

## **Postgraduate Student Representation- Constitutional Changes**

*Proposed by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)*

*Seconded by the Representation and Welfare*

### **Imperial College Union Notes:**

1. All Postgraduate Students belong to one of either of the Graduate Schools (GSLSM or GSEPS). Issues relating to their courses are discussed at both of these Committees, which both have student representatives.
2. Undergraduates belong to one of three faculties.
3. At present, Postgraduates are represented through their Faculty in the form of a Research Representative (taught masters students via a taught education/ academic affairs officer or masters rep or not at all).
4. All Postgraduate Students are also currently members of the Union's Graduate Student Association which is designed to facilitate social events and representation for Postgraduate students.

### **Imperial College Union Believes:**

1. The current postgraduate representation system is flawed because Postgraduates are ultimately represented by an Undergraduate student on issues such as research funding and supervision.
2. The GSA's representation role is currently inadequate that it does not fill the representation role effectively because there is inadequate instruction for the Research Representatives to report to the GSA Chair.
3. All Postgraduate Student Representation should be under the GSA, from department level upwards.

### **Imperial College Union resolves:**

1. To create the following five Postgraduate Representatives:
  - a. Engineering Postgraduate Representative
  - b. Physical Sciences Postgraduate Representative
  - c. Business School Postgraduate Representative
  - d. Medical School Postgraduate Representative
  - e. Life Sciences Postgraduate Representative
2. To task the Postgraduate Representatives to:
  - a. Be responsible for representing Postgraduate students' views to the Union, College and other groups as necessary,
  - b. Assist the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) and Graduate School Association's Chair in the co-ordination of academic and welfare representation of Postgraduate taught or research students in their Graduate School Department,
  - c. Sit on appropriate Union Committees,
  - d. Represent the Union's views on the relevant College Committees,
  - e. Carry out such duties as may, from time to time, be laid down by the Council or the Executive Committee.
3. To amend the Union Committee membership to include the Postgraduate Representatives on:
  - a. Council
  - b. Representation and Welfare Board
4. To change the role of the Faculty Academic Affairs Officers (Taught Students) to Faculty Academic Affairs Officers (Undergraduate Students)
5. To change the Ordinary Council membership from:
  - a. CGCU (Postgraduate)
  - b. RCSU (Postgraduate)
  - c. ICSMSU (Postgraduate)To:
  - d. GSEPS x 2
  - e. GSLSM x1

### **Decisions Required**

1. To approve the amended constitution in relation to the changes to Postgraduate Representation