

Imperial College Union
Sabbatical Accommodation Policy –
Replaces “Officers Use of Halls Room Policy”
A note by the President

The policy governing officers’ use of halls rooms expires this year, and the current one has also caused us some problems.

The active policy, “Officers Use of Halls Room Policy”, defines a hierarchy for use of available rooms in halls, which includes Faculty Union Presidents, the GSA Chair and Clubs & Society Committee Chairs. In reality, due to pressure on spaces from the first year halls guarantee, any rooms not taken by Sabbatical Officers are returned to Residences for re-allocation.

Additionally, the current policy defines neither the maximum amount the Union will spend on a room in halls, nor does it adequately specify the level of living-out allowance given to sabbatical officers who choose to live in private accommodation.

We are proposing a replacement policy, which limits rooms to holders of sabbatical positions (the Sabbatical Officers, Medic President and the Felix Editor) only. It also sets the living-out allowance at 75% of the cost of a room in halls, which ensures there is an incentive to live in halls but still provides a reasonable subsidy level for accommodation and associated costs.

APPENDIX

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Proposed by the Deputy President (Welfare)
Seconded by the President

1. Imperial College Union strongly supports the use of rooms in halls of residence by senior officers of the Union as it is vital to maintaining the connection between officers and the student body, and allowing officers to work effectively for the Union.
2. Holders of sabbatical positions, including the Sabbatical Officers and the Felix Editor, will be offered a room in price band 'D', available in Beit, Prince's Gardens or Evelyn Gardens, subject to approval from Residences.
3. If officers wish to decline their offer of a hall room for any period, they may do so only with the prior permission of Council. The designated room will be re-allocated by Residences, so an officer who has declined a room will not be able to take a room in halls at a later date.
4. If officers wish to live in accommodation other than their designated halls room, they may only do so with the prior permission of Council and will be afforded no assistance from the Union in obtaining that accommodation.
5. Rooms will only be allocated to officers prior to the start of the academic year. If a position is filled during the academic year the officer will not be able to live in halls of residence.
6. Any unallocated rooms will be returned to Residences for re-allocation.
7. As details of officers taking up rooms are required by Residences considerably prior to the start of the academic year, preferences must be submitted to the Governance Coordinator by the 1st May. If an officer-elect does not accept their offer of a room or is out of contact every effort having been made to contact them by the time details are needed by Residences, they will be deemed to have rejected their offer.
8. The Union shall pay the full rent for holders of sabbatical office living in halls or shall pay an honorarium equal to 75% of the average rent of price band 'D' rooms, should rent not be payable to College, on behalf of sabbatical officers.
9. The President is responsible for running and enforcing this policy and will rule in the event of a dispute.