
Roehampton Students' Union
Students' Union Council

The 1st Students' Union Council meeting (SUC) of the 2018/19 academic year
24.09.18, 5PM
GH22, Froebel College

Welcomes & Apologies

1. Welcome to the 1st 2018/2019 meeting of Students' Union Council [Chuchu Nwagu]
2. Apologies for absence [Oral - Chuchu Nwagu]
3. Approval of General Meeting minutes – 13th September 2018 [Paper Attached]

Items for Information.

4. A member of Union Council to join Governance Subcommittee [Oral - CN]
5. A member of Union Council to become an RSU Trustee [**DOC. 01, p. 2**]
6. Updates on the Byelaws [Oral - Katie Badman]
7. Officers Priority for the Year [Oral – Officers]
8. Mental Health Awareness [Oral report – George Walker]
9. Election of Southlands College Deputy President [Oral – CN]
10. Update on Vice Chancellor Recruitment [Oral – CN]

Items for Decision

1. Dates for Students' Union Council 2018/2019 [**DOC. 02, p2**]
2. Role Description for Chair of Students' Union [**DOC. 03, p. 2**]

Any Other Business.

1. Items for discussion not on the Agenda (only if scheduled time allows for this).

Next Union Council Meeting (II)

1. Items to be brought to UCM II
2. Date: Wednesday 10th October, 5PM Location: TBC

TITLE:	Students' Union Council member to become an RSU Trustee
	<p>There are three decision-making bodies that govern the RSU. The most important is the student body (they make decisions by voting).</p> <p>Students' Union Council is the elected representative body of the students. Students' Union Council passes and implements policy on behalf of the students.</p> <p>The Trustee Board ensures that the RSU works effectively as a charity. It is there to ensure the Students' Union is run in accordance with charity law, that our finances are sustainable, that we aren't damaged ethically or reputationally.</p> <p>The Trustee Board can intervene if policy passed by the students represents serious risk to the organisation. If policy presents an: Ethical reputational legal financial risk then the Trustee Board can veto it.</p> <p>The Trustee Board holds the RSU and its executive staff to account and meets 5 times a year. It is composed of: six student members (three of which are the RSU sabbaticals) and four lay members (external members with expertise in a particular area).</p> <p>As Students' Union Council and the Trustee Board are the two 'organs of power' it is good practice to have one part-time elected officer also sat on the Board.</p> <p>As the elected officer trustee you will be the main link between Union Council and the Trustee Board, you will be expected to provide a report on Union Council to the Trustee Board (four times a year) and a report to Union Council on the Trustee Board (four times a year).</p> <p>Being an RSU Trustee is great experience and looks fantastic on a CV. You'll have a seat on both Students' Union Council and the Board.</p>

TITLE:	Future timings of UCM
	<p>Monday 24th September 2018 Wednesday 10th October 2018 Thursday 25th October 2018 Thursday 8th November 2018 Thursday 29th November 2018</p> <p>Thursday 13th December 2018 Elections 2019 – Roles and Job Descriptions Thursday 24th January 2019</p>

	<p>Union Council Away Day</p> <p>Thursday 7th February 2019 Thursday 28st February 2019 Thursday 28th March 2019 Thursday 24th April 2019</p> <p>Wednesday 8th May 2019 RSU General Meeting - Impact Report</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd May 2019 Final Meeting of Union Council and Officer Social afterwards</p>
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TITLE:	Role Description for Chair of Students' Union Council
	<p><u>CHAIR OF STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL</u> <u>ROLE DESCRIPTION</u></p> <p><u>The Role:</u> The Union Council Chair role is an opportunity for you to oversee the highest decision making body within the Students' Union.</p> <p>The Chair of Students' Union Council shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and Chair Union Council • Ensure that Students' Union Council is conducted in a democratic and productive manner and that all members of the council have the opportunity to input into discussion • Be an ambassador for Roehampton Students' Union in safeguarding its reputation and • Be a non-voting and non-reporting member of both Students' Union Council and Union Executive Committee. • Execute such other functions as are required by Students' Union Bylaws. • Be support by the Student Voice Coordinator and the President of the Students' Union • Be elected via a cross-campus ballot, in accordance with these by-laws. <p>The Students' Union is a democratic organisation. Each year the leaders of the Students' Union, the Sabbatical and Part Time Officer Team are elected in the campus wide elections.</p> <p>At the heart of the Students' Union is the Union Council. The Union Council, the highest decision making body within the Students' Union, is made up of 27 elected officers.</p> <p>The Chair of Students' Union Council should:</p>

- Be passionate about student representation
- Be able to direct topics of discussion in a productive direction
- Act with integrity and avoid or declare any conflict of interest
- Be comfortable making decisions

The Chair of Students' Union Council will gain the following skills:

- Knowledge of democratic procedures
- Leadership
- Communication
- Organisational skills
- Listening and Interpersonal Skills

Opportunities and Benefits:

- Great CV builder and an opportunity to meet new people
- A chance to chair the highest decision making body within Roehampton Students' Union
- Personal development opportunities such as ongoing training and much more