

1. **Meeting with the Principal – 11 January 2010 - Issues discussed:**

- Organising local groups (see more information below)
- The Fellowship to have representation on the College's *Outreach and Recruitment Committee*. Meetings on Weds 2 February, Weds 9 March, Weds 4 May, Weds 15 June all at 2pm.
- The involvement of the College, the RSU and the Fellowship in 'Events'. See list overleaf.
- To confirm the RSU President is Tamara Charakhova
- RSU: Students Fund. Advised that there are plenty of hardship funds for students and that the Fellowship Fund should allocate to collective activities/needs or for a more special cause.
- We discussed the information found in the College Library about the Fellowship's history and about whether a history / Photo session might be a popular session at the Reunion weekend.
- We discussed ways in which to ensure the needs of people attending the Reunion were met. Possibility of identifying wheelchair access / wheelchair provision on the booking form.
- Fund raising for Headington and the 'Buy a Chair' initiative. £50 per chair.
- At the meeting on Sunday 23 January, Fellowship Executive members are invited to take new prospectuses for circulation in their 'home' areas.
- Date for the diary: Graduation Day will be 22 October 2011

2. **Regional Groups:** A letter has been circulated to ex-students in the following areas (Regional contact shown in parenthesis): West Midlands (Fellowship Secretary), London and Home Counties (no nominated contact), Derby (Rhys), Northants (Gary McDonagh), Oxford (Stan Young). Meetings organised for: Derby 27 November 2010, Northants 29 January 2011, London 9 February, West Midlands 19 February.

3. **Articles for the College Newsletter:** Three items have been submitted for the Newsletter

**Article 1:** The Fellowship Re-union and AGM – 17/18/19 September 2010

**Article 2:** The Ruskin Fellowship – what work will we be doing in 2010 / 2011?

**Article 3:**

**Ruskin Local Groups: Can you help?**

The College and the Fellowship are planning to develop several local groups. At the moment we are developing groups in Oxford, the East Midlands, the West Midlands and London. If you are an ex-Ruskin student in one of these areas and would like to participate we would like to hear from you.

If you live in any other area and would like to help us establish a Ruskin Local Group where you live would you please contact:

*??? Who should be the contact???*

4. **The Fellowship Archive:** There has been some reasonable progress on developing the archive and finding out about the history of the Fellowship. It can be confirmed that the Fellowship was established at Whitsuntide 1912. This means that 2012 is the formal centenary of the Fellowship and it is proposed that our planning of activities takes this into account. There is a significant amount of work to be done on archiving records and writing up a brief history.

5. **Recruitment since September:** The Membership Secretary has informed me that, since the AGM in September, three new members have joined the Fellowship. The three members are:

- Mr Adrian Lawrence-Shepley, Oxford. Period at the College 2008-2010. Lifetime member.
- Ms Adrienne Roche, London. Period at the College 2008-2010. Lifetime member
- Mr Noel White, Oxford. Period at the College 2008-2010. Honorary Member

Enquiries have been received from Ms Joan Brodie and Mr Roger Robinson.

Since the last Executive meeting a procedure which covers the banking of any money for the Fellowship has been developed. The procedure is as follows:

1. **Bank details:** Co-op Bank  
Account number: 50115356  
Sort Code: 08-90-38
2. **Procedure:** When any money has been banked, please contact Sally Courtney by email ([scourtney@ruskin.ac.uk](mailto:scourtney@ruskin.ac.uk)) and provide the following:
  - The name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) paying in the money
  - The amount that each person has paid

- The *purpose* of the payment (eg ‘subscription for life membership’; ‘subscription for one year’s membership’; ‘donation’).
- Date that the money was banked
- The Branch of the bank where the money was paid.
- Where new members are recruited **paper copies of the application form and the Gift Aid form** should be sent to Sally.

3. A Gift Aid form for the Fellowship has been developed.

6. **The Fellowship Web Site:** Officer’s reports from the AGM are available. The draft minutes need to be included.

7. **The Constitution:** Debbie, Bob and I have had exchanges of emails about the Constitution and the Executive will have been advised of the latest position earlier in the meeting.

8. **Meeting with the Treasurer 11 January 2011:** Sally and I met and discussed several things related to finance. We agreed that the Executive needs to consider the rules in the Student Fund, particularly in terms of the £1000 earnings before any expenditure on students can be entered into. Would the Executive also take note of discussions with the Principal, which took place later the same day and are outlined in bullet point 5 above, when considering this point. We also discussed the issue of the level of membership subscriptions. The point I would make here is that it would be better to increase the *number of new members* we recruit each year rather than increasing the level of subscriptions. To do this we really need to know the average number of new members we have recruited in the last period, eg three or five years and then develop a strategy to increase the recruitment of new members. It is, however, difficult to say exactly the number of new members we have had because the information on what money has been banked for what purposes is not clear, hence the development of the procedure shown at point 5 above. Therefore my **recommendation** on the possibility of increasing subscriptions would be to gather more information before we make a decision.

9. **Equal Opportunities:** We are in the process of identifying members to whom we should send out questionnaires regarding how we can make the Fellowship more accessible. The proposed content is shown below:

As part of the Fellowships Equal Opportunity strategy we are trying to identify if there are any things that are preventing members getting involved in meetings or in participating in the work of the Fellowship in other ways. We would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire and return it to us in the enclosed SAE.

- Do you think that you get enough information about the annual Reunion / AGM? Yes / No /Comments
- Do any of the things listed prevent you from attending: travelling distance; travelling costs; accommodation costs; date of the Reunion/AGM (nb this is usually held in September); work commitments; family commitments; other (please identify)
- Is the way in which the Reunion /AGM organised appropriate in terms of what you would want? ie the organisation usually consists of speakers on the Saturday daytime, a social (usually with live music, food, drink and a quiz or two) on Saturday evening and the AGM on Sunday morning.
- Do you receive the College / Fellowship joint Newsletter? Does it provide you with information that is of interest to you? Have you any proposals for items of information that you would like to see in the Newsletter?
- Do you access the College Web site? Yes /No. Do you read the Fellowship page? Yes / No
- Would you like to see/ would you support Ruskin meetings organised in your region?

10. **List of Events** (see point 1, bullet point 3 over leaf).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Million Women Rise – London
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Oxford International Women’s Festival main event
26 <sup>th</sup> March	TUC Demo March
April	Breaking the Waves in Cardiff
May	Levellers Day
June	Headington Festival – Oxford
June	Oxford Pride – Oxford
June	Barton Bash – Oxford
June	Jericho Street Fair – Oxford
July	Marxism Festival
July	Robert Tressell Festival
July 2-3	Cowley Rd Carnival –Oxford
July 9	Durham Miners Gala – Durham
July 15-17	Tolpuddle
August	Elder Stubbs
October	Feminism London
November	Reclaim the Night – London