

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
 of the first ordinary meeting of
 the
Council
 of the
 Imperial College Union
 in the 2006-2007 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Concert Hall of the Union Building on the 9th October 2006 at 7pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Danny McGuinness
President	John Collins
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Eric Lai
Deputy President (Education & Welfare)	Ben Harris
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Jon Matthews
Deputy President (Graduate Students)	Shama Rahman (Left 9pm, proxy DPFS)
C&G CU President	James Fok
ICSMSU President	Shiv Chopra
ACC Chair	Luke Taylor
A&E Chair	Margaret Holme
Media Group Chair	James Yearsley
RSM President	Sebastian Turner (arrived 7.50pm)
SCC Chair	James Millen
WCUS President	Jay Khaneka
CAG Chair	Radha Gadhok (left 8.07pm, proxy C&GCU President)
RAG Chair	Stephen Brown
C&GU Welfare Officer	Emma Persky
C&G CU Academic Affairs Officer	Alexandra Martinsson Dorff
ICSMSU Education Rep (123)	Eleanor Barry
RCSU Academic Affairs officer (Taught)	Matthew Hartfield
RCSU Research Representative	Daniel Sauder
Permanent Secretary	Peter Haldane
Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: ICSMSU Welfare Officer – Tamara Keith (Proxy ICSMSU President), RCC Chair – Mark Flower (Proxy SCC Chair), Silwood Park Chair – Michael Garratt, ICSMSU Education Rep (456) – Zacharia Silk

Not present: RCSU President – Jad Marrouche

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The Chair stated his expectations of the Council.
 - i. Speak through the Chair.

- ii. Papers must be submitted 1 week in advance of the meetings. Submissions after this will be treated as Any Other Business.
- iii. Speak in to the microphone and clearly state names and position.
- iv. Don't speak over others.
- v. Don't make claims that can't be substantiated.
- vi. Be prompt to meetings.
- vii. If unable to make the meeting, send apologies and proxies in a timely fashion to the chairman.
- viii. Drinking will not be permitted in meetings.

2. MINUTES – 12th June 2006

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the minutes as true and correct.**

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) In regards to item 13, Union Colours, the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) pointed out that votes recorded indicated that Council was not quorum and questioned why a resolution to accept the paper recommending Colours was made.
 - i. The President reminded Council of the standing orders and stated that no one at the meeting had called quorum.
 - ii. The Chair stated that once he re-entered the meeting he noticed that the meeting was not quorum, he called quorum and thus the meeting ceased.

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The President expressed his disappointment in the turnout for officer training.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

5. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

NOTED:

- a) In regards to Freshers Fair:
 - i. The Deputy President (Graduate Students) clarified that the GSA stall was manned from 12.30.
 - ii. The ICSMSU President stated that he had received complaints from his Faculty in regards to one of the attending external companies who sell past exams.

ACTION:

- 1. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to investigate how attending external companies can be monitored for future fairs.**

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare)

NOTED:

- a) It was not known at the time of planning that the dates of Officer Training fell on an important Jewish Holiday but the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that he will be more mindful in the future when planning events.
- b) In the opinion of the Deputy President (Education & Welfare), the case of homophobia that occurred over the summer vacation has highlighted the need for an Equalities Officer.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (GRADUATE STUDENTS) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Graduate Students)

NOTED:

- a) The appendix pertaining to the NPC conference has been deferred until the next meeting of Council.
- b) It can not be confirmed how many Postgraduate students attended the Freshers week Showtime event, however the Deputy President (Graduate Students) stated that she recognised many attendees as Postgraduates.
- c) Council were asked to promote and encourage union members to stand in the current elections.
- d) ICFS received money from an external source thus enabling the club to donate funding to the GSA event.
- e) There was concern that the IC Entrepreneurs were being advertised though the GSA when they are a non-affiliated club.
- f) It was questioned why there was a number of brochures on the GSA stall promoting a club that were not written in English, thus breaking poster policy.
 - i. The Deputy President (Graduate Students) stated that the brochures were left by mistake by a helper on the stall.
- g) The next exclusive Postgraduate event will be taking place on the 9th November.

RESOLVED:

1) To accept the report.

9. FELIX REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was received by the Felix Editor

NOTED:

- a) The Handbook has been well received by Freshers and the Felix team was thanked by the President.
- b) It was questioned as to what the state of the Felix office is now after it has been deemed an Health and Safety risk.
 - i. The Felix Editor stated that the office is not conducive to a safe work environment and College have been contacted many times requesting for this to be rectified.

ACTION:

1. The Deputy President (Clubs and Societies) to contact Ian Gillet to inform if the Health and Safety risk that the Felix team is operating under.

- c) The ICSMSU President queried why external campuses only received a small amount of Felix each week.
 - ii. The Felix Editor stated that he had taken a large amount of issues to the postroom for delivery to outlying campuses and was unsure why they were not all being delivered.

ACTION:

2. The Felix Editor to investigate with the Postroom why all editions of Felix are not getting to outlying Campuses.

RESOLVED:

1) To accept the report.

The agenda was reordered to consider agenda item 11 as the next item of business.

11. DISCIPLINARY POLICY

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) The last Executive Committee passed the policy but was not taken to Union or College Council thus deeming the policy lapsed.
- b) Once Council approves this paper, the President will take it to the Chair of College Council for Chair's actions.
- c) A change has been made to the summary punishment to bring it in line with College.

Council moved to a vote and the paper was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

1) To approve the policy.

10. GOVERNANCE REVIEW REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The President tabled as survey and asked for it to be handed back to him with comments after the presentation so as to gage feedback from Council in an efficient manner.
- b) The President stated that this presentation is only a starting point for discussion and that decisions will be made at the next 2 consecutives meetings of Council.
- c) The Chair clarified that if Council accepts the report at this meeting, the changes that will be implemented are not to do with Constitutional changes.
- d) The Media Chair asked that point 6 of the presentation be removed as he was of the opinion that media complaints were dealt with efficiently.
 - i. The President agreed and will remove this from the presentation.
- e) Those removed from the present Council make up will still have the opportunity to be involved in Council as they can be elected as ordinary members.
- f) It is anticipated that the Lay Members of Court would be those with vast previous involvement and experience of Imperial College Union.
- g) It was questioned as to how the newly elected Ordinary Members of Council that will come in to position after being elected in after the 31st October, will be informed of the Governance review.
 - i. The President stated that he will take measures to ensure that these members will be suitably informed.
- h) It was questioned how the University of Kent students will be involved in the new structure.
- i) There was concern that by adding another layer in to Union Committees, important issues will not get elevated to College Council.
 - i. The President opined that Senate is a more productive College Committee.
- j) It was questioned that by imposing a quota for women on Council, that can be construed as positive discrimination.
 - i. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that in his opinion, by imposing a proportional women's quota, this will encourage a 'culture change'.
- k) Members of the proposed Court can not be members of Council.

Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it was unanimously accepted apart from 1 abstention from the CAG Chair.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

12. SUSTAINABLE BEIT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President.

NOTED:

- a) The Chair reminded the President that as this paper was a late submission, this will be a discussion paper only.
- b) It is unsure how much the consultation will cost.
- c) College may start charging Imperial College Union for energy in the near future.

A count for quorum was called from the floor. A count was made; Council was declared to be quorum.

- d) This will not impact on Phase II going ahead as planned, but may impact on cost and completion dates.
- e) The ICSMSU President stated that in his opinion a proper feasibility study needs to be implemented.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 UNION ELECTIONS

NOTED:

- a) It was suggested that Union Elections have been poorly advertised.
 - i. The President stated that the all student email that was sent out did not reach all students due to College having not populated the database with all students. He also stated that there had been advertising in Felix, posters and flyering in the walkway.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 23rd October 2006

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of the Executive Committee

on _____ 2006

_____ Chair of the Meeting