

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the fifth 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 6.40pm.

**Present:**

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| 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          |
| C&GCU President   | Mark Mearing-Smith        |
| ICSMSU President  | Mark Chamberlain          |
| RCSU President  | David Charles             |
| GSA Chair   | Rhys Morgan               |
| A&E Chair   | Rachael D'oliveiro        |
| ACC Chair   | Sam Furse                 |
| Media Group Chair   | Amar Joshi                |
| OSC Representative  | Andrew Holland            |
| RCC Chair   | Jennifer Wilson           |
| RSM President   | Adam Baldwin              |
| SCC Chair   | Peter Mabbott             |
| Silwood Park Chair Muhammad Tariq                             |                           |
| 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            |
| RCSU Welfare Officer  | Edward Poynton            |
| ICSMSU Education Rep 356                                      | Strachan Mackenzie        |
| RCSU Academic Affairs (Taught)                                | Oliver Rogers             |
| CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                          | Rikki Norris              |
| CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                          | Lawrence Weetman          |
| Engineering Postgraduate Representative                       | Soumaya Mauthoor          |
| RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                          | Nida Harwood              |
| RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                          | Christopher Gibbs         |
| Physical Sciences Postgraduate Representative                 | Neki Patel                |
| ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                        | Najette Ayadi O'Donnell   |
| ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                        | Albert Poon               |
| ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)                        | Salman Waqar              |
| Non faculty representative                                    | Seyyed Mozaffari-Chinjani |
| <b>Permanent observers</b>                                    |                           |
| Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council) | Rebecca Coxhead           |

**Observers:** Jovan Nedic Felix Editor, OCS Chair Eugene Chang, Katya-Yani Yyas

**Apologies:** ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep Alex Walls (proxy to the ICSMSU President), C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Alexander Grisman (proxy to the President), RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Sammi Elfituri, CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Owen Connick, CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate) John James (proxy to Rikki Norris), Life Sciences Postgraduate Representative Sean Delaney (proxy to Soumaya Mauthoor), Business School Postgraduate Representative Luke Dhanoa, School of Medicine Postgraduate Representative Basma Bahsoun 9proxy to DP(EW), Union Manager Peter Haldane

## 1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

### NOTED:

- a) Councillors were reminded of promptness to arrive on time to the meeting.
- b) A working group on Council is being undertaken by the Council Chair. Any interested parties to contact him to discuss.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the minutes as an accurate record.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING – NONE

## 4. COURT OPINION

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the paper as tabled.

## 5. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

### NOTED:

- a) Those interested to attend ULU Senate are to contact the President.
  - i. ICU is still part of ULU until 2013 as Imperial College still has students who will graduate with a University of London degree
- b) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

## 6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT

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

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

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

## 7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) REPORT

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

### NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Welfare) has managed to get a place on the humanities review panel.
- b) The NSS opened today; Final year students are to be encouraged to fill the survey in.
- c) The SEC meeting was very productive.
- d) Volunteers were asked to come forward to sit on the eportfolio review committee.
- e) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

## **8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT**

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

NOTED:

- a) The CGCU President questioned what the process was in regards to the capitalisation of net assets.
  - i. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) stated that he will draft a paper outlining the process for the CGCU President.
- b) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report**

## **9. FELIX REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Felix Editor

NOTED:

- a) The issues are average approximately 40 pages each week.
- b) The IC Trust are keen to get the achieves up and running.
- c) The Felix Editor is meeting with Anne Barrett from College archives division soon.
- d) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report**

## **10. CITY AND GUILDS COLLEGE UNION REPORT**

*This was not submitted and will be presented to the next meeting*

## **11. ICSMSU REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) Hammersmith opened a term late but the facilities are very good.
- b) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report**

## **12. RCSU REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the RCSU President

NOTED:

- a) Still waiting for suppliers to reply in regards to regalia.
- b) All are invited to the Science Challenge where there will be free cake.
- c) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report**

### 13. CENTRAL UNION ELECTION TIMETABLE

RECEIVED: The timetable was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The Felix Editor will be taking the position of RON.
- b) Council moved to a vote to accept the timetable and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the ICU Elections timetable

### 14. ICSMSU ELCTION TIMETABLE

RECEIVED: The timetable was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to a vote to accept the timetable and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the ICU Elections timetable

### 15. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) ROLE SPLIT

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

NOTED:

- a) The Council Chair quit for the duration of this paper.
  - i. The reason that he gave to Council was that he did not feel neutral enough to remain Chair for this section.
  - ii. The President agreed to allow Jovan Nedić, Felix Editor to sit as Council Chair for the duration of this agenda item.
  - iii. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) expressed concern that the Felix Editor had previously spoken in favour of the paper and thus not impartial.
  - iv. The Felix Editor stated that in his role, he is required to be unbiased and what he said at the last meeting of Council in regards to the paper was a summary of the discussion.
- b) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) tabled appendices to the paper; copies of her diary and the specified roles of each position.
- c) The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that some of the younger Undergraduate members of Council did not understand what was happening and didn't have a full grasp on Union politics.
- d) It is a stronger argument to College to retain the £45k NUS affiliation fee to show that the Union is using this money for increasing representation.
- e) Senior College staff recommended to broaden the job Descriptions of the roles so as the position develops, it will not require continual Constitutional changes.
- f) The President stated that she strongly believed that the paper could not be bought back due to the timetable constraints but was pleased that she was proved wrong.
- g) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) suggested that point 20 should have clarification on what assurance is acceptable from College.
  - i. It was agreed by the President that point 20 shall had the term 'written' inserted and will read as follows 'That if the motion is passed at this council it shall be null and void if written assurance is not given before the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 that the funding originally budgeted as NUS affiliation fee will be retained.'

RESOLVED:

- 1) Point 20 to read as follows:

**'That if the motion is passed at this council it shall be null and void if written assurance is not given before the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 that the funding originally budgeted as NUS affiliation fee will be retained.'**

- h) The SCC Chair stated that he would also like it further clarified as to who the senior College staff will be in regards to the assurance being given from them.
  - i. The President assured that Council needs to trust in her that it will be high level assurance; either College Head of Finance or Management Board.
  - ii. The SCC Chair proposed an amendment to the paper that is as follows 'That if the motion is passed at this council it shall be null and void if written assurance **from a senior member of College staff** is not given before the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 that the funding originally budgeted as NUS affiliation fee will be retained.' This was accepted by the President.

**RESOLVED:**

**2) Point 20 to read as follows:**

**'That if the motion is passed at this council it shall be null and void if written assurance from a senior member of College staff is not given before the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 that the funding originally budgeted as NUS affiliation fee will be retained.'**

- i) The CGCU President asked where the final decision will be made after contact from College.
  - i. The President stated that this will be reported to and rubber stamped by the Executive Committee.
- j) It was pointed that Union Council can not make decision concerning financial matters and as such point 21 should not be in resolves.
  - i. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that this is a decision of the Executive Committee and is in the paper for the assurance of Council.
  - ii. It was suggested that this point be moved to under the 'Union notes' and this was accepted by the President.

**RESOLVED:**

**3) Point 21 to be shifted to under the heading 'Union notes'.**

- k) It was assured by the President that there is enough office space in the building redevelopment to be able to accommodate the additional sabbatical.
- l) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) pointed out that there is £45k allocation to the NUS affiliation but the additional Sabbatical will cost approximately £25k thus leaving a surplus of approximately £20k and questioned what would happen to this.
  - i. The President will argue to keep all of this money but reminded that the subvention can not be used for the building redevelopment.
- m) The ACC Chair stated that the role breakdown for the Deputy President (Education & Development); the 'Education' side was 'a bit short'
- n) It was suggested that in regards to the title, Deputy President (Education & Development), the 'Development' should be removed.
  - i. The Deputy President (Education & Welfare) stated that she originally called the other role Deputy President (Welfare & Community) but changed her mind and left it as Deputy President (Welfare), but felt that the other role should be left as being called Deputy President (Education & Development) as it reinforced the Development aspect of the role.
  - ii. Council moved to a vote to change the title to Deputy President (Education).
 

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| FOR     | 15 |
| AGAINST | 14 |
| ABSTAIN | 5  |
| Passed  |    |

**RESOLVED:**

**4) To change all references of the Deputy President (Education & Development) to Deputy President (Education)**

- o) Council moved to a vote to accept the amended paper and the results are as follows:
 

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| FOR     | 36 |
| AGAINST | 2  |
| ABSTAIN | 0  |
| Passed  |    |

**RESOLVED:**

- 5) To remove the position of Deputy President (Education & Welfare) from the sabbatical team and introduce a Deputy President (Education) and Deputy President (Welfare) in effect from the academic year 2009-10\*
- 6) That if the motion is passed at this council it shall be null and void if written assurance from a senior member of *College staff* is not given before the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 that the funding originally budgeted as NUS affiliation fee will be retained
- 7) To make the following specific amendments to the Imperial College Union constitution:
  - a. Regulation Three- Officers of the Union
    - i. Remove Deputy President (Education and Welfare) from the list of A. Officers of the Union,
    - ii. Add Deputy President (Education) to the list of A. Officers of the Union,
    - iii. Add and Deputy President (Welfare) to the list of A. Officers of the Union,
    - iv. Remove Deputy President (Education and Welfare) from C. Job Descriptions for the Sabbatical Officers and the Felix Editor.
    - v. Add Deputy President (Education) to C. Job Descriptions for the Sabbatical Officers and the Felix Editor, with the following job description:

The Deputy President (Education) shall:

      - i. Uphold the policy and further the aims and objects of the Union,
      - ii. Take on Presidential duties as appropriate,
      - iii. Be responsible for identifying and informing College of student opinion on academic affairs and suggesting areas for development,
      - iv. Work with College on enhancing the student experience and provision for student development,
      - v. Be for responsible for the training and running of a Representation Network for the Academic Representatives of the Faculty Unions and other student bodies,
      - vi. Liaise with the Faculty Unions and Graduate Students Association on all academic matters concerning Undergraduate and Postgraduate students respectively,
      - vii. Liaise with Union and College staff as appropriate,
      - viii. Attend the relevant Union Committees,
      - ix. Represent the Union on external committees as appropriate,
      - x. Report to Union Committees as appropriate, and
      - xi. Negotiate other duties with the President.
    - vi. Add Deputy President (Welfare) to C. Job Descriptions for the Sabbatical Officers and the Felix Editor, with the following job description:

The Deputy President (Welfare) shall:

      - i. Uphold the policy and further the aims and objects of the Union,
      - ii. Take on Presidential duties as appropriate,
      - iii. Be responsible for identifying and informing College of student opinion on welfare issues and suggesting areas for development,
      - iv. Be responsible for representing the welfare needs of all students, including minority or under-represented groups to the College,
      - v. Be responsible for coordinating and publicising all campaigns concerning equal opportunities and welfare issues.
      - vi. Be responsible for maintaining and running a Welfare Network for the Welfare Officers of the Faculty Unions and other student bodies,
      - vii. Assist the President in enforcing the Union's Equal Opportunities Policy,
      - viii. Liaise with Union and College staff as appropriate,
      - ix. Attend the relevant Union Committees,
      - x. Represent the Union on external committees as appropriate,
      - xi. Report to Union Committees as appropriate, and
      - xii. Negotiate other duties with the President.
    - vii. Change the Equal Opportunities Officer in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, to add:
      1. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Welfare)'
    - viii. Change the International Students' Officer in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, to add:
      1. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Welfare)'
    - ix. Change the Welfare Campaigns Officer in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, from:
      1. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) for the research and implementation of campaigns' to,
      2. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Welfare) for the research and implementation of campaigns',
    - x. Change the Faculty Academic Affairs Officers in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, from:

1. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) for academic representation of Undergraduate Students in the Faculty' to,
  2. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education) for academic representation of Undergraduate Students in the Faculty',
- xi. Change the Faculty Welfare Officers in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, from:
1. 'Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) for academic representation of Undergraduate Students in the Faculty' to,
  2. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Welfare) for academic representation of Undergraduate Students in the Faculty',
- xii. Change the Postgraduate Representatives in D. Job Descriptions for Other Union Officers, from:
1. 'Assist the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) and Graduate Schools Association's Chair in the co-ordination of academic and welfare representation of Postgraduate taught or research students in their Graduate School Department' to,
  2. 'Assist the Deputy President (Education), Deputy President (Welfare) and Graduate Schools Association's Chair in the co-ordination of academic and welfare representation of Postgraduate taught or research students in their Graduate School Department'.
- b. Regulation Five- Composition of Union Committees
- i. Remove Deputy President (Education and Welfare) from the list of A. The Council,
  - ii. Add Deputy President (Education) to the list of A. The Council,
  - iii. Add and Deputy President (Welfare) to the list of A. The Council,
  - iv. Remove Rag and Community Action Group from C. The Clubs and Societies Board,
  - v. Add the following point to D. The Representation and Welfare Board:
    1. The Representation and Welfare Board shall oversee the activities of Rag and the Community Action Group.
  - vi. Change point 26 in D. The Representation and Welfare Board from:
    1. 'The Representation and Welfare Board shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)' to:
    2. 'The Representation and Welfare Board shall be chaired alternately by the Deputy President (Education) and the Deputy President (Welfare)',
  - vii. Change point 32 in D. The Representation and Welfare Board from:
    1. 'The Halls Committee shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)' to:
    2. 'The Halls Committee shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Welfare)'.

**\* Nominations for the sabbatical positions open on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2009**

At this point the Chair was resumed by Afonso Campos

## **16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – NONE**

Meeting closed 7.40pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

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

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