



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the ninth 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 7th June 2010 at 6.45pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Mark Chamberlain
President	Ashley Brown
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Jenny Wilson
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Danny Hill
Deputy President (Education)	Jonathan Silver
ICSMSU President	Anil Chopra,
Media Group Chair	Richard Waldie
ACC Chair	Charles Murdoch
A&E Chair	Gavin Evans
RSM President	Henry Debens
CAG Chair	Joseph Freer
RAG Chair	Alex Dahinten
Equal Opportunities Officer	Chris Darby
RCC Chair	Andrew Mclellan
CGCU Welfare Officer	Alice Rowlands
Physical Science Postgraduate rep	Neki Patel
CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Edward O'Hare
School of Medicine Postgraduate representative	Deena Blumenkrantz
Business School Postgraduate representative	Llewellyn Thomas
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Hannah Short
RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Charlotte Ivison
ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG)	Alex Walls
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Present: Agneish Dutta

Apologies: Deputy President (Welfare) John James

CGCU President Dan Lundy, CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) He-in Cheong, ICSMSU Education Rep 12 Gayathri Rajasooriar, ICSMSU Education rep 356 Afsoon Sepahzad, ICSMSU year 4 & Research Rep Natalie Kernan, RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG) Sammy Ho, GSLSM Representative Grigoris Makris, C&GU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Ben Stubbens

Not present: RCSU President Katya-yani Vyas, International Officer Matthew Fitch, RCSU Ordinary member representative (UG) Alan Itakura, RCSU Welfare Officer Tim Barrett, GSA Chair Ali Mozaffari, 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, CGCU Ordinary member representative (UG) Apostolia Matraki ICSMSU Ordinary member representative (UG) Richard Hewitt,

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The Chair welcomed the Council Chair elect – Jenny Wilson.
- b) Previous ICSMSU Ordinary members Agneish Dutta asked to be reinstated as an Ordinary Member of Council.
 - i. Council moved to a vote and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

1) To reinstate ICSMSU Ordinary Member Agneish Dutta

- c) Monya Zard stood for the vacant position of RCSU Ordinary member.
 - i. Council moved to a vote and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

2) To instate Monya Zard to the position of RCSU Ordinary Member.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

RECEIVED: Minutes from 17th May 2010

RESOLVED:

1) To accept the minutes as true and correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) In regards to the smoke free campus survey, it was stated that the Deputy President (Welfare) had not had any response from the students who were going to undertake the survey.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Pile driving will begin in dB's next week which will create a lot of noise in the Union building.
 - i. A contingency has been created in residents for Beit complain that the noise is impacting on their study.
- b) It has been suggested that Clubs and Societies Board and Representation and Welfare Board representatives to the Executive Committee are elected at the end of the year for the following term so included them in senior officer training.
- c) John James, the Deputy President (Welfare) has resigned as of the 28th June.
 - i. As part of his resignation, he has stated that he will hand over to his successor on his return to the country.
- 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 Concert Hall Users Group has met and bookings have now been set .
- 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 President on behalf of the Deputy President (Education)

NOTED:

- a) Meet with the 'Learning to Learn' working group today.
- b) In regards to the assessment feedback document the following points were made:
 - i. This document creates more bureaucracy.
 - ii. College acknowledges that feedback is a problem and this is a suggested solution.
 - iii. Concerns were raised that some personal tutors would not uphold their part of the agreement and find a 'loophole' to get out of it.
 - iv. QAAC and Senate have both seen the document and they were favourable with it.
 - v. There are no penalties for College if this is not adhered to.
 - vi. This is not a 'legal' document but directors of studies could hold academics accountable.
 - vii. This already exists in the School of Medicine.
 - viii. It gives the impression that College are taking feedback seriously and gives structure to the student.
 - ix. College should be doing this already, the document is merely symbolic.
 - x. The nature of a research based University is that there is not so much focus on UG teaching.
- 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) Clubs wishing to hold nights at the new nightclub can now fill in application forms online.
 - i. Central Union will be working closely with the clubs to make sure that these evenings are successful.
 - ii. An SLA between the Club and Central Union will be signed.
- b) The Summer Ball is moving ahead and looks to be on budget.
 - i. Final ticket sales numbers are not going to be released due to the negative journalism that has been published about this event which may jeopardise ticket sales.
- c) The renaming of Davinci's is currently taking place.
 - i. The final name will be released soon.
- d) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) The DPW is currently undertaking sub warden interviews hence his apologies.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. CGCU REPORT – not submitted

10. RCSU REPORT – not submitted

11. RETURNING OFFICER REPORT

RECEIVED: the report was presented by President

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

12. SABBATICAL OFFICERS LIVING OUT REQUEST

RECEIVED: the paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) The ICSMSU President also wishes to live out.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To allow the DPFS-elect, Ravi Pall, to live out;**
- 2) To allow the Felix Editor-elect, Kadhim Shubber, to live out.**
- 3) To allow the ICSMSU President-elect, David Smith, to live out**

13. NOMINATION TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD

RECEIVED: the paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to vote to appoint Simon Maddison as a Lay Trustee to the ICU Trustee Board and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To appoint Simon Maddison as a Lay Trustee to the ICU Trustee Board for a full three-year term**

14. TRUSTEE BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

RECEIVED: the paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) Lewis Hands and Graham Howard will step down one replacements have been found.
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To re-appoint Lewis Hands and Graham Howard to the Trustee Board for a period of one year, their terms expiring on 31st July 2011.**

At this point the Chair was handed to Council Chair elect due to the current Chairs conflict with the paper

15. COURT APPOINTMENTS

RECEIVED: the paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) Executive Committee approved the nomination of Stephen Brown
- b) Council moved to vote to accept the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To appoint Stephen Brown as a new life member of the Court, his term to run from 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2013.**
- 2) **To appoint Mark Chamberlain and Karl Bonney to the Court, their terms to run from 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2011.**
- 3) **To re-appoint Jarlath Molloy to the Court.**

The Chair was returned to Mark Chamberlain at this point

16. POLICY LAPSE

RECEIVED: the paper was presented by President

NOTED:

- a) In regards to top up fees, it was agreed that the policy should lapse and the Deputy President (Welfare) elect will sort out.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To not re-pass the top up fees policy.**

ACTION:

1. **The Deputy President (Welfare) elect to update the top up fees policy and present to Council in the Autumn term.**
- b) It was agreed to allow the Environmental policy to lapse and action the President elect to work on during the summer for presentation in the autumn term.
 - i. The Tours policy was passed by Clubs and Societies Board last year and as such is still active.

RESOLVED:

2) To not re-pass the environmental policy.

ACTION:

2. The President elect to re draft and present to Council in the Autumn term.

- c) Fairtrade status was lost this year.
 - i. It was agreed to re pass the policy and to action the Deputy President (Welfare) to work with College and the Fairtrade society to regain Fairtrade status.

RESOLVED:

3) To re-pass the Fairtrade University policy.

ACTION:

3. The Deputy President (Welfare) elect to work with College and the Fairtrade society to regain Fairtrade status.

- d) In regards to 'Felix' it was agreed that Felix must submit a termly report to Council.

RESOLVED:

4) To re-pass the Felix policy.

5) That Felix must submit a termly report to Union Council.

- e) In regards to the 'Trading at Freshers' Fair policy, it was suggested that it be made clearer that 'maestro' is a 'solo' card.
 - i. It was suggested that students should be allowed to experience the activity for free before paying membership.
 - ii. The Council agreed to re pass the policy.

RESOLVED:

6) To re-pass the 'Trading at Freshers' Fair' policy.

- f) Council moved to a vote on re-passing the Health and Safety, Mike the Micrometer, poster policy and reserved powers and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

7) To re-pass the Health and Safety, Mike the Micrometer, poster policy and reserved powers policies.

- g) In regards to the Colours policy, it was pointed that the membership is very 'clubs' orientation.
 - i. Council moved to a vote on re-passing the Colours policy and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

8) To re-pass the Colours policy.

- h) In regards to the Disciplinary policy, it was questioned what the repercussion of not fulfilling the community service was which the President replied that he was not certain but Court may be able to assist.
 - i. Council moved to a vote on re-passing the Disciplinary policy and there were no objections.

RESOLVED:

9) To re-pass the Disciplinary policy.

- i) In regards to the Equal Opportunities policy, Kirsty Patterson suggested that this needs to be looked at again and that this should be a task of the Deputy President (Welfare).
 - i. It was agreed that a caveat should be inserted that this expires at the end of the Autumn term and mandate the Deputy President (Welfare) to lead Representation and Welfare Board to review the policy.

RESOLVED:

- 10) To re-pass the Equal Opportunities policy with the caveat that this expires at the end of the Autumn term.**

ACTION:

- 4. The Deputy President (Welfare) to lead Representation and Welfare Board to review the Equal Opportunities policy**

17 & 18. CODE OF PRACTICE & SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS & CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Executive Committee are monitoring the Health and Safety by this becoming a standing agenda item.
- b) WCUS officers have been removed.
- c) The Academic Officers have been tidied up and brought in line with the representation policy.
- d) The International Officer has been removed.
- e) Have not removed the NUS or ULU as there is the possibility that in the future Imperial College Union may join these factions again.
- f) RAG and CAG have been removed from CSB.
- g) Abstentions don't count as votes.
- h) Council moved to a vote on passing the amended Constitution and updated Code of Practice and Services Level Agreements and there was no objection.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To pass the amended Constitution and updated Code of Practice and Services Level Agreements.**

19. RSM AS A CONSTITUENT UNION

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

NOTED:

- a) It was clarified that this is not a 'power grab'.
- b) It was pointed that technically the RSM is not a CSC as member do not opt in, they become a member when they join a course within the Royal School of Mines.
- c) The working will be similar to that of a Faculty Unions but without the academic and welfare aspects as those are done within the CGCU of which the RSM is tied with.
- d) The RCC Chair stated that he interpreted point 14 as a bit of 'a dig' and give the impression that the RSM can ask for money directly.
 - i. The Faculty of Engineering give money to CGCU for representation and Welfare and part funds certain social activities. If the Faculty fund the RSM specifically, they will benefit twice and RSM events will not be open to engineers.
- e) It was suggested to strike 'believes 7' and 'notes 14'.

- i. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) accepted this removal.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To strike 'believes 7' and 'notes 14'.

- f) Council moved to a vote on passing the paper and the vote is as follows:

FOR	17
AGSAINST	0
ABSTAIN	2
Passed	

RESOLVED:

- 2) To pass the amended paper.

Imperial College Union

Constituent & Campus Unions: Restoring Union Status to the Royal School of Mines

Proposed by Daniel Hill (ICU Deputy President (Finance & Services)), Henry Debens (RSM President), Ben Moorhouse (RSM President Elect), He-in Cheong (CGCU President Elect), Alice Rowlands (CGCU Welfare Officer), and Lawrence Weetman (CGCU Live! Editor)

Imperial College Union Notes

1. That the RSM lost its Union status at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year when a college re-organization abolished the RCS, RSM, C&GC and ICSM replacing them with the FoLS1, FoPS1, FoE and FoM.
2. That despite College originally insisting that the FUs for these bodies be called the FoLSSA, FoPSSA (since merged to the FoNSSA), FoESA and FoMSA, permission was granted in 2006/07 to use the historic names of RCSU, CGCU and ICSMSU despite these not being in line with College nomenclature.
3. That despite no students currently at Imperial having any experience of the RSM as a Faculty Union, there is still a very strong feeling within the RSM and others that the RSM should still have Union status.
4. That the RSM is currently classified as a CSC.
5. That under the current constitution, CSC officers are elected by their committee meaning the RSM committee should be elected only by the outgoing committee.
6. That a CSC is there to manage and oversee the operations and activities of a set of clubs allocated to it.
7. That a CSC Executive has limited activity other than the above management and oversight duties (notable exceptions being the RCC Night Hike and ACC Bar Nights).
8. That despite the classification as a CSC, a large amount of RSM activity is carried out by the RSM Executive in the interests of all students on those courses that formed the RSM at the time of its abolition.
9. That membership of a CSC is conferred by the conscious decision of a member to join a club under the management control of that CSC and is terminated by the decision to leave that club or automatically at the end of the academic year when all club memberships cease.
10. That membership of a Faculty Union is conferred by the commencement of a particular course of study at Imperial College and terminated by the completion, cessation or interruption of that course.
11. That membership of the RSM CSC is automatic at the commencement of a particular course of study at Imperial College and terminated by the completion, cessation or interruption of that course.
12. That the RSM CSC acts in much the manner of an FU from the very first day RSM students are on campus.
13. That Imperial College still awards the ARSM to graduates of the old RSM courses and ACGCI to graduates of the old CGCU courses.

Imperial College Union Believes

1. That the organization of the ICU should not be dictated by Imperial College but rather by the members of the ICU.
2. That the Union's primary focus must always be to represent and cater for the wants, needs and interests of its membership, not those of the College management.

3. That the majority of RSM students wish for Union status to be restored to the RSM CSC, as shown from research from the RSM Committees between 2007-2010.
4. That the current activities and membership status of the RSMCSC are those of a Union, not a club management committee.
5. That representation is best carried out at faculty level so the current representation structure works well, therefore no change is required.
6. That the RSM and CGCU have worked together well but there is still an obvious division between the two student groups.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To restore Union status to RSMCSC.
 2. To amend the line structure of the City & Guilds College Union (Faculty of Engineering Union) by adopting those changes detailed in Appendix I to reflect this change.
 3. To amend the Union Constitution and Regulations by adopting those changes detailed in Appendix II to reflect this change and update all numbering in the Constitution and Regulations as appropriate, (please note a supporting document with tracked changes is included).
- g) It was agreed that the CGCU President elect and RSM President elect need to meet and discuss the logistics of the paper.

ACTION:

1. **The CGCU President elect and RSM President elect need to meet and discuss the logistics of the paper.**

20. COLOURS NOMINATIONS

The Chair was handed to the Council Chair elect at this point due to the conflict of the Council Chair.

NOTED:

- a) The policy stated that 'normally' Sabbaticals can't be granted colours but that is at the discretion of the Colours committee who agreed that Union Fellowship should be granted to John James
- b) Council moved to a vote on passing the recommendations from the Union Colours committee and they were passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To award the following:**

Half Colour

Kavita	Aggarwal	Miriam	Kennedy
Aiman	Alam-Nazki	Natalie	Kernan
Michael	Ashcroft	Sang-Eun	Kim
John	Beale	Ali	Kirresh
Afonso	Campos	Tadeusz	Kocman
Elwin	Carlos	Rajiv	Krishnakumar
Ruskin	Constant	Charlotte	Morris
William	Cowley	Meera	Patel
Adam	Freeman	Ben	Phipps
Trishna	Gunnoo	Anju	Phoolchund
Kenneth	Harvey	Joseph	Rumer

Ian	Hill	Sherif	Salam
Marc	Hinken	Mohammad	Salmasi
Samantha	Jayaweera	Mustali	Sarkar
Adrian	Jeakins	Afsoon	Sepahzad
Jack	Jones	Richard	Simons
		Nicholas	Thornton
Carlos	Karingal	Benjamin	Toomer
Elizabeth	Keeling	Alex	Walls
Alexander	Kendall	Michael	Willmott

Full Colour

Catherine	Atkin	Nicolas	Massie
James	Bannock	Rahul	Mudannayake
Deena	Blumenkrantz	Charles	Murdoch
Emily	Bottle	William	Otter
Alex	Dahinten	Jessica	Poore
Chris	Darby	Louisa	Stokes
Henry	Debens	Ronald	Uzande
Rachel	Fox	Katie	Vowles
Nikita	Gandhi	Richard	Waldie
Batul	Kaj	Kathryn	Wright
Mohammedabbas	Khaki	Grace	Yip
Philip	Leadbeater	Monya	Zard
Steve	Long		
Daniel	Lundy		

Outstanding Service Award

Olle	Akesson	Rupert	Levy
Gilead	Amit	Andrew	McLellan
Gavin	Evans	Jack	Roberts
Richard	Hewitt	James	Smith
Samantha	Jones	Ben	Stubbens

Imperial College Union Fellowship

Christopher	Birkett
Mark	Chamberlain
John	James

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21.1 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR SABBATICAL OFFICERS

NOTED:

- a) The Sabbatical Officers were asked to leave the room of which they did at this point.
- b) The Chair asked Council was asked if it wished to award Honorary Life Membership to the Sabbatical Officers. The results are as follows:
 - i. President Ashley Brown– no objection.
 - ii. Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Jenny Wilson– no objection.
 - iii. Deputy President (Education) Jonathan Silver–no objection.
 - iv. Deputy President (Finance & Services) Danny Hill – no objection.
 - v. Deputy President (Welfare) John James – no objection

- vi. ICSMSU President Anil Chopra – no objection
- vii. Felix Editor Dan Wan– no objection

RESOLVED:

1) To grant Honorary Life Membership to the following Sabbatical Officers

**Ashley Brown
Jenny Wilson
Jonathan Silver
Danny Hill
John James
Anil Chopra
Dan Wan**

The Sabbatical Officers returned to the room at this point.

22.2 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

NOTED:

- a) Council were asked to consider granting Honorary Life Membership to the leaving Rector, Sir Roy Anderson.
 - i. There were no objections from Council.

RESOLVED:

1) To grant Honorary Life Membership to the Rector, Sir Roy Anderson.

- b) President's awards were granted to the following recipients:
 - i. Chris Birkett
 - ii. Deena Blumenkrantz
 - iii. Caroline Hargreaves
 - iv. Hannah Theodorou
- c) The President's award for Club of the year was awarded to Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (Women in SET)

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2009/10

_____ Chair of the Meeting