



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

The meeting of the Council was held in Union Dining Hall at 6.40pm on the 19th February
2007

Present:

Council Chair	Daniel 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
C & G CU President	James Fok
ICSMSU President	Shiv-Karan Chopra,
A&E Chair	Margaret Holme (Left 7.40pm)
Media Group Chair	James Yearsley
OSC Chair	Sabena Mughal
RCC Chair	Mark Flower
RAG Chair	Stephen Brown
SCC Chair	James Millen
RCSU Welfare Officer	Jennifer Morgan
C&GU Research Representative	Eirini Spentza
RCSU Academic Affairs Rep (Taught)	Matthew Hartfield
RCSU Research Representative	Daniel Sauder
C&GCU Representatives (Undergraduate)	Steven King
	Yanyan Huang
C&GCU Representatives (Postgraduate)	Ashley Brown
	Viktor Vojnovski
RSCU Representatives (Undergraduate)	Arik Funke
	Adi Misra-Godwin
RCSU Representative (Postgraduate)	Alex Guite
ICSMSU Rep (Undergraduate)	Anojan Arulanathan
	Zain Sikafi
Non Faculty Rep	Andrew Sykes
Permanent observers	
Permanent Secretary	Peter Haldane
Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Simon Nance, Andrew Mason, Shiheng Jing

Apologies: ACC Chair Luke Taylor, RSM President Sebastian Turner (Proxy Chris Larvin), Welfare Campaigns Office Kirsty Patterson (Proxy Alistair Cott), C&GCU Representatives (Undergraduate) Edo Abraham (Proxy Ben Harris), ICSMSU Rep (Undergraduate) Jitin Verma, ICSMSU Education Rep 123 Eleanor Barry, ICSMSU Education Rep 456 Zacharia Silk

Not present: RCSU President Jad Marrouche, C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Alexandra Martinsson Dorff, Silwood Park Chair Michael Garrett, WCUS President Jay Khaneka, CAG Chair Radha Gadhok, RSCU Representatives (Undergraduate) Zhibing Hu C&GU Welfare Officer Emma Persky C&GCU Representatives (Undergraduate) Nicholas Simpson Equal Opportunities Officer Thomas Brodrick

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The Chair stated that some senior officer's conduct has been appalling of recent and they have shown complete disrespect and discard towards the Unions sovereign body, 'Council'.
- b) It was pointed that some of the Sabbaticals reports had not been submitted 2 College days before Council.

2. BY ELECTIONS (COUNCIL AND COURT)

NOTED:

- a) Elections were held for the Faculty of Natural Science Undergraduate Councillor and Faculty of Natural Science Court member.
- b) Shiheng Jing and Simon Nance stood for the position of Faculty of Natural Science Undergraduate Councillor and Neil Monteiro stood for the Faculty of Natural Science Court member.
 - i. Council were reminded that RON is also an option.
 - ii. Hustings took place.
 - iii. Votes were counted by STV.
- c) Results are as follows:

Faculty of Natural Science Court member	
Neil Monteiro	28
RON	0

Faculty of Natural Science Undergraduate Councillor	
Simon Nance	6
Shiheng Jing	4
RON	2

- d) There we no objections to appointing Jon Matthews to the position of ULU delegate.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To appoint Neil Monteiro as the Faculty of Natural Science Court member.**
- 2) **To appoint Simon Nance as Faculty of Natural Science Undergraduate Councillor.**
- 3) **To appoint Jon Matthews to the position of ULU delegate.**

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 22ND JANUARY 2007

RESOLVED:

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) In regards to item 8.1, the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) circulated the SEC presentation to the Representation and Welfare Board for comment.
- b) In regards to item 14.1, list of clubs under the direction of the Sports Partnership, this was debated at the following Clubs and Societies Board and the document was updated accordingly.

5. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President.

NOTED:

- a) The President has been elected to the GLA student 'Think Tank' committee.
- b) Executive Committee have resolved to allocate funds to seek legal opinion in regards to ascertaining the legal identity of the Union.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) was challenged on the late submission of his report.
 - i. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that he had been dealing with unforeseen club issues when he had planned to write the report.
- b) It was pointed that the heading of the paper read 'Deputy President (Clubs & Sports).
 - i. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that he will amend this for next time.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) Council were encouraged to complete the All Student Online Survey.
- b) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) was questioned on the extreme lateness of his report.
 - i. The report was submitted late due to the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) being at ULU all day Friday when he had planned to write the report then and Monday being particularly manic.
 - i. Ashley Brown questioned if the meeting on Friday was planned which the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated it was. Mr Brown rebuked him for lack of prior planning.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (GRADUATE STUDENTS) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) It was questioned why the report was submitted late.
 - i. The Deputy President (Graduate Students) stated that she had been attending many meetings and had been organising an event.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

10. FELIX REPORT

RECEIVED: A verbal report was given by the Felix editor.

NOTED:

- a) The Felix server is currently broken.
- b) The Felix editor is currently being 'wrecked up' on Live.
- c) The money won at the Guardian Student Media Awards is still to be returned to Mr Neate.
- d) The ICSMSU President stated that Felix was still not being delivered to Charing Cross.
 - i. The Felix editor stated that he has spoken to the post room and is extremely frustrated and at a loss to take this further.
- e) Council moved to a vote on accepting the verbal report.

FOR	13
AGAINST	15
ABSTAIN	0

Falls

RESOLVED:

- 1) To reject the verbal report.

11. UNION COURT OPINION ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NOTED:

- a) The report is for Council's information.

12. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE (FIRST READING) - UNION COURT MEMBERSHIP

RECEIVED: The motion was presented by the RCC Chair.

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to a vote and the motion was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To change 4.1 (to be effective from 1st August 2007) to the following:

“Three full members of the union, elected by council”.

4. The Court shall consist of members appointed in the following manner:

1. **Three Full Members of the Union, elected by council.**
2. **Three Full Members of the Union nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council,**
3. **Three Life Members of the Union nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council,**
4. **One member of the academic, academic-related or senior administrative staff of Imperial College, of a rank equivalent to that of Senior Lecturer or above, nominated by the Council and approved by the Rector.**

13. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE (SECOND READING) - TIDY UP

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Discipline is now dealt with through Court and Council
- b) College have agreed to accept the usage of Faculty Unions' names.
- c) Council moved to a vote and it was agreed unanimously to accept the paper.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To remove references to disciplinary matters from the following section of the constitution:**

Paragraph 10

4. *The Executive Committee shall:*
 - a. *Advance the aims and objects of the Union,*
 - b. *Implement Union policy,*
 - c. *Set operational policy in line with Union policy,*
 - d. *Oversee the day-to-day running of the Union and the co-ordination of its activities,*
 - e. *Establish policy on staffing issues and oversee staffing matters,*
 - f. *Establish policy on health and safety issues and oversee health and safety matters,*
 - g. ~~*Deal with disciplinary matters in accordance with policy,*~~
 - h. *Establish principles for the fair allocation of the resources available to the Union,*
 - i. *Monitor financial performance against budget,*
 - j. *Receive the audited annual accounts of the Union and report their findings to the Council,*
 - k. *Monitor the performance of the trading outlets, services and retail facilities of the Union, and*
 - l. *Act as trustees of the Union.*

- 2) **References to Faculty Unions in Regulation One and Regulation Three should be changes accordingly:**

From *“Imperial College Faculty of Engineering Students’ Union”* to *“City and Guilds College Union”*.

From *“Imperial College Faculty of Medicine Students’ Union”* to *“Imperial College School of Medicine Students’ Union”*.

From *“Imperial College Faculty of Natural Sciences Students’ Union”* to *“Royal College of Science Union”*.

The following section of Regulation Three to be amended accordingly:

The Faculty Unions shall consider welfare and academic affairs issues relating to students at those respective faculties and shall provide for the co-ordination of student activities within their Faculty.

The Faculty Unions are the governing committees of their clubs and societies, and their decisions are binding upon clubs and societies administered by them.

The Faculty Unions are:

- a. The ~~Imperial College Faculty of Engineering Students' Union City and Guilds College Union~~, for the Faculty of Engineering.
- b. The Imperial College ~~Faculty School~~ of Medicine Students' Union, for the Faculty of Medicine.
- c. The ~~Imperial College Faculty of Natural Sciences Students' Union Royal College of Science Union~~, for the Faculty of Natural

14. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE (SECOND READING) - CAMPAIGNS OFFICERS

NOTED:

- a) The membership has been amended to remove Faculty Union Presidents.
 - i. This was suggested and agreed at the last Representation and Welfare Board.
 - ii. The reasoning behind this decision is due to that Faculty Union Presidents have not attended a single Representation and Welfare Board meeting since its inception.
 - iii. The ICSMSU President expressed his dissatisfaction that the Presidents had not been consulted before this decision and feel that they should have been.
 - iv. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that the Faculty Union Presidents were able to attend as observers and it was unclear why they were on the committee in the first instance.
 - v. Welfare and academic representatives from all faculties are members of the committee.
 - vi. It was suggested that the Faculty Union Presidents are included as permanent observers to the committee.
- b) The President changed 'Membership, point 26' to read:

26. The Representation and Welfare Board shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) and have a quorum of half all non co-opted members.

- i. There were no objections to this change.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To change 'Membership, point 26' to read:

26. The Representation and Welfare Board shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) and have a quorum of half all non co-opted members.

- 2) To add Faculty Union Presidents as Permanent observers to the 'Membership' thus to read:

27. The Faculty Union Presidents shall be permanent observers.

- 3) To accept the paper and amend the Constitution as follows:

Representation and Welfare Board

Powers and responsibilities

20. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall co-ordinate, manage and act as a forum for issues relating to student welfare, academic affairs, accommodation, representation, campaigns, diversity and equality.*
21. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall allocate funding for the better provision of such services and campaigns as it deems fit, subject to Union or operational policy, in particular the Union's policy on the fair allocation of resources.*
22. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall determine policy within its operation, subject to Union policy and operational policy. It may only approve any policy stating the views of the Full Membership or committing the Union to a political position with the approval of the Council.*

23. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall have the power to create and assign campaigns portfolios to any officer or co-opted member of the committee. The job descriptions pertaining to these portfolios shall be defined in policy.*
24. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall report its business for approval by the Executive Committee and the Council.*

Membership

25. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall consist of:*
 1. *The Sabbatical Officers,*
 2. *Equal Opportunities Officer,*
 3. *Welfare Campaigns Officer,*
 4. *A representative appointed by the Overseas Societies Committee,*
 5. *The Faculty Welfare Officers,*
 6. *The Faculty Academic Affairs Officers (Taught Students),*
 7. *The Faculty Academic Affairs Officers (Research Students),*
 8. *A representative appointed by the Halls Committee.*
 9. *Such additional members as the committee may co-opt.*
 10. *The faculty Union Presidents shall be permanent observers.*
26. *The Representation and Welfare Board shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare), and have a quorum of half all non co-opted members.*

15. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE (SECOND READING) – NUS AND ULU DELEGATES

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the RAG Chair

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to a vote on accepting the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To insert the following paragraph into Regulation 1 (Officers of the Union Regulations)**

F. Job Descriptions for delegates:

Delegates elected to represent the Union to the National Union of Students (NUS) and the University of London Union (ULU) shall:

- i. *Attend all Union relevant meetings and represent the views of the Union to the NUS National Conference and the ULU Council.*
- ii. *Work with all other Union delegates to support motions that the Union Council believes further the aims, objects and policies of the Union.*
- iii. *Work with all other Union delegates to prevent motions that the Union Council believes work against the aims, objects and policies of the Union from being passed.*
- iv. *Be forbidden from joining any NUS or ULU political or religious faction.*
- v. *Where clarification is required on matters concerning 32.i to 32.iv, the delegate shall seek instruction from the Union President.*

Any NUS National Conference delegate who fails to attend the NUS National Conference without giving ten College day's notice and a reason to the satisfaction of the President or, in the view of the Council expressed through a disciplinary motion, fails to fulfil the tasks outlined in 32 shall be forbidden from running for NUS Conference positions again.

Any ULU Council delegate who fails to attend two ULU Council Meetings without giving five College day's notice and a reason to the satisfaction of the President shall be deemed to have automatically resigned from their position and will be forbidden from running for ULU Council positions again.

- 2) **Insert the following paragraph into Regulation 2 (Elections and Referenda Regulations)**

33. *The Union's delegates for the National Union of Students' National Conference shall be the President and other delegates elected by and from the Full Membership by College-wide secret ballot during the Spring Term on dates approved by the Union Council. Should a delegate resign ten or more College days in advance of the NUS National Conference or any ULU Council meeting then the President shall appoint a replacement and report his or her*

decision to the following Union Council Meeting. The Union Council may appoint an observer to attend the NUS National Conference and report on its outcomes and the conduct of Union delegates to the first Union Council meeting of the Summer Term.

16. NUS CONFERENCE AMENDMENTS - HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Camilla Royle

NOTED:

- a) Point of order was called from the floor in that the paper was without seconders which are required under Regulation 4, 64 of the Union Constitution.
 - i. After debate, the Deputy President (Finance & Services) stated that he would second the paper and Council deemed this acceptable.
- b) The Chair reminded Council to speak sensibly throughout the debate.
- c) It was questioned what the origin of the motion was.
 - i. Camilla Royle stated that it has been acquired through the 'Student Respect' website.
- d) It was questioned if the wording can be changed to make it more relevant to Imperial College Union members.
 - i. Camilla Royle was extremely hesitant to accept any amendments and stated that the purpose is to give gravity to the motion by many Universities submitting the same motion.
- e) It was questioned why Imperial College Union should send in the same motion to NUS Conference.
 - i. The President outlined the process of submitting motions to NUS Conference and explained that similar motions are compiled together in a process referred to as 'compositing'.
- f) It was reminded that this motion is not binding on ICU policy; it is a motion to the NUS.
- g) It was argued that the motion does not represent Imperial College Union Members.
- h) Council moved to a vote on accepting the paper and rejected unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To reject the paper.**

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 NUS CONFERENCE AMENDMENTS - INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL STUDENTS

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) The law has changed in that International students will not be able to practice in the UK after their foundation years have been completed.
- b) The ICSMSU President stated that students who came to Imperial College 6 years ago under the assumption that they were able to practice medicine in the UK after graduation.
- c) Council moved to a vote to accept the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To work with relevant organisations in lobbying the Government to allow all current medical students from non-EEA countries to complete their training in the UK.**

17.2 NUS CONFERENCE AMENDMENTS - ACCESS TO RIVERS

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the RCC Chair.

NOTED:

- a) The appendix was passed in part by last years Council but this has now been updated to reflect the updated information.
- b) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) expressed concern that the motion is 'piggybacking' another paper that is going against BUSA beliefs.
 - i. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) explained that the paper tries to get an NEC member to look after activities including sports and NUS believes that sports representations should be handled by the NUS, which is in conflict with BUSA.
 - ii. This was discussed at great length at BUSA divisional and national meetings and questioned if the Union should be piggybacking the paper which we may not agree to in principle.
 - iii. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that the motion may not 'piggyback' the paper after compositing occurs.
- c) Council moved to a vote and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) The activities officer will co-ordinate national campaigns on relevant issues including, but not limited to, campaigning for unrestricted access to Britain's inland waterways.**

17.3 GREEK PROTEST - PAPER WITHDRAWN

Meeting closed 7.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th February 2006

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Council

on _____ 2006/07

_____ Chair of the Meeting