

Proposal to split the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) into Two Sabbatical Officers; Deputy President (Education and Development) and Deputy President (Welfare)

Supplementary note for Imperial College Union Trustee Board by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare)

At the Union Council held on the 15th of December 2008 a paper was submitted with a proposal to split the role of Deputy President (Education and Welfare) into two sabbatical officers with the titles Deputy President (Education) and Deputy President (Welfare). As a constitutional change, this required a two thirds majority to pass. The final vote was 20 in favour and 12 against which meant the proposal fell.

There were issues that needed further discussion, but the meeting had to end due some Councillors having to leave. The main issues that came up were:

- Funding for the role. We need more clarification about the College's obligation/ support to fund the sabbatical officer's salaries.
- Concerns about not reviewing the other sabbatical officers' roles and workloads.
- Questions about delegation of the workload to part time student officers/ staff.

While some of the issues have been addressed in a revised paper to council, the issue of funding is one we would like the Trustees advice and clarification on.