

International Officer - Constitutional Changes
Proposed by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)
Seconded by the Representation and Welfare

As discussed at last Council, there are a few changes we would like to make with regards to the representation of Postgraduate and International Students. This requires amendments to the constitution as detailed in the attached paper.

International Officer

Imperial College Union Notes

1. Imperial has a growing number of International Students, almost reaching half of our student population.
2. At present there is no representation of International Students in any Committee within the Union.
3. Imperial provides a service for International Students through the International Office, it does not represent them to College.

Imperial College Union Believes

1. International Students need representation on issues that affect them in particular including payment of fees, personal safety, visa schemes and English Language Support programmes.
2. The most effective way to do this is through the creation of a new International Officer.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To create an International Officer who shall:
 - a. Be responsible for those issues which specifically relate to International Students and organise relevant educational and training events and briefings, and report accordingly,
 - b. Facilitate an International Students Forum,
 - c. Support International Student involvement in Union and College activities,
 - d. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) for the research and implementation of campaigns relating to International Students,
 - e. Sit on appropriate Union Committees,
 - f. Represent the Union's views on the relevant College Committees,
 - g. Carry out such duties as may, from time to time, be laid down by the Council or the Executive Committee.
2. To amend Union Committee membership to include the International Officer on
 - a. Council
 - b. Representation and Welfare Board

Decisions Required

1. To approve the amended constitution in relation to the creation of an International Officer