

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the first ordinary meeting of
the
Council
of the
Imperial College Union
in the 2008-2009 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 13th October 2008 at 6.40pm.

Present:

ICU Council Chair	Afonso Campos
ICU President	Jennifer Morgan
ICU DP (C&S)	Lily Topham
ICU DP (E&W)	Hannah Theodorou
ICU DP (F&S)	Christian Carter
RCSU President	David Charles
ICSMSU President	Mark Chamberlain
GSA Chair	Killian Frensch
A&E Chair	Rachael D'Oliverio
ACC Chair	Sam Furse
Media Group Chair	Amar Joshi
OSC Representative	Alex Balhakin
RCC Chair	Jennifer Wilson
RSM President	Adam Baldwin
SCC Chair	Peter Mabbott
CAG Chair	Christoph Aymanns
RAG Chair	Jon Downing
ICU Equal Ops Officer	Bhavesh Patel
ICU Welfare Campaigns Officer	Tim Barrett
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Kathryn Wright
C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught)	Alexander Grisman
ICSMSU Education Rep 12	Anil Chopra
RCSU Academic Affairs (Taught)	Oliver Rogers
ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep	Alex Walls
Permanent observers	
Union Manager	Peter Haldane
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Jovan Nedic Felix Editor, Ravi Pall

Apologies: C&GCU President Mark Mearing-Smith, ICSMSU Education Rep 356 Strachan Mackenzie, RCSU Welfare Officer Edward Poynton, C&GU Welfare Officer Kirsty Patterson

Not present: Silwood Park Chair Muhammad Tariq, WCUS President Wubetu Alemayehe

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The Chair stated his expectations of Council meetings.
 - i. Alcohol is not to be consumed during any Council meeting.
 - ii. Be prompt to meetings.
 - iii. Talk through the Chair.
 - iv. Keep discussion succinct and to the point.
 - v. Papers are to be received 1 week in advance. Sabb reports are expected to be received by Friday.
 - vi. Now operating a policy of 'request only' for printing of the papers.
- b) Council were asked to complete the required Register of Interests and return to the Governance and Administration Co-ordinator

2. MINUTES – 9th June 2008

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the amended minutes as true and correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) It was unsure if the text in regards to the Orchestra achievement made it in to the Annual Report.
- b) In regards to the Union receiving a percentage of the vending machine profit from the JCR vending machines, it was reported that the Deputy President (Finance & Services) was unsure if this had been investigated.

ACTION:

1. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) to discuss with the Head of College Catering the opportunity to the Union to receive a percentage of the profit from the vending machines in the JCR.

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The President apologised for the inconvenience to clubs during phase II of the Masterplan but assured that in the long run the disruption will be worth it.
- b) Central Union, GSA and Faculty Union elections are currently taking place and Councillors were asked to promote these within their constituencies.
 - i. Hustings this year will be different in that questions will be submitted to the Returning Officer by email and then compiled and circulated to the candidates with the responses published on the Union website.
- c) The Union is working closely with the RCA and RCM and it is anticipated that there will collaborative events during the year.
- d) Hopefully with the extending of the SCR opening hours, it may be an opportunity to get Masters students in.
- e) Councillors were invited to contact the President if they wished to on the Interfaith Conference working group.
- f) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

5. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

NOTED:

- a) Thanks were given to all the volunteers who put in so much effort to make the Freshers Fair such a success.
- b) It is strongly recommended that the next Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) undertakes the 'Intro' meeting and after party.
- c) Clubs and Societies were reminded to use the wiki as reference source.
- d) In regards to the redevelopment, it was stated that the wall and alley way in to the UDH will be there for the foreseeable future whilst the redevelopment takes place.
 - i. The reason for this is that there is works taking place installing the risers.
 - ii. The Union Manager assured that the name boards are safely stored away and will be put back up when the works have finished.
- e) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare)

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) is working closely with the Union Advisor in regards to casework.
- b) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that Registry have asked her to act as a consultant in regards to the student portal
 - i. When questioned, the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) explained that working with Registry actually comes under her remit in regards to bettering the student experience.
- c) Officer without portfolio positions need to be filled and it was asked if Councillors know of anyone interested parties to refer them to the Deputy President (Education & Welfare).
- d) Currently working on a reshuffle of Postgraduate Officer positions and titles.
- e) If anyone wishes to be a SHAG week ambassador, contact the Deputy President (Education & Welfare).
- f) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

NOTED:

- a) The training that the Deputy President (Finance & Services) attended was useful and enjoyable.
- b) Councillors were invited to contact the Deputy President (Finance & Services) if they wished to be part of the Summer Ball working group.

- c) The HST training was well received by the HSTs and it was recommended that this also occur next year.
- d) The Deputy President (Finance & Services) apologised for the increase in bar prices.
- e) It was questioned why Union Catering are now offering only 1 portion size instead of 2.
 - i. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) said that he will investigate this.

ACTION:

1. **The Deputy President (Finance & Services) to investigate why Union Catering are now offering only 1 portion size.**

- f) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

8. FELIX REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was received by the Felix Editor

NOTED:

- a) It is the Felix's Editors intention that the editor's role becomes more managerial rather than hands on.
- b) There is a new section called 'whats on' section for clubs.
- c) It is anticipated that outstanding invoices will be settled by Christmas.
- d) Currently seeking funding from the IC Trust to get the archives electronically uploaded.
- e) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

9. CGCU REPORT

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) congratulated the Faculty Unions for communicating and collaborating so well together.
- b) Council moved to a vote to accept the report. There was 1 objection

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the Paper.**

10. ICSMSU PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) The library at Marys is closed for refurbishment.
- b) There is now a medic's regalia shop in the SAF in the old RCSU office.
- c) Reynolds trading figures have been promising so far.
- d) Thanks were given to the Student Advisor and Deputy President (Education & Welfare) who assisted with appeals and also to the Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator and Felix Editor for their help with the Medics Handbook .

- e) The dance floor and seating at Reynolds have been refurbished over the summer break.
- f) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

11. RCSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the RCSU President

NOTED:

- a) 'Professional and fun' has been some of the feed back from Freshers in regards to the RCSU Freshers week.
- b) Physics department is trialling class rep elections by using 'clickers' to elect reps.
- c) The Welfare surgery was well received and attended.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – none

Meeting closed 7.25pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2008/09

_____ Chair of the Meeting