

Imperial College Union
Permission to work in ICU Bar
A paper by the Deputy President (Education)

Background

1. I would like to seek permission from Exec to work part-time in our Union bar. For transparency's sake, I will explain the reasons for this. Starting 29 August 2011 I will move to America to begin a 1 year unpaid internship with an organisation called Engineering World Health (EWH). Therefore, currently I am looking to save up as much money as possible to allow me to perform my duties within that organisation. Furthermore, I will be looking for part-time employment once I am over there and chances are that I may find a job in a bar – I would like to have some relevant experience on my CV.
2. The Imperial College Union Candidate's Statement of Intent states that: "*The Officer during his/her term of office shall not undertake any paid employment whatsoever outside the Union which interferes with his/her duties.*"
3. The Imperial College Union Sabbatical Officer's contract states that: "*During the appointment and unless prevented by ill health or injury, the Officer is to devote the whole of his or her working time, attention and abilities to the aims and objectives of the Union or any associated part of it and undertake such duties and tasks that are within the Officer's capabilities and within the scope of the post laid out in the Union Constitution/Regulations as the President shall from time to time reasonably require.*" For information, the working times are Monday to Friday (10:00 – 16:00).
4. After speaking with the finance team, they assured me that previous Sabbaticals have worked in the bar during their time in office. Further, there would be no issues regarding pay apart from the fact that instead of being paid on a weekly basis, my pay would be added to my Sabbatical salary at the end of the month. This is possible via a memo from the Operational Manager to College finance.
5. I have no direct influence over the bar as Deputy President (Education) and therefore have no conflicting interests. Regarding my authority to sign off on their expenditure, I have been assured by the finance team that they would never come to me to sign off on this.
6. I have sought permission from the Bar Operations Leader.

Proposal

I ask that:

1. Exec grant me permission to work in the bar, starting immediately, on the condition that: if I ever feel that the bar job is affecting my primary job as Deputy President (Education) unfavourably, that I quit immediately.