



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

The meeting of the Council was held in seminar room 1 of the Reynolds Building on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of 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
ICSMSU President	Shiv Chopra
ACC Chair	Luke Taylor
A&E Chair	Margaret Holme
Media Group Chair	James Yearsley
RCC Chair	Mark Flower
CAG Chair	Radha Gadhok
RAG Chair	Stephen Brown
ICSMSU Education Rep (456)	Zacharia Silk
RCSU Academic Affairs officer (Taught)	Matthew Hartfield
RCSU Research Representative	Daniel Sauder
Permanent Secretary	Peter Haldane
Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

**Observers:** Alex Guite, Kirsty Patterson, Camilla Royle, Andy Sykes, Hamish Common, Ashley Brown

**Apologies:** Deputy President (Graduate Students) Shama Rahman, C&G CU President James Fok (Proxy Ashley Brown), RCSU President – Jad Marrouche, SCC Chair James Millen (Proxy RCC Chair), RSM President Sebastian Turner, WCUS President Jay Khaneka, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Tamara Keith (Proxy ICSMSU President), Silwood Park Chair Michael Garratt, C&G CU Academic Affairs Officer Alexandra Martinsson Dorff, ICSMSU Education Rep (123) Eleanor Barry

**Not present:** C&G CU Welfare Officer Emma Persky

## 1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

### NOTED:

- a) Council were asked to complete Register of Interest forms as per the Constitution.
  - i) Any changes in information must be updated through the Administration Coordinator.
- b) The Next meeting of Council is in Mechanical Engineering, room 220.

## 2. MINUTES – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006

### RESOLVED:

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

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

### NOTED:

- a) In regards to item 5.1, external companies at Freshers Fair, the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that he had discussed this matter with the Communications and Sponsorship Coordinator.
  - i. The Communications and Sponsorship Coordinator was unaware of the nature of the business of 123.
  - ii. It is not part of the registration process to ask companies to explicitly specify what nature of the company is.
  - iii. The ICSMSU President stated that there was an understanding with the Communications and Sponsorship Coordinator that Faculty Unions would be informed of any external companies attending.
  - iv. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that he will ask that companies specify what they do in the future.

### ACTION:

- 1. **The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to feed back to the Communications and Sponsorship Coordinator with the suggestion that the form request more explicit information in regards to the nature of the companies business.**

- b) In regards to 9.1, the state of the Felix office, the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) informed that Jamie Davies from Estates had inspected the office and is to action a clean and repair of the office.
  - i. The Felix Editor stated that the office is still in need of improvement,

### ACTION:

**2. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to follow up with Jamie Davies.**

- c) In regards to 9.2, issues of Felix to outlying campuses, The Felix Editor stated that he had doubled the amount given to the post room to be delivered to the outlying campuses.
- i. The ICSMSU President stated that he had observed that one pack had been delivered to Charing Cross campus.
  - ii. The Council Chair stated that he had not seen an issue at St Mary's campus.

**4. PRESIDENT REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Phase I of the building masterplan is going well.
  - i. The lift installation is 6 weeks behind schedule.
  - ii. Furniture will be in Davinci's by Christmas.
  - iii. Temporary lightening has been installed to the areas that have had the power disabled; however, this is not terribly bright.
  - iv. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) has a torch if required. This can be obtained from Union reception.
- b) The RAG chair opined that the change to elected Ordinary Members from Faculty constituencies has highlighted 'rotten boroughs' and felt that more 'good' people need to be encouraged to get involved in Council.
  - i. Mr Guite stated that he acknowledged the Undergraduate/Postgraduate divide but in his opinion is still better than a 'free for all' that was the old system.

**ACTION:**

- 1. The Council chair to investigate why Doctors can currently vote.**

**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) Council was reminded of the College Charter that states 'there is one union and the union shall run clubs'.
- b) The President is meeting with the deputy Principal of Tanaka and will raise the issue of Tanaka creating clubs with her.

**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) The ICSMSU President expressed his dismay in the fact that the Top up Fees campaigning march has not been well advertised nor encouraged by the Sabbatical team.
  - i. The President stated that the last time was high profile as Imperial College was at the forefront of the issue by having the President at the time 'break' the news to the media.
- b) The issue of teaching occurring during non teaching times was raised by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies).
  - i. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) asked all to notify him if they know that this has occurred.
  - ii. This issue will be raised at Senate by the sabbaticals attending.

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the report.**

**7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT**

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

NOTED:

- a) The President thanked the Deputy President (Finance & Services) and Hamish Common for their valuable contribution to the Constitutional changes.

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the report.**

**8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (GRADUATE STUDENTS) REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Dot Griffiths is the Deputy Principal of Tanaka.
- b) The President stated that the Deputy President (Graduate Students) did not make the meeting with the Deputy Rector due to her scheduling error.
  - i. The President assured Council that any issues that the Deputy President (Graduate Students) wanted to raise at this meeting was done so.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report.

**9. FELIX REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was received by the Felix Editor

NOTED:

- a) The ACC Chair questioned when a sports editor will be recruited.
  - i. The Felix editor stated that this role has now been filled and that a sports article should be included in the next issue.
  - ii. The Clubs and Societies editor stated that not every submitted article will be published due to the numbers that are submitted.
- b) The RAG Chair questioned when the next Felix Bar night will be held. The Felix Editor stated that this will occur in the near future and the relevant people will be informed nearer to the time.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report.

**10. GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2006 – PHASE I CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) The President asked that Council check the areas of the constitution that is relevant to their roles.
- b) It was confirmed that management of the minibuses will be divulged to Student Activities Committee.
- c) The President drew attention to the summary of the phase I proposal, point 1.g. standardising of the titles of the Educational Representatives as this was a recent amendment.
- d) The RAG chair sought clarification on point 3.c and questioned how a potential malicious attack on an officer can be stopped.
  - i. The President stated that the President will require the support of Council and Court can overrule Councils decision.
- e) The ACC Chair questioned why the election of Student Activities Committee representatives on to the Executive Committee should be a Council wide vote, where in his opinion, Student Activities Committee has the knowledge of who best to represent them.
  - i. The ACC chair was reminded that all members of Executive Committee are trustees of the Union and are not there with a mandate.

- ii. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) suggested that the election be a College wide ballot.
  - iii. It was suggested that the Student activities committee representatives be nominated by Student activities committee to Council.
- f) The RCC Chair suggested that it be made explicit that the election to the Court is cross campus ballot.
- g) The Chair asked if Council wished to vote on accepting the whole paper or to vote to accept in parts.
- i. Council agreed to vote on accepting the whole paper.

**FOR: 11**  
**AGAINST: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 7**

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the Paper and recommendations.**

- h) The President stated he would like to have the Faculty Union titles official recognised as C & G CU, ICSMSU and RCSU and has been rallying support from the various faculties.
- i. College have rejected the name changes in the past even though those were chosen by referendum within the faculties.
  - ii. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that he felt disaffiliated to the C & G CU and had stronger ties to the Clubs and Societies that he belonged to.
  - iii. It was suggested that students are not aware of the Faculty Unions are not what they do.

*Council moved to a vote to accept the titles of Faculty Unions*

**FOR: 12**  
**AGAINST: 2 (Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) and RCC Chair)**  
**ABSTAIN: 4**

**RESOLVED:**

**2) To accept the titles of Imperial College Faculty Union as City and Guild College Union (C & G CU), Imperial College School of Medicine Student Union (ICSMSU) and Royal College Of Science Union (RCSU)**

**11. NATIONAL POSTGRADUATE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE – JOINING THE NATIONAL POSTGRADUATE COMMITTEE**

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Mr Brown questioned if the President was able to talk to the paper that had been submitted by the Deputy President (Graduate Students).
  - i. The President assured Council that he was.
- b) Executive Committee is in support of this proposal.
- c) The funding will initially come from Executive Committee reserve fund but will be budgeted for in the next year.

*Council moved to a vote and the paper and it was unanimously agreed.*

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **To join the NPC.**
- 2) **To review this decision in two years.**

**12. REFERENCE TO AFFILIATE TO THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

*Council moved to a vote and the paper and it was unanimously agreed.*

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **To ratify the appointment of Jon Matthews as Returning Officer.**

**13. TOP-UP FEES**

*The paper was withdrawn by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare)*

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 Motion to continue to oppose Islamophobic attacks on students

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Camilla Royle

NOTED:

- a) It was questioned if this motion was supported by ISOC.
  - i. Miss Royle stated that it did have the backing of ISOC.
- b) The President suggested that Miss Royle withdraw the paper and meet with himself and ISOC to discuss improvements that can be made to the paper.
  - i. Miss Royal stated that she did not wish to withdraw the paper.
- c) In regards to belief 5, the Deputy President (Finance & Services) argued that this is not relevant to the Imperial College Union.
  - i. Miss Royal agreed to strike belief 5.
- d) The Union Equal Opportunity policy covers resolve 1.
- e) The ACC argued against belief 2 stating that in his opinion this was inaccurate.

- f) The Deputy President (Finance & Services) gave a point of information that the journalist John Smith got in to a country where he has previously denied access by disguising himself in a burka.
- g) The ICSMSU President suggested again that Miss Royle withdraw the paper rather than Council hack the paper apart.
  - i. Miss Royal agreed to withdraw the paper at this point.

**Meeting closed 9.05pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13th November 2006**

Approved as a correct record at a  
meeting of Council

on \_\_\_\_\_ 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Meeting