

Union Equipment: Updating Faculty Union Computers

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Background

The three Faculty Unions of ICU represent their respective students extremely well and are an important feature of Imperial College Union. Run by student volunteers, Faculty Unions are reliant upon computers and associated equipment. Currently, there is no formalised policy for updating any of the equipment in use. Many of the computers in use are old and obsolete in that they are unable to run important programs (for example flash player). During the last academic year before budgeting round, Faculty Unions were told that their computers would be updated and need not worry about budgeting for them. This year we have been told that the Faculty Union computers will not be upgraded. As members of staff, the Sabbaticals' computers have been upgraded. The computers in the SAC have also been upgraded. However, it seems no provision has been made for the Faculty Unions.

Imperial College Union Believes

1. The Faculty Unions require up-to-date ICT resources to continue working effectively and to such high levels.
2. That working computers are an essential for the smooth running of Faculty Unions and for all of our operations.
3. Policy should be in place for purchasing and upgrading of all Union computers.
4. ICU as the parent organisation should administer a suitable system for purchasing and upgrading computers as required.
5. That there needs to be provision of networked file space to allow remote access to important files and documents essential to the operation of the Union.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To investigate options for upgrading a set number of Faculty Union computers for this academic year.
2. To extend the current upgrading procedures currently applicable to the computers belonging sabbaticals or those found in the SAC to a set number of Faculty Union computers.
3. That adequate space should be made available on 'Standard' to accommodate the electronic files of the Faculty Unions in a safe and networked location.