

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
 of the sixth ordinary meeting of  
 the  
**Clubs and Societies Board**  
 of the  
 Imperial College Union  
 in the 2008-09 Session

The meeting of the Clubs and Societies Board was held in the Union Building on 2nd March 2009 at 6.05pm in the Union dining hall.

**Present:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) – Chair	Lily Topham
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Christian Carter
CGCU Representative	John James
ICSMSU Representative	Ben Allin
RCSU Representative	David Charles and Andreas Esau
Overseas Societies Committee Chair	Eugene Chang
Arts and Entertainment Board Chair	Rachael D'Oliveiro
Athletic Clubs Committee Chair	Sam Furse
Media Group Chair	Amar Joshi
Recreational Clubs Committee Chair	Jenny Wilson
Royal School of Mines Committee Chair	Adam Baldwin
Social Clubs Committee Chair	Peter Mabbott
Deputy President (Education & Welfare)	Hannah Theodorou

**Apologies:**, President Jennifer Morgan

**Not present:**, Silwood Park Union Representative Muhammad Tariq, Rag Chair Jon Downing, Wye Union representative Wubetu Alemayehe, CAG Chair Christoph Aymanns, GSA representative Mr. Adam

**Observers:**

ICSMSU President Mark Chamberlain, ICSMSU Treasurer Mary Harrington, ACC Treasurer Joseph Lees, RCC Treasurer Andrew Mclellan, CGCU President Mark Mearing-Smith, Media Group treasurer Chris Chan, A&E Treasurer Phin Chooi, Rikki Norris, OSC Treasurer Alex Balikin, RSM treasurer Henry Debens, RCSU treasurer Jackie Fok, Kirsty Patterson, Membership Services Manager Phil Power, CSB secretary and clerk Alban Cadu

**1. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING.**

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To pass the minutes as a correct record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

NOTED:

- a) The tour reports have yet to be submitted.

### 3. BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

**RESOLVED:**

#### 1) Silwood

a)

Requested	Final allocation
£4000	£3500

b) In regards to Silwood:

- i. Hannah Theodorou advised that Silwood represents 240 students that need all the money possible.
- ii. Peter Mabbott suggested that the money is needed for minibus hire to buy food and other essentials, due to being isolated in the countryside.
- iii. It was proposed to allocate £3500 to the Silwood, leaving them with a small cut from last year, by Lily Topham and there was only one objection.

**RESOLVED:**

#### 2) SCC.

Requested	Final allocation
£4272	£4152

a) In regards to the SCC, the number of clubs increased in the last year, and several tours were forced to become trips, thus adding to the cost of running.

- i. The increase in cost of running of Art Soc and Buddhist soc are due to large underfunding in previous years, Artsoc is the second largest society.
- ii. Small cuts were operated by Peter Mabbott throughout the night.

**RESOLVED:**

#### 3) RSM.

Requested	Final allocation
£5357	£4107

b) In regards to RSM, it was stated that the large increase in budget was due to the Bottle Match being played away.

- i. The extra cost incurred by the Bottle match was questioned by several members (Peter Mabbott, Sam Furse, Eugene Chang)
- ii. Christian Carter suggested that the events, particularly the bottle match should be self funding.
- iii. RSM Hockey was advised to drop their allocation to be on par with ACC Hockey.
- iv. Materials Soc needs funding for a trip to Rolls Royce.
- v. Jenny Wilson proposed a £500 cut to the RSM, seconded by Peter Mabbott, passed: 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED:**  
4) **ACC.**

Requested	Final allocation
£163,315.05	£162,015.00

- c) In regards to the ACC, Sam Furse stated that the inflation was hitting his clubs hard, and that he had a 10% increase in membership,
- i. The main costs for the ACC are grounds hire (~ 45%), Instructors (~11.5%) and travel (since no activities are possible without it).
  - ii. Christian Carter and Lily Topham praised the ACC for its exemplary budget proposal.
  - iii. Mark Mearing-Smith questioned the two big increases in allocation, Basket Ball and Riding & Polo. They were justified by critical underfunding in previous years and a doubling in membership, respectively. And Jiu-Jitsu that didn't receive a funding last year, because they didn't submit a budget.
  - iv. Eugene Chang suggested a £500 decrease in cost of Martial Arts instructors fees.

**RESOLVED:**  
5) **A&E.**

Requested	Final allocation
£13,484.00	£13,284.00

- d) In regards to the A&E, Rachael d'Oliveiro asked less money per club on average, since the budget requested is on par with last year's, but with additional clubs.
- i. A £200 cut was accepted by Rachael d'Oliveiro over the duration of the night.

**RESOLVED:**  
6) **RCSU**

Requested	Final allocation
£6485	£5470

- e) It was stated by David Charles that the estimated cost of running the RCSU would be around £66,000 and they were only requesting 10% of that. The increase in price is due to the increase in number of clubs, overall each getting less.
- i. Christian Carter reminded the board that upon the creation of the RCSU sports teams they were to be attributed the status and not the funding. CSB was assured they would require little to no funding.
  - ii. The funding of the rugby kits was questioned by Jenny Wilson.
  - iii. Lily Topham questioned the small membership fees suggesting that they need raising. Given the high demand cited by RCSU Exec, this shouldn't hurt the clubs.
  - iv. The budgets for kit, equipment, Exec and ground hire were dropped or cut.

- v. Eugene Chang proposed a £250 cut to the RCSU budget. The proposal was accepted ( 7 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions)

**RESOLVED:  
7) CGCU.**

Requested	Final allocation
£16,464.40	£11,356.40

- f) John James accepted an initial £1700 cut from the Exec budget, as opening statement. The following were suggested:
  - iv. Lily Topham pointed out that the BioEng Freshers food budget should be £0, DocSoc must cut their party budget, MechEng Soc was receiving a disproportionate increase in cost.
  - v. Massive increases were noted compared to last year all across the CGCU clubs.
  - vi. RailSoc was noted for having lost their funding from ICVC.
  - vii. Christian Carter pointed out that the 30% increase in the request was outrageous and demanded cuts be made by CGCU, lest the board vote cuts themselves.
  - viii. CGCU executives operate small cuts throughout the night.
  - ix. David Charles stated his discontent at CGCU receiving close to twice as much money as the RCSU, for the same number of members.

**RESOLVED:  
8) Media Group.**

Requested	Final allocation
£11,030	£10,185

- g) Amar Joshi stated that the media group had already suffered cuts over the last five years and that the printing costs of Felix were rising, as are the price of chemicals for Photosoc. The following were suggested:
  - x. Christian Carter pointed out that all the Media Societies get their own individual rooms and should take cuts. Any high end equipment funding should come from the Harlington trust.
  - xi. Lily Topham questioned the need of Media Exec for £150 of publicity.
  - xii. Peter Mabbott noted the excessively large publicity budgets for all the media socs.
  - xiii. Christian Carter reminded the board that external events, such as photo exhibitions, should be self funded.
  - xiv. Amar agreed to several small cuts in budget over the night.
  - xv. Christian Carter remarked that even including the rise in cost of Felix printing, the first issue only come up to £1700, so even assuming a 15% price hike, £445 can be saved on Felix budget.

**RESOLVED:  
9) OSC.**

Requested	Final allocation
£7405.35	£6746.85

- h) Eugene Chang informed the board that while this year's requested budget, it represents a below inflation increase over the last 2 years. The following were suggested:
- xvi. Sam Furse inquired as to why a third of the requested budget was to be spend on equipment, which is normally dealt with by the IC Trust. Eugene explained that they were equipment hire, for big shows such as "East meets West".
  - xvii. Lily Topham asked why the OSC was requesting £3000 more than the SCC, despite having fewer clubs and members. Eugene explained that several clubs played sports against other OSC clubs from different colleges. Lily stated that ICU already has sports clubs and that any real training should happen under the ACC rather than OSC.
  - xviii. Eugene's policy of giving a flat rate of subsidisation for events was questioned by Lily Topham. Christian Carter suggested that "East meets West" in particular, loose £100 of ground hire subsidy, since they make a large profit.
  - xix. Lily Topham reminded the board of the high under-spending of OSC clubs.
  - xx. Eugene Chang and Peter Mabbott stated that many SCC clubs do not ask for funding.
  - xxi. Eugene Chang announced two cuts in their budget, first to £6896.85, then to the final £6746.85

**RESOLVED:**

**10) ICSMSU.**

Requested	Final allocation
£77,219.89	£68,026.19

- i) Ben Allin stated that ICSMSU didn't apply hard and fast rules in their attribution of money, but instead gave money to the clubs that needed it most and that had raised their membership fees. Ben Allin went on to state that while they request a larger amount of money proportionally, they do get a higher satisfaction according to a conducted survey.
- xxii. Lily Topham questioned the very large increase in ground hire cost of the Waterpolo club, and suggested they use another pool. Mary Harrington replied that by virtue of being a well run club they deserved more funding. Ben Allin claimed that the rise in Ground Hire allocation was due to an increase in ground hire cost.
  - xxiii. Andrew McLellan reminded the board that ICSMSU Yoga were over-funded compared to the other Yoga clubs, receiving twice as much for half as many members, and that the ICSMSU Mountaineering club received twice the funding as RCC mountaineering for similar membership. Jenny Wilson went on to argue that having duplication in activities is wasteful; that the clubs with weekend and holidays-only activities should be merged.
  - xxiv. Peter Mabbott brought into question the BioMed Soc's £75 publicity budget, considering free black and white printing is available. Mary Harrington replied that she had chosen to cut other budgets but not to cut that particular budget,
  - xxv. Lily Topham inquired as to the increase of £500 to ICSMSU Exec. Mark Chamberlain responded that by virtue of having more activities than other Faculty Unions, they required more funding.

- xxvi. Lily Topham also inquired into the funding of Oyster cards for Officers, and other travel expenditures. Marc Chamberlain explained that he needed to travel to different sites and that as such he was incurring a large expense.
- xxvii. Lily Topham denounced the use by several clubs, of grant for food and drinks. She proceeds to read out the Union policy to support her statement. Ben Allin insisted that it remains within the guidelines distributed by Christian Carter to allocate such grants. Christian Carter acknowledged that there had been a mistake in the Budgeting Guide.
- xxviii. Mark Mearing-Smith pointed out that ICSMSU clubs were receiving approximately 66% funding whereas other clubs get barely 50%.
- xxix. Peter Mabbott noticed that Muslim Medics were requesting £100 for publicity, which is the same sum as Islamic Society, which is a much bigger club.
- xxx. John James noted that there were 10 ICSMSU clubs that were requesting an increase in funding of £500 or more.
- xxxi. Sam Furse brought to attention that ICSMSU Hockey were requesting £500 more than ACC Womens' Hockey, for an equally big club. Mark Chamberlain responded that the club had grown in sized and wanted more funding. Ben Allin requested more funding for ground hire.
- xxxii. Peter Mabbott suggested dropping the Hospitality grant from the budget.
- xxxiii. John James pointed out that ICSMU were hiding costs as grounds hire, such as hiring an AV technician.
- xxxiv. Mark Mearing-Smith put forward that the ICSMSU Exec was too well-funded, such as the £1000 stationery costs, which are entirely provided by SAC.
- xxxv. Peter Mabbott declared that other FUs were not getting nearly as much grant as ICSMU despite having just as many members. The better service and satisfaction to ICSMSU was done at the cost of other FUs and CSCs.
- xxxvi. Mark Mearing-Smith proposed cutting ICSMSU by £6000, Jenny Wilson seconded, the motion was passed ( 10 For, 1 against, 1 abstention)
- xxxvii. Mark Chamberlain demanded being allowed to spend Charing Cross bar money.
- xxxviii. A proposal to split the remaining deficit between ICSMU and RCC, at 11pm was put forward by Christian Carter and seconded by John James, the motion failed ( 2 For, 5 against, 5 abstentions)
- xxxix. Following a £1000 cut out of tours, Jenny Wilson proposed that the remaining £893.65 deficit in the budget be cut from ICSMU, particularly from ICSMU Light Opera which makes a large profit. John James seconded the motion, which was passed ( 5 for, 3 against, 4 abstentions), thus closing the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**11) RCC.**

Requested	Final allocation
£82,416.76	£71,106.91

- j) Jenny Wilson opened by taking a £2385.57 cut to her budget. She stated that the large amount spend on travel was unavoidable since many RCC activities take place away from campus. In particular Gliding soc, had brought its membership up to £30 and costs £42 per 2 weeks. The club has seen an increase in membership and requires more minibuses, especially since previous members owning cars have now graduated. Insurance costs

have also gone up, due to the inherent risks of the activity. Fellwanderers have also an increased running cost due to the larger number of members.

- xi. Ben Allin noted an increase of £10,000 over 6 clubs. These were explained by the increase in running costs of Gliding club due to aforementioned reasons, Ice Hockey now has a second team thus doubling all running costs, and the dancing company lost its sponsorship. Lily Topham pointed out that Bellydancing shouldn't get a ground hire grant since the activity can be performed for free on campus, that cut was agreed to by Jenny.
- xli. Lily Topham pointed out that Racing Green is over funded, particularly since it is an academic project. Also, Wakeboarding should drop its allocation since there are only 21 members, as should Underwater club. Andrew McLellan responded that Underwater club required more boats (due to capacity) including one moored externally, thus bringing the price up. Sam Furse added that equipment costs should come out of Harlington as much as possible.
- xlii. Lily Topham questioned the need for IC Wargames travel budget. Peter Mabbott explained that the only place to LARP (dress up as Elves, Wizards etc and hitting each other with rubber swords) was in Cambridge and as such members had to travel back and forth.
- xliii. RCC Chair Jenny Wilson declares cuts in her budget throughout the night.

**RESOLVED:**  
**12) GSA.**

Requested	Final allocation
No request sent	£1,200

**h) It was suggested:**

- xliv. An initial budget of £1500 is agreed upon, based upon last year's allocation.
- xliv. Ben Allin suggests a cut to the GSA budget since they didn't submit one, nor send a representative.
- xlvi. A £200 cut is agreed upon, with one person voting against, bringing the grant allocation to £1200.

**Final Allocation of Budget:**

ACC	£ 162015
A&E	£13284
CGCU	£11356.4
ICSMSU	£68026.19
Media	£10185
OSC	£6746.85
RCC	£71106.91
RCSU	£5470.6
RSM	£4107
SCC	£4152
Silwood	£3500
Wye	£0
Union Council	£0
GSA	£1200

<b>Total</b>	<b>£359,949.95</b>
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Tours are to receive £3000 less than previously allocated, due to core activities superseding the secondary activities (Tours).

**Meeting closed 11.35pm**

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of the Clubs and Societies Board

on \_\_\_\_\_ 2008/09

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Meeting