

## **Update to the Clubs and Societies Policy and New Clubs Policy**

*A Note by Eugene Chang, RCC Chair*

### **CSB Notes:**

1. There are several free-membership clubs in Imperial where members are simply those who belong to a mailing list (e.g. Linux Users Group).

C&S Policy, 76 vi) currently states

**Membership forms** – a form for each member of the club. This is not required for members who join online;

An email exchange took place between the RCC Chair and the LUG treasurer who asserted that he did not need to 'join' the club through the official manner as he had already signed up online so to speak. The matter was resolved but the ambiguity in wording still remains.

2. As discussed at the last CSB meeting, individual full Union members should have the right to appeal the decision of the New Clubs Committee to allocate clubs to particular clubs and societies committees, not just the creation or non-creation of the club.
3. Current C&S Policy does not allow CSC/FUs to make clubs dormant for not attending meetings.

### **CSB Believes**

1. The current C&S Policy should be reworded to clear up the ambiguity in 76 vi)
2. The current C&S Policy and New Clubs Policy should include a clause for points 2 and 3.

### **CSB Resolves**

1. To amend 76 vi) to read:

**Membership forms** – a form for each member of the club. This is not required for members who join the club online through the Imperial College Union website;

2. To amend item 39 of the Clubs and Societies Policy to read:

Any Full Member of the Union (regardless of whether he or she is connected with the new club or society) may appeal the decision of the New Clubs and Societies Committee to approve or disapprove the new club or society and its decision to allocate a club or society to a particular CSC/FU to the Clubs and Societies Board. Its decision on approving the new club or society shall be final.

3. To amend item 5.4 of the New Clubs Policy to read:

Any Full Member of the Union may appeal the decision of the committee to create or reject a proposed club or society, and its decision to allocate a club or society to a particular CSC/FU to the Clubs and Societies Board, whose decision is final.

4. To amend item 53 of the Clubs and Societies Policy to read:

A club or society may be classed as dormant if it has not elected its minimum committee (see section 58), if it has under twenty members or if it has not attended the prerequisite number of CSC/FU meetings outlined in the CSC/FU standing orders. The CSC or Faculty Union is responsible for categorising the club or society as dormant, and exceptions may be made with good reason