

Imperial College Union
More Constitutional Tidy Ups
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Imperial College Union Notes:

1. There are lots of inconsistencies between the way that different constituent parts of the Union are required to amend their constitutions and standing orders.

Imperial College Union Believes:

1. The inconsistencies can cause confusion.
2. We should try to be consistent.

Imperial College Union Resolves:

1. To amend the Constitution so that it is consistent for all constituent parts of the Union as laid out in Appendix I below.

Appendix I: Changes to the ICU Constitution and Regulations

Constitution

Regulation Five – Composition of Union Committees

D. The Faculty Unions

34. 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.
35. The Faculty Unions are the governing committees of their clubs and societies, and their decisions are binding upon clubs and societies administered by them.
36. The Faculty Unions are:
 1. The City and Guilds College Union, for the Faculty of Engineering,
 2. The Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union, for the Faculty of Medicine.
 3. The Royal College of Science Union, for the Faculty of Natural Sciences.
37. Faculty Unions have constitutions that shall govern their activities, subject to any Union rule.
38. Faculty Union constitutions shall be amended as set out in paragraph 13.2 of the Constitution.
39. The President of the Faculty Union shall make preliminary interpretations of their constitution, which shall be reported to and reviewed by the Faculty Union Executive Committee. Where an interpretation involves a Union rule, the matter shall be referred to the Union President or Court.

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F. The Clubs and Societies Committees

Standing Orders

44. Clubs and Societies Committees shall adopt standing orders which shall govern their activities, subject to any Union rule.
45. Amendments to their standing orders require the approval of the Executive Committee, which shall either accept the amendments or refer them to the Council for consideration.
46. The Chair of the Clubs and Societies Committee shall make preliminary interpretations of their standing orders, which shall be reported to and reviewed by the committee. Where an interpretation involves a Union rule, the matter shall be referred to the Union President or Court.

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I. The Graduate Students Association

General

74. The Graduate Students' Association ("GSA") shall co-ordinate and oversee all welfare and academic affairs issues relating to students registered on postgraduate courses, act as an advocate on their behalf throughout Imperial College Union and shall provide for the co-ordination of student activities targeted towards graduate students.
75. There shall be the following officers of the GSA who shall be elected by cross campus secret ballot:
 1. Chair,
 2. Treasurer,
 3. Secretary, and
 4. Activities Co-ordinator.

Standing Orders

76. The GSA shall have standing orders which shall detail the following:
 1. The aims and objects of the Association,
 2. The officers of the Association and their job-descriptions,
 3. The composition of the Association and its sub-committees,
 4. Procedure for ordinary and emergency meetings,
 5. Procedure for the election, mandating, censure and dismissal of its officers, and
 6. Any other matters within the competence of the Association.
77. Amendments to its standing orders require the approval of the Executive Committee, which shall either accept the amendments or refer them to the Council for consideration.
78. The Graduate Students' Association Chair shall make preliminary interpretations of the standing orders of GSA sub-committees, which shall be reported to and reviewed by the GSA Executive Committee. Where an interpretation involves a Union rule, the matter shall be referred to the Union President or Court.

Deleted: Its standing orders shall be approved by the Executive Committee. A decision to approve or reject a standing order amendment may be overturned by the Council