

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION TRUSTEE BOARD
Council Chair's Report – A note by Afonso Campos

GENERAL

Apologies for paper tardiness, but exam season has been taking a slight toll on available time.

I have decided to hold a Working Group on Council Membership. Due to exam season and time constraints of members, this has not been able to happen yet. I envisage the meeting shall take place next week.

In the meeting we will discuss the make-up of Council Membership and the issue of quorum.

FIFTH Council – January 19th 2009

Not much to highlight in terms of reports, with perhaps the exception of the note by the Felix Editor who has been working hard to get old issues of the newspaper digitally archived. At this meeting both the Central Union Election and Medical School Election timetables were approved without issue.

Due to my perceived impartiality for the **Deputy President (Education & Welfare) Role Split** I decided to quit the chair for the duration of this paper. I asked the Felix Editor to take place which he gracefully agreed to do. Issues were raised regarding his own partiality, but Council was in the end, in agreement of the choice. Many of the issues raised in the previous Council meeting were addressed by the Proposer and Seconders of the paper. These dealt mainly with sources of funding for the new position and not enough research having been conducted when deciding which Sabbatical role should have been split.

After deliberation, the Council overwhelmingly voted for the Role Split to take place and the paper was therefore accepted without complications of past meetings.

I resumed the Chair after the paper.

SIXTH Council – February 16th 2009

The meeting started without quorum having been reached, but fifteen minutes into the meeting with late arrivals, conditions for quoracy were met. There were no matters arising, but it may be relevant to highlight the **DPFS** report that stated the Union's healthy financial position for the year to date.

A paper was presented by the Welfare Campaigns Officer under the name **Axe the Beer Tax – Save the Pub**. The question of the paper being ultra vires was raised by the DPFS but it seemed like further discussion of the paper was beneficial and as such, debate continued. After some recommended changes to the paper by some members, most of which were accepted by the proposer, the paper was passed.

SEVENTH Council – March 16th 2009

Except for the motion to **Twin ICSU WITH ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF GAZA**, there is not much to highlight in the Sabbatical Reports.

This motion had as its aim to create an official link between the two student unions. Many concerns were raised, but were mostly centered around the political nature of the paper and funding. Members of Council believed the paper to be overly political and would put the needs of students currently not at Imperial in front of those currently at the university. Issues were also raised concerning funding for the proposed plaque to be erected and the provision of scholarships. After much heated, but controlled and respectful debate and a recess, the motion was almost unanimously rejected.

EIGHTH Council – April 27th 2009

Apart from the Colours timetable being accepted, there is nothing to report.

I have been told a milestone was reached at this Council and it was the shortest meeting in recorded history, clocking in at 10 minutes and 15 seconds. Members seemed pleased by this, especially in exam season.