

**Imperial College Union**  
**USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Proposed by the President.  
Seconded by the Deputy President (Finance and  
Services)

**The Executive Committee Notes**

1. Several requests have been made this year to fund personal electronic communication devices from Union funds for officers.

**The Executive Committee Believes**

1. That the majority of Union officers could construct an argument as to why they should receive a subsidy for their mobile phone due to the fact that use of these devices is now so widespread.
2. That all Union officers should be treated consistently. It is not fair to allow some officers to claim against their electronic communication devices bills without affording all officers the same privilege.
3. Allowing all student officers to claim back part of their electronic communication devices bill on account of the fact that they have used it for Union business would be unaffordable.
4. Union officers currently have access to landlines free of charge in Union offices and that the overwhelming majority of Union business is of a non-urgent nature and can be conducted at a time of their choosing.

**The Executive Committee Resolves**

1. To prohibit the distribution of Union funds to student officers to pay for their mobile phones. In the case of an emergency where significant use of a mobile phone is necessary (for example running a large event) then permission for a refund must first be obtained in advance from the Deputy President (Finance and Services).
2. To mandate all CSC's and Faculty Unions who have allocated money for this purpose for the coming year to re-allocate it according to their own priorities.
3. To communicate this policy to the relevant officers with financial responsibility for CSC's or Faculty Unions.