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RAIUL SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Friday 18th January 2019 Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Board Room, ASA Briggs, Kensington Campus

Present: Gonzalo Diaz-Rio Varez (GDRV); Nicholas Guillermo Ceja (NGC); Kieran Bussey (KB); Alfons Theininger (AT); Leah Elizabeth Wood (LEW); Ashleigh King (AK); Paniz Juwandoon (PJ)

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the last meetings 29th November 2018 & $6^{\rm th}$ December 2018
- 1.1 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 29th November & 6th December 2018 were reviewed and approved.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 To try and form Excel courses similar to the Photoshop courses that are offered for free to students, it will be advantageous for students when applying for jobs.
- 2.2 Full degree students do not feel cared about in the university, they feel that the attention is given to visiting students.

3. President's Report- University Board, Plans for the Semester & Vice President of Kensington Election

- 3.1 The next elected Student Government will have a £10,000 budget.
- 3.2 The QAA visit went well.
- 3.3 Title application, the likely title will be "The American University of London". Formal Consultation letter has been sent out to consult other institutions.
- 3.4 Application to be an OFS register, a meeting with them will be held in February. They are expecting to see the new Bylaws. There are concerns about the finance as Richmond University is not like other UK Universities.
- 3.5 The University will become a validating partner with The School of Records.

- Richmond will be providing their credit to the AIFS in Salzburg which has around 30-35 students.
- 3.6 Faculty Senate have requested First Aid Training, to be able to deal with any emergencies.
- 3.7 SGA has updated their portal and uploaded their minutes.
- 3.8 Estates and Facilities:
- Sodexo maintenance form is not great, for now students can email.
- Projects:
- a. Reception in Richmond campus has been completed.
- b. Hallway is almost completed.
- c. Communications Bulletin Boards have been taken down, to be replaced with screens.
- d. Common room renovation will begin soon.
- e. Seating area to be put in the front lawn of Richmond campus, next week.
- f. Students on the Richmond Campus have had their rooms audited and the costs for student accommodation upgrades have been checked. Options of a 3-5 years deal to renovate them.
- g. Relocation of 16 Young St. is about to begin, the aim is to move all the faculty and class to 37 High Street Kensington by the end of March.

- h. Property Strategy, potentially selling Park View.
- i. Red House, fire risk assessment has been done and will remain closed until further notice. Thus, the building will remain closed until the issues have been dealt with.
- 3.9 Visiting Student Feedback have been positive overall. In terms of academics, it is positive as the visiting students feel that they need to work harder here than at their home university.
- 3.10 NUS application, will start soon.
- 3.11 Library hours in Richmond will soon be 24/7.
- 3.12 Students have requested for quiet areas in the library.
- 3.13 Check whether the University will receive new vending machines.
- 3.14 Meetings with course representatives to be conducted soon.
- 3.15 SGA office hours have been confirmed.
- 3.16 TEDx Talk has been mentioned.
- 3.17 Vice President election, applications will open on Monday.

4. Executive Vice President Report- Senators & Senator Elections

4.1 Update will be given next week.

5. Treasurer Report- Budget

5.1 The SGA budget is £8790.

6. Events Calendar: Embargo's, Start of Term Party, Valentine's Day, Careers Event

- 6.1 Potentially have a Spring Ball at a rooftop bar or as a boat party.
- 6.2 To host theme parties and potentially have a speaker.
- 6.3 Potentially have a Richmond vs Leeds football game.
- 6.4 Embargo's was a success, 180 tickets were sold. They are happy to organise an event for Valentine's day.
- 6.5 A company has contacted to create a potential partnership for a London Party Pub Crawl, could potentially do it for St. Patrick's Day.
- 6.6 Pub Quiz had been a success with the AIFS students, could be a repeated event.
- 6.7 End of Term drinks at the Gloucester Arms last semester was a success, another potential event to be repeated. For Richmond Campus, the Orange Tree and the Lass could be a good venue to host an event.
- 6.8 SOTP, 170 tickets have been sold.
- 6.9 Valentine's day traffic light party.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Popcorn was burnt in the common room however the fire alarm did not go off, it is a safety hazard.
- 7.2 More sports facilities and space to be provided for students to become an outlet as an alternative smoking and drinking.
- 7.3 Election for all the SGA position to be held at the end of February and the beginning of March, for at least 1-2 weeks.
- 7.4 Organise an event for the graduating class of 2018.
- 7.5 To create as many small events as possible for celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Puppy day and April Fool's day.
- 8. Next meeting: Friday 25th January 2019