

Ravensbourne Students' Union Advisory Board

Minutes of the budget meeting of the RSU Advisory Board on Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 4:00pm on [Hangouts](#).

Please send apologies for absence to Sadi Uswatul Ambia by email at s.ambia@rave.ac.uk

MINUTES

Present

Guy Hurd – Chair (GH)
 Shakira Martin – Vice Chair (SM)
 Brian Duncan (BD)
 Dudley Nganjo (DN)
 Jonathan Walmsley (JW)
 Leyla Sitki (LS)
 Louise Prideaux (LP)
 Tamara Howe (TH)
 Yousuf Joondan (YJ)
 Sadi Uswatul Ambia – Secretary (SUA)

In attendance

Fernando Modino (FM)
 Lance Bautista (LB)
 Joshua Fakunmoju (JF)

Apology

Erin Uberbacher (EU)

Actions

Mins	Action	By whom	By when
2	To recirculate the Students' Union Budget Proposal via email by comparing each area of expenditure between the proposed budget of 2020/21 and the approved budget of 2019/20	SUA	17.04.20
	To approve the Students' Union Budget Proposal 2020/21 via email	All Board members	22.04.20

1 Chair's welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed every to the meeting. The Chair noted that the meeting was organised to discuss and approve the budget of the Students' Union for the academic year 2020/21. No other matter to be discussed at the meeting.

The Chair also noted attendance of the Officers Elect of the Union 2020/21 at the meeting.

2 Students' Union and Students Union Shop Budget Proposals 2020/21

SUA presented the budget proposals to the Board. They explained that the budget proposals were prepared with the expectation that the building will be reopened in September, the current Covid 19 situation will have no impact on the recruitment and there will be no social distancing in place in the new academic year.

It was noted that the new SU team will be in the office in July. The University normally approves departmental budgets in August. The Union will finalise activities and events for the academic year 2020/21 around that time with a confirmed figure. The budget can be revised and readjusted and any impact of the Covid 19 situation can be considered as a part of the planning process. The plan will be submitted to the Board for approval.

In response a question it was explained that the budget proposals were prepared using a new simple format introduced by the University this year. There was no requirement for submitting a monthly breakdown and justification.

SUA informed that Board that the proposed Students' Union budget was 17 per cent and 35 per cent more than the last year's proposed and approved budget respectively. It was noted

that the difference between the proposed and approved budgets is usually 25-30 per cent.

BD suggested submitting a budget amount similar to the approved budget of 2019/20. JW and TH recommended to increase the budget for 2020-2021 by 10% on what was approved for 2019-2020.

GH explained how the current SU team had to restrict their plans as they did not have the budget to execute the ambitions for the year. FM (President Elect) was in favour of submitting the budget proposals as it is as to be able to deliver all planned activities and events in 2020/21.

A few Board members requested for a like for like comparison of each objective/area of expenditure between the proposed budget of 2020/21 and the approved budget of 2019/20.

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3 Any other business

4 Next meeting

Monday 18th May 2020 at 3:00pm on [Hangouts](#)