



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the sixth 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 15th February 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
CGCU President	Dan Lundy
RCSU President	Katya-yani Vyas
ICSMSU President	Anil Chopra,
Media Group Chair	Richard Waldie
RSM President	Henry Debens arrived 7.20
RAG Chair	Alex Dahinten
Equal Opportunities Officer	Chris Darby
International Officer	Matthew Fitch
CGCU Welfare Officer	Alice Rowlands
C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught)	Ben Stubbens
Physical Science Postgraduate rep	Neki Patel
School of Medicine Postgraduate representative	Deena Blumenkrantz
CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)	He-in Cheong
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Hannah Short
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Alan Itakura
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Charlotte Ivison
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Alex Walls
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Agneish Dutta
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead
GSLSM Representative	Grigoris Makris

Apologies: ACC Chair Charles Murdoch, A&E Chair Gavin Evans, RCSU Welfare Officer Tim Barrett, ICSMSU Education Rep 12 Gayathri Rajasooriar, ICSMSU Education rep 356 Afsoon Sepahzad, ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep Natalie Kernan, CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Edward O'Hare, CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Rikki Norris, ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG) Richard Hewitt

Not present: GSA Chair Ali Mozaffari, RCC Chair Andrew Mclellan, SCC Chair Nicolas Massie, Engineering Postgraduate representative Shuoying Cao, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Kathryn Wright, OSC Representative Sherif Salam ICU Welfare Campaigns Officer Adam Gill, Silwood Park Chair Catherine Walker, RCSU Academic Affairs Officer David Chreng, RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG) Sammy Ho CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Apostolia Matraki

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Rikki Norris 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.'

RESOLVED:

- 1) To remove Rikki Norris as the CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)**
- b) Council were reminded that in line with the Union's Green Policy, If they wish to have the papers printed, they are to request these through the Governance and Administration Coordinator.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

RECEIVED: Minutes from 19th January 2010

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Welfare) stated that in regards to agenda item 8, point a), he did not agree that he used the term 'crap'.
 - i. The sentiment of the Freshers responses from the Halls visits in regards to Union events during Freshers week was more that they were disappointed with the week not meeting expectations.

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING – NONE

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The new activity space was used for the Aldwych meeting.
- b) Election nominations open this evening.
- c) The joint training session in July will be a 2 day event; 1 for training and 1 for networking.
- 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 orderliness of club storage is generally quite good.
- b) The amendment to the Environmental Policy will be to make it more realistic for clubs to implement.
 - i) The definition of areas and zones will be amended.

- c) It was suggested that the processing of room bookings are still needed to be improved; the rooms in SAF and medics specifically.
 - i) It was pointed that Medics are not recognised individually – all requests are processed the same way and SAF is a shared space not reserved for the exclusive use of Medics.
 - ii) Departments have their checks and security requirements which takes time and each department has different turnaround times.
 - iii) It was suggested that designated rep from Medicine could have the authority to approve medics bookings however the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that is was ‘slippery slope’ and there are SLA’s with College departments and Conferences that impact on this.
 - iv) It was stated that in general the Union has good methods on dealing with room booking requests and has come a long way in improving the service.
- d) 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) Hannah Theodorou commended the Deputy President (Education) on the representation review and stated that this is what was envisioned the Deputy President (Education) would do when the role of Deputy President (Education & Welfare) was spilt.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)

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

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Welfare) attended a Disabilities Action Committee today.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. CITY AND GUILDS COLLEGE UNION REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the CGCU President

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. RCSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the RCSU President

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

10. GSA REPORT – NOT SUBMITTED

NOTED:

- a) This is the second time that the report has not been submitted and as such the Council moved to vote on the censure of the GSA Chair.

FOR	22
AGAINST	0
ABSTAIN	1
Passed	

RESOLVED:

- 1) To censure the GSA Chair for the non submission of report twice in a row.**

11. CLUBS AND SOCIETIES POLICY

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

NOTED:

- a) The presented policy is a 'tidy up' and tightening up of the creation of new clubs as well as when they become dormant and closed.
- b) On the website shop, the minimum cost of a product is to be £5 due to administration costs.
 - i) It was pointed that membership can be less than £5 but this needs to be clarified in point 14.
- c) RAG and CAG need to be struck from point 30.
- d) In regards to point 36, it is to be clarified that the club has to submit their constitution to the CSC.
- e) Concern was expressed in regards to point 39 that clubs will be forced to merge by the New Clubs Committee.
 - i) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that functionally this doesn't happen but needs to be an option.
 - ii) It was suggested that it be clarified that this is to be undertaken in consultation with the existing club.
 - iii) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) accepted that this should occur.
 - iv) Should a club be forced to merged with an existing, money from the NCC may be allocated to the existing club.
- f) It was questioned if the new club will have an officer position on the existing clubs committee.
 - i) This will not be compulsory for the existing club to provide a position but it will be suggested to them.
- g) In regards to point 41, it was pointed that there would be potential issues with Faith based societies.
- h) Point 49 was put in the policy to stop clubs from just splitting themselves.
- i) In regards to point 45, an amendment was suggested to read as follows:
'Where possible duplication of resources of Clubs and Societies should be avoided. In cases where principle resources frequently overlap, Clubs and Societies should merge.'
 - i) Council moved to a vote on this amendment and the vote is as follows:

FOR	14
AGAINST	8

ABSTAIN 1
Passes

RESOLVED:

1) To amend point 45 to read

'Where possible duplication of resources of Clubs and Societies should be avoided. In cases where principle resources frequently overlap, Clubs and Societies should merge.'

j) Concern was expressed that the Executive Committee have the power to merge Faculty Union Clubs and Societies without the agreement of the Faculty Unions.

i) It was reminded that the Trustee Board can overturn any decision of the Executive Committee.

ii) It was suggested to add the following to point 47, '*...in agreement with the relevant Faculty Chair*'.

iii) Council moved to a vote on this amendment and the vote is as follows:

FOR 3
AGAINST 12
ABSTAIN 6
Fail

k) In regards to point 52, the money is transferred to central reserves from dormant clubs.

i) Dormant clubs can still function but they do not get 'club bribes' when elections take place.

l) It was suggested that point 58 should be made more explicit as to who can actually vote and stand.

m) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) is to take all the changes and suggestions made and bring back the updated policy to the next meeting.

ACTION:

- 1. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to incorporate the suggestions and changes made to the Clubs and Societies policy and bring back to the next meeting of Council.**

12. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT

NOTED:

- a) The meeting was not quorate at this point and as such Council could not vote to accept the report.

ACTION

- 1) To present the report to the next meeting of Council.**

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2009/10

_____ Chair of the Meeting