

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the first ordinary meeting of
the
Council
of the
Imperial College Union
in the 2009-2010 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 12th October 2009 at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Mark Chamberlain
President	Ashely Brown
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Jenny Wilson
Deputy President (Education)	Jonathan Silver
Deputy President (Welfare)	John James
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Danny Hill
C&GCU President	Kirsty Patterson
ICSMSU President	Anil Chopra
RCSU President	Katya-yani Vyas
GSA Chair	Ali Mozaffari
A&E Chair	Gavin Evans
Media Group Chair	Richard Waldie
OSC Representative	Sherif Salam
RCC Chair	Andrew McLellan
RSM President	Henry Debens
SCC Chair	Nicolas Massey
CAG Chair	Joseph Freer
RAG Chair	Alex Dahinten
ICU Equal Ops Officer	Hannah Theodorou
CGCU Welfare Officer	Alice Rowlands
ICSMSU Education Rep 356	Afsoon Sepahzad
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	David Chreng
Engineering Postgraduate rep	Shuoying Cao
Physical Science Postgraduate rep	Neki Patel
Permanent observers	
Operations Manager	Robin Pitt
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Felix Editor Dan Wan, SCC Treasurer Alex Cameron, Lawrence Weetman, RSM Treasurer Jack Jones,

Apologies: ACC Chair Charles Murdoch, ICSMSU Education Rep 12 Gayathri Rajasooriar

Not present: ICU Welfare Campaigns Officer Adam Gill, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Kathryn Wright, ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep Natalie Kernan, C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Ben Stubbens, Silwood Park Chair Catherine Walker

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The Chair stated his expectations of Council meetings.
 - i. Be prompt to meetings.
 - ii. Talk through the Chair.
 - iii. Keep discussion succinct and to the point.
- b) A guide to Council was circulated with minor formatting errors being pointed out which will be corrected for the next meeting.
- c) Now operating a policy of 'request only' for printing of the papers.
- d) Council were asked to complete the required Register of Interests and return to the Governance and Administration Co-ordinator
- e) Elections for Ordinary Members are now open and Council were asked to encourage their constituents to participate in these.

2. MINUTES – 8th June 2009

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING – none

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The meeting rooms have now been renumbered and signage will be coming shortly.
- b) Dame Julia Higgins has been appointed by College Council as a member to the Trustee Board.
 - i. It is anticipated that she will take on the role as Chair.
- c) Decisions that took place over the summer on Councils behalf were as follows:
 - i. The Imperial College Union budget 09-10
 - ii. The Imperial College Union CAPEX budget 09-10
 - iii. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) temporary living out allowance.
- d) The next meeting of Council will have the welcome video that was shown at the welcome talks.
- e) 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) 2 new clubs were set up over the summer; the St Mary's Social Club and Cooking Soc.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) The Student Written Submission needs contribution from all students.
 - i. This has been emailed to Council for contribution. All contributions should be sent to the Deputy President (Education).
 - ii. The SWS will be discussed at the meeting of RWB taking place on Thursday and Council were invited to attend.

ACTION:

1. **Council to email feedback and suggestions on the Student Written Submission to the Deputy President (Education).**

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

RESOLVED:

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

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) The Representation and Welfare Board standing orders are currently being drafted and the Deputy President (Welfare) stated that input will be welcome.
- b) Council moved to 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 Audited Accounts will be presented to the next Trustee Board for approval.
- b) Clubs and Societies are to contact the Deputy President (Finance & Services) if they want their events publicised on the term planner.
- c) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

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

9. NOMINATION TO UNION COURT

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Executive Committee have recommended that Alex Grisman be a life member on Union Court.
- b) Council moved to a vote and it was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To appoint Alex Grisman to Union Court as a Life Member.**

10. LAPSED POLICIES

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Canoe club will bring an updated policy later in the year.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

11. PRESERVATION OF THE QUEEN'S LAWN

RECEIVED: The policy was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The Union successfully lobbied to get the port-a-cabins off Queen's lawn in 2006.
- b) College have a marquee policy which limits the erection of a marquee to 30 days a year with a maximum of 12 days.
- c) It was suggested that it be added to the policy to support the marquee policy of College but this was not accepted.
- d) Council moved to vote to accept the policy and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To seek ways of ensuring that the Queen's Lawn and other areas of green space are protected for future generations.**
- 2) **To ensure that students are informed of any future developments on campus.**

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 SPACE FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS

RECEIVED: The policy was presented by the Equal Opportunities Officer

NOTED:

- a) Isoc would like support for block bookings of Friday prayers in the Union.
- b) The Union worked the building works around the Friday prayers during the summer.
- c) Concern was raised that the Union would have to financially contribute if it was the case that prayer space had to be paid for.
 - i. It was stated that the policy doesn't imply that the Union will pay; that it will lobby College to provide space.
- e) Council moved to vote to accept the policy and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) For the Union to ensure sufficient space is available for Friday congregational prayers.
- 2) To provide at least one week's notice of changes to the Friday prayer location.
- 3) For the President to lobby the College to provide alternate space, should Union space be unavailable for reasons beyond the Union's control.

Meeting closed 7.00pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2009/10

_____ Chair of the Meeting