, I am taking this proposal to University Senate in January 2019 to hopefully get their endorsement and recommendation to University Council; as it’s University Council that holds the power to change the name of a university building.</p> <p>I shall keep you up to date with developments</p> |

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| <p>TITLE:</p> | <p>RSU Part Time Officer to become member of RSU Board of Trustees</p> |
| | <p>The Students' Union by the nature of being a charity and limited company has a Board of Trustee's/Directors. The board comprises of the three Officer Trustees (Sabbatical Officers) – President (who also is the Chair of the Board), Vice President Community and Welfare, and Vice President Education. Two students are appointed onto the board – One undergraduate (Jeffrey Arthur) and One postgraduate (Hameed Mozaffari). The Board have four external (independent to the RSU/University) trustees, who have a wealth of knowledge from different sectors – Our current external trustee's are Ian Robinson (Former Chief Executive of University of Bath Students' Union), Tess Willy (Former member of Roehampton staff and now Department Head at Kingston University), Tracey Ford (Founder of JAGS Foundation and Roehampton alumni) and Guy Drury (Former Chair of NUS Democratic Procedures Committee).</p> <p>The recent changes to the Students' Union Articles and Byelaws now give provision for an additional student representative to join Students' Union Council. The position is reserved for an elected officer (other than the Sabbatical Officers)</p> <p>The responsibilities of the RSU Part Time Officer Trustee include joining the other members of the board to ensure that the Union is sticking to a clear vision, mission and values. As well as ensuring alongside the other Trustee's that the Students' Union complies with all legal, financial and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>We have two individuals who have expressed interest in running – Following today's meeting of SUC, all elected officers will be invited to vote on their preferred candidate via a poll (link to be sent out shortly). The deadline to vote is Wednesday at 12noon and the elected individual will be announced at 3pm on Wednesday before the Students' Union closes for Christmas.</p> |

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| <p>TITLE:</p> | <p>RSU Idea's Platform</p> |
| | <p>Background In October 2016, the Students' Union and Jack De France (President 2016-2018) introduced the 'Ideas platform' as an additional layer to engaging students in the democratic processes of the Students' Union on top of General Meetings, Students' Union Council and RSU Elections.</p> <p>Since October 2016, 4,564 individual votes have engaged with the 153 votes that have been posted.</p> <p>Below is a list of all the ideas that have been posted on the Students' Union website since September 2018 till now. None of these ideas have passed and SUC now can decide whether we want to take forward these ideas as policy, after which SUC will form a 'Task Force' to work on each idea.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>68 74 Total Votes 71+3-</p> </div> <p>Bring back curly fries to Pub Grub!</p> <p>Submitted 3 months ago by Lily Crozier Expired</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>48 48 voters</p> </div> <p>Bring the Mental Health Opt-in scheme to Roehampton</p> <p>Submitted 2 months ago by Ellie Anne-Marie Shaddick Expired</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>40 42 voters</p> </div> <p>Drug Safety and Roehampton students</p> <p>Submitted 2 months ago by Ruth Llewellyn Expired</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>31 33 voters</p> </div> <p>All Accommodations to have communal area</p> <p>Submitted 2 months ago by Susie Heaton Expired</p> |

26

36 voters

Minibus To Whitelands and Mount Clare After BOP

Submitted 3 months ago by [Rebecca Thompson](#)

Expired

23

23 voters

Students' Union should support and attend The People's Vote demonstration on Saturday 20th October 2018

Submitted 2 months ago by [Chuchu Nwagu](#)

Expired

17

17 voters

Keep a canteen or shop open in main campus till 9 pm

Submitted 3 months ago by [Mostak Ahamed Imran](#)

Expired

14

18 Total Votes

16+2-

Alternative music to be played at Summer Ball 2019!

Submitted 4 weeks ago by [Rhiannon Georgia Eileen Tole](#)

Expired

13

17 voters

Add dessert to the Pub Grub Menu

Submitted 3 months ago by [Isobel Madeleine Dennis](#)

Expired

10

10 voters

Shuttle Bus of Roehampton University: Route should be from Burne to Putney station & make an app for the ongoing time schedule of the bus

Submitted 2 months ago by Mostak Ahamed Imran

Expired

2

2 voters

Dependent person/caree and carer theatre trips

Submitted 2 months ago by Kareena Louise Allford

Expired

2

6 Total Votes

4+2-

Onion rings!!

Submitted 1 month ago by Eden Hollie Marsh

Expired

1

1 voter

Communicator desktop application to communicate with anyone (staff, colleague, friends) within the Uni: 'Roehampton communicator'

Submitted 2 months ago by Supriya Shinde

Expired

0

2 Total Votes

1+1-

Need a TV room in Digby Diner for enjoying match or movie together

Submitted 3 weeks ago by Mostak Ahamed Imran

Expired

Conclusion

In accordance to the Byelaws of Roehampton Students' Union, Ideas that reach the threshold of 1% of the student population (85 votes) and with 51 of those 85 being up votes will pass and will be taken to Students' Union Council at the earliest convenience for RSU Elected Officers to decide

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| | <p>whether to accept or reject the idea. If SUC decide to accept the idea, then it becomes official RSU policy and we are mandated to work on that idea.</p> <p>As the ideas above have not reached the threshold to pass, the Byelaws of the RSU states that we should bring these ideas to SUC to discussion on whether we would like to adopt them as policy anyway. We shall now go through every policy, discuss them and decide whether we accept or reject them.</p> |
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| TITLE: | RSU Task Force Review |
| | <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Since the introduction of the RSU Ideas platform in 2016, several ideas have been adopted by SUC as policy and we are mandated to work on them. The earliest ideas posted on the RSU website will come to end at some point in 2019 due to policy lapses after three years but every new academic year, it is important that all policy is brought to SUC for review.</p> <p>As SUC we can decide to continue working on the various policy and we would form a new task force for each idea or we can vote to lapse a policy and therefore SUC/RSU would no longer be mandated to work on it</p> <p>We shall now review each idea from the last academic year (17/18) and backwards and form a task force for whatever one, we could to take forward</p> <p><u>Task Force Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subsidise the cost of Graduation ● All Programmes should be recorded ● Laundry in Elm Grove Hall (Accomondation) ● Mental Health First Aid Training for representatives ● Extend the 24 hour library period ● Increase the 72 buses ● Scholarships/Bursaries for refugees/asylum seekers ● Race, Diversity and Inclusion ● Reusable Plastic Cups ● Make sure the library is open 24 hours over Easter and when dissertations are due |

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| TITLE: | RSU Elections 2019 – Officer Role Review | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p><u>Elections Timescale 2019/20</u></p> <p>The elections schedule has been set with the following dates being determined for the main RSU Officer Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations Open 10am Monday 1st February 2019 Nominations close 3pm Friday 8th March 2019 Candidates Briefing 5pm Friday 8th March 2019 Campaigning starts midday Thursday 14th March 2019 Candidate Question Time 5pm Thursday 14th March 2019 Voting Opens 10am Friday 15th March 2019 Voting Closes 3pm Thursday 21st March 2019 <p><u>Suggestions for Officer Roles 2019/20</u></p> <p>An Officer Roles review panel was put together to initially review the roles for Students' Union Council. The panel made the following initial recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of separate male and female interfaith officer to combine back into one interfaith officer with the creation of a Muslim Students Officer. - Off Campus Officer to be renamed as Off campus and Commuter Students Officer - Separation of Postgraduate and Mature Officer into Postgraduate Officer and Mature Students' Officer - Creation of Chair of Union Council role <p>Proposed roles for Upcoming Election:</p> <p>Sabbatical Officers</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>RSU President</td> <td>Vice President: Community and Welfare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President: Education</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>College Officers</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Digby Stuart College President</td> <td>Southlands College President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Froebel College President</td> <td>Whitelands College President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Digby Stuart College Deputy President</td> <td>Southlands College Deputy President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Froebel College Deputy President</td> <td>Whitelands College Deputy President</td> </tr> </table> <p>Part Time Officers (Portfolio)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Mount Clare Site Rep</td> <td>Commuting Students' Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport President: Male</td> <td>Sport President: Female</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postgraduate Students' Officer</td> <td>Mature Students' Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students with Disabilities Officer</td> <td>Mental Health Officer</td> </tr> </table> | | RSU President | Vice President: Community and Welfare | Vice President: Education | | Digby Stuart College President | Southlands College President | Froebel College President | Whitelands College President | Digby Stuart College Deputy President | Southlands College Deputy President | Froebel College Deputy President | Whitelands College Deputy President | Mount Clare Site Rep | Commuting Students' Officer | Sport President: Male | Sport President: Female | Postgraduate Students' Officer | Mature Students' Officer | Students with Disabilities Officer | Mental Health Officer |
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| Students' with Caring Responsibilities Officer | LGBQ+ Officer |
| Trans Students' Officer | Interfaith Officer |
| Muslim Students' Officer | BAME Students Officer |
| International Students' Officer | Gender Equality Officer |
| Environmental Officer | |

Also the following roles were suggested for Students' Union Council to consider:

- Chair of Union Council (Not a member of SUC)
- Societies Officer
- Gender Equality role to be renamed to Womens' Officer

Some things for Students' Union Council to consider:

- SUC is already one of the largest in the UK when compared to other SUs. Ensuring the voter experience is in line with our values of being 'approachable' and 'inclusive' are essential.
- Ensuring that RSU representation covers as many bases as possible whilst balancing the number of roles is the main scope for SUC to consider.

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The Students' Union Council is the executive team of all 27 elected officers.
The duty of SUC is to represent students and implement policy passed by the students.

The RSU's **strategic VALUES** and **PRIORITIES**.

Everything the RSU does should be oriented towards at least one value and priority in our strategy.

Values:

Driven by students.

Empowering.

Innovative.

Influential.

Inclusive.

Approachable.

Fun.

Priorities:

Improve your academic & non-academic experience.

Help you realise your potential whilst at Roehampton.

Help you create friendships & encourage participation by providing a fun and inspiring campus.

To be representative and student focused so you can change the world around you.

Ensuring we are transparent, ethical and responsible for all students.