



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the fifth 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 19th January 2010 at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Mark Chamberlain
President	Ashley Brown
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Jenny Wilson
Deputy President (Education)	Jonathan Silver
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Danny Hill
Deputy President (Welfare)	John James
RCSU President	Katya-yani Vyas
GSA Chair	Ali Mozaffari – arrived 7pm
A&E Chair	Gavin Evans
Media Group Chair	Richard Waldie
RSM President	Henry Debens
SCC Chair	Nicolas Massie
RAG Chair	Alex Dahinten
International Officer	Matthew Fitch
ICSMSU Education rep 356	Afsoon Sepahzad
Physical Science Postgraduate rep	Neki Patel
School of Medicine Postgraduate representative	Deena Blumenkrantz
CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Edward O’Hare
CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)	He-in Cheong
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Sammy Ho
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Alan Itakura
CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Apostolia Matraki
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Charlotte Ivison
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Hannah Short
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Richard Hewitt
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Alex Walls
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Agneish Dutta
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: RCC Chair Andrew Mclellan proxy Deputy President (Clubs & Societies), CGCU Welfare Officer Alice Rowlands, ICSMSU Education Rep 12 Gayathri Rajasooriar, Engineering Postgraduate representative Shuoying Cao, CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Rikki Norris, GLSM Representative Grigoris Makris

Not present: ACC Chair Charles Murdoch, ICSMSU President Anil Chopra, C&GCU representative, C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Ben Stubbens, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Kathryn Wright, RCSU Welfare Officer Tim Barrett, OSC Representative Sherif Salam ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep Natalie Kernan, ICU Welfare Campaigns Officer Adam Gill, Silwood Park Chair Catherine Walker, RCSU Academic Affairs Officer David Chreng, Life Science Postgraduate representative Sean Delany,

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

a) The CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Apostolia Matraki had missed 2 consecutive meetings of Council and as such deemed to have resigned as an Ordinary Member of Council under regulation 6, point 32

'Ordinary members of the Council who do not attend two consecutive ordinary meetings (irrespective of apologies) shall be deemed to have resigned and their post vacated.'

i. Council were asked if there were any objections to reinstate this member and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

1) To reinstate Apostolia Matraki as the CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)

b) In regards to the Equal Opportunities Officer vacancy, Chris Darby stood as the only candidate to this position.

i. Voting was done by a show of hands and Chris Darby was elected unanimously.

RESOLVED:

2) To appoint Chris Darby as the Equal Opportunities Officer.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

RECEIVED: Minutes from 14th December 2009

RESOLVED:

1) To accept the minutes as true and correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

a) It appears that money is standardised across faculties for completing SOLE.

i. Brian Scanlan, the Assistant Registrar, has been contacted in regards to this query but the Deputy President (Education) is yet to receive a reply.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

a) In regards to the first year not counting towards the final grade in the Biology degree, it was stated that at Senate, there was support from some academics for this not to be implemented.

i. The positive outcome of this is that there will be a review after the first year.

b) In regards to the NatSci committee, the RCSU President stated that College had been sending the invites to the personal email address of the President 08-09.

i. The outcome of the QAA may suggest the implementation of more student reps on teaching committees.

c) The pillar in dB's will have to be removed to make the space workable.

i. The timescales still needs to be ascertained.

d) 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) The amount of 'dumb questions' are a concern for this time of the year where it is expected that officers should know the answers by now.
- 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 Biomedical degree has now been in place for 3 years and is coming up for review.
- b) 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) There has been an unprecedented amount of tour applications for the spring term; the spring term tours pot is the smallest of the 3.
- b) There will be a smaller number of dinner tickets for the summer ball and this year will have a headline comedy act.
- c) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)

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

NOTED:

- a) Some of the issues that have been discovered from the Halls visits are rude cleaning staff and the perceived 'crap' Union ents.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. CITY AND GUILDS COLLEGE UNION REPORT - NOT SUBMITTED

ACTION:

- 1. The CGCU report to be submitted to the next meeting.**

10. ICSMSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- The recent GMC review could not fault the course during the recent review.
- £31k has been raised by ICSMSU RAG to date.
- Recent successful developments has been:
 - To get past year 4 exam papers being put online which is a massive benefit to students. In their exam preparation
 - Have managed to get an exam moved so give year 5 more space in between exams; previously they were very close together.
- Need to get some seating redone at Reynolds and the social space refurbished at St Marys.
- Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

11. RCSU REPORT – NOT SUBMITTED

ACTION:

- 1. The RCSU report to be submitted to the next meeting.**

12. GSA REPORT – NOT SUBMITTED

ACTION:

- 1. The GSA report to be submitted to the next meeting.**

13. 2010/11 IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION SABBATICAL/STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION TIMETABLE

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- The gap between the close of nominations and voting has been reduced.
 - This also ensures that Geology Students who have previously been unable to vote due to their field trip commitments now can.
- The Returning Officer will potentially be the Deputy President (Finance & Services)
- The elections committee are to be compiled from members of Council and will be chosen at random by Court.
 - If members of Council wish to stand or second a candidate let Rebecca Coxhead know so that they won't be considered for the committee.
- Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

14. UNION ADVOCATE

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) At the last meeting of Council, it was decided that an addition in point 3, to amend it so that the advocate should be elected from the full membership of Council and not full membership of the Union.
 - i) This made the interpretation of who can stand and vote ambiguous.
- b) It was proposed that point 3 should read as follows to avoid any misinterpretation:

3. The Union Advocate shall be elected by the ICU council from the full Membership of the Union.

- c) Council moved to a vote to accept the amendment to the policy and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To pass the following as policy:

UNION ADVOCATE POLICY

1. The post of Union Advocate is established.
2. The Union Advocate may not simultaneously be a Union Officer or member of the ICU Executive Committee. The Union Advocate may simultaneously hold any other Union post.
3. The Union Advocate shall be elected by the ICU Council from the Full Members of the Union.
4. The Union Advocate's job description is:
 - i. Represent the interests of the Full Union Members to the Union Court,
 - ii. Act with independence and impartiality,
 - iii. Refer any Union rule or rules to the Union Court where the rule may be unclear and there is a reasonable prospect of it causing practical difficulties in the future,
 - iv. Refer any matter which may be unconstitutional and there is an interest in the issue being referred to the Union Court,
 - v. Assist members of the Union in clarifying relevant Union Court decisions where necessary,
 - vi. Assist the Court under its standing orders in dealing with individual cases by bringing to its attention any relevant Union rules, previously decided cases and views of Union Officers, and
 - vii. Carry out such duties and responsibilities as may, from time to time, be laid down by the Union Court or the Council.
5. This policy does not restrict the right of any member of the Union to petition the Union Court directly as before.
6. This policy comes into force once it is also approved by the Union Court.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 SETTING THE WEEK OF ARTSFEST

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

NOTED:

- a) The outgoing committee will be responsible for booking the Great Hall for the next year.
 - i.
- b) Artsfest does overlap with RAG week but these are different audiences.
- c) The policy gives flexibility and security for the planning committee.
- d) The President suggested that 'Union Believes' 6 should become a resolve.

- i. This was accepted.
- e) Council moved to a vote to accept the amended paper and it was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the following as policy.

Union Believes:

1. **ArtsFest is an important opportunity for the artistic and entertaining clubs of the Union to showcase what it is they do, as well as those clubs who do additional activities of this nature.**
2. **Not having the option of a Finale is to the detriment of the week. Though should the incoming committee decide they will not do one, the responsibility would lie with them to cancel the booking.**
3. **Having the week set as a feature of the spring term will ease the process of planning for the ArtsFest committee and those planning other campaign/themed weeks in that term.**
4. **Having the week set as a feature of the spring term will ease the planning of practice and preparation schedules for the clubs involved.**
5. **The seventh week of the Spring term is an ideal balance of enough time for clubs to practice/prepare and yet not at the end of term when many do their individual concerts/performances.**
6. **Should the ArtsFest committee decide not to hold ArtsFest during the seventh week, the above points may be affected.**

Union Resolves:

1. **To set the week of ArtsFest for the seventh week of the Spring academic term unless otherwise stated by the ArtsFest committee.**
2. **This week should not conflict with other long established themed weeks such as Varsity (affecting many ACC clubs) or RAG week because this has been shown to be to the detriment of both events. It should also not conflict with any newer weeks such as One World Week (featuring International Nite) or any other ones that may be created where there is also a finale on the Friday of the week potentially requiring the use of the Great Hall.**

Meeting closed 7.00pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2009/10

_____ Chair of the Meeting