



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the third ordinary meeting of
the
Council
of the
Imperial College Union
in the 2010/11 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 15th November 2010 at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Jenny Wilson
President	Alex Kendall
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Heather Jones
Deputy President (Education)	Alex Dahinten
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Ravi Pall
C&GCU President	Victor Du Mesnil Du Buisson
Deputy President (Welfare)	Charlotte Ivison
ICSMSU President	David Smith
RCSU President	Scott Heath
GSA Chair	Deena Blumenkrantz
ACC Chair	Monya Zard
Media Group Chair	Matt Allinson
RCC Chair	Nathanial Bottrell
RSMU President	Ben Moorhouse
SCC Chair	Rhodri Oliver
CAG Chair	Nicolas Massie
RAG Chair	Naida Dzigal
ICU Equal Ops Officer	Stuart Haylock
CGCU Welfare Officer	Sahil Chugani
RCSU Welfare Officer	Mevani Jagodage
CGCU Academic Affairs Officer	Marcus Ulmefors
ICSMSU Education Rep 356	Annalan Navaratnam
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	Catherine Wu
GSEPS Representative	Edefe Edivri
CGCU Ordinary Member	Alice Rowlands
CGCU Ordinary Member	Steve Long
CGCU Ordinary Member	Tom Hills
RCSU Ordinary Member	Lewis Palmer
RCSU Ordinary Member	Alan Itakura
RCSU Ordinary Member	Karmen Chui
ICSMSU Ordinary Member	Aislinn O'Malley
ICSMSU Ordinary Member	Alexandra Burke-Smith
ICSMSU Ordinary Member	Hannah Tullett
Permanent observers	
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Felix Editor Kadhim Shubber, Afonso Campos

Apologies: A&E Chair Adam Khamis, OSC Chair Ahmad Alsaadi, ICSMSU Education Rep 12 & GEP Ali Hosin, GSA Non-faculty academic and welfare officer Llewellyn Thomas, RCSU Ordinary Member Angad Rekhi, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Gayathri Rajasooriar, Engineering Postgraduate rep Shuoying Cao, GSA Physical Sciences academic and welfare officer Neki Patel, GSA Life Sciences academic and welfare representative Joe McKenna, GSA engineering academic and welfare representative Shuoying Cao, Operations Manager Robin Pitt

Not present: GSA Medicine academic and welfare officer Iakovos Amygdalos, Silwood Park Chair Mark Ramsden

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) It was reported that the email decision to appoint Janet Rogan as a Lay Trustee to the Imperial College Union Trustee Board was successful with the vote being 24 FOR,0 AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTION.

RESOLVED:

1) To appoint Janet Rogan as a Lay Trustee to the Imperial College Union Trustee Board

- b) Ordinary Members elections took place for the CGCU Ordinary Member, GSLSM and Non Faculty Ordinary Member vacancies.
- i. The following people stood for these vacancies.
 - Mary O'Sullivan - GSLSM
 - Mark Collins - Non Faculty Ordinary Member
 - Patrick White - CGCU Ordinary Member
 - ii. Council were reminded that RON was also an option.
 - iii. Council moved to a vote on appointing these candidates to the vacancies and the votes are as follows:
 - Mary O'Sullivan – GSLSM (2 votes for)
 - Mark Collins - Non Faculty Ordinary Member (7 votes for)
 - Patrick White - CGCU Ordinary Member (7 votes for)

RESOLVED:

1) To appoint the following candidates to the roles of Council Ordinary Members:

- **Mary O'Sullivan – GSLSM**
 - **Mark Collins - Non Faculty Ordinary Member**
 - **Patrick White - CGCU Ordinary Member**
- c) There is still a vacancy for 1 GCEPS Ordinary Member

2. MINUTES – 1st November 2010

NOTED:

- a) The Felix Editor stated that he did not agree that his sentiment was correctly captured in point 9.q.ii. His point was that there will always be enough rich applicants to afford to come to Imperial College.

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING – none

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Currently in the process of producing The Imperial College Union Annual Report to take to College Council.
- b) It was queried as to why the entry cost for Metrics Opening evening was £5.
 - i. The Bands for the evening are costing £6000 and in the opinion of the President offered very good value for money.
- c) It was suggested that first aid training would be very useful to be included in the training that the union gives to Halls Seniors.
 - i. The President stated that Halls should be providing this training to Seniors, not the Union.

- d) The HST's drinks highlighted that potentially more training needs to be given from the Union or potentially change the role.
- e) Senate have supported the 2 week turnaround on assessment and this has been strongly recommended by the Rector.
- f) Tuesday the 23rd November is the date of the soft launch for Metric and Council are invited to attend.
- g) 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 Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) was dressed as a banana due to raising money for RAG.
- b) It appears as though the Volunteering Centre is going to be shut down.
- c) Some of the principal offers who have 'not' completed training may have actually done this but not pressed submit.
 - i. Potentially Management Group Chairs could deliver the training to those not
- 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) The Postgraduate Representative training is scheduled to take place tomorrow.
 - i. Have 80 confirmed attendees.
- 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) The Trustee Board are advising the Union in regards to operating without a Finance Manager and how to move forward with the finance team.
- b) The Services forum is taking place on Friday.
- c) The 'feedback' email box was full and not receiving emails however this has now been fixed.
- 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 Deputy President (Welfare)

NOTED:

- a) The positively Red campaign is being organised by Medsin, not Sexpression.
- b) For the Union and College to regain Fair-trade status, initial investigations have indicated that all cotton products sold or used, i.e. uniforms, would need to be fair-trade cotton.
 - i. The Deputy President (Welfare), having spoken to the Union Shop Manager, who has stated that in the past when fair-trade garments have been stocked, they were not popular sellers and had to be reduced in price to clear the stock.
 - ii. To have a reasonable profit margin, the garments were out of the acceptable price range for students.
 - iii. Imperial College branded clothing make up a large amount of sales in the Union Shop and the Deputy President (Finance & Services) expressed great concern that if the Union went fair trade cotton only, sales would decline and ultimately this affects students as the money generated by Union commercial activities benefit students.
 - iv. Concern was raised that the Union and College will gain Fair Trade status at the price of a large decrease in profit and what is the actual benefit to the Union to have this status.
 - v. It was questioned if status could be gained by selling and consuming fair trade food stuffs only, ie partial status. The DPW stated that she will look in to this option.

ACTION:

- 1. The Deputy President (Welfare) to investigate if partial status could be obtained by not having to fair trade cotton only**

- vi. It was suggested that the Union has a duty to be ethically responsible and that fair trade status would be a 'massive coup' if the Union and College did gain this.
- vii. It was pointed that the University also benefit from this and that they should be assisting the Union in working towards gaining this status.
- viii. It was questioned if other Universities have got Fair-trade status. The Deputy President (Welfare) stated that she will look in to this.

ACTION:

- 2. The Deputy President (Welfare) to investigate if other Universities have Fair trade status.**

- ix. It was pointed out that there is a massive implication on sports kit if this too had to be fair trade.
- x. It was suggested that this issue should be taken up by Representation and Welfare Board.
- c) It was suggested that Welfare Officers should be merged in to a single role.
 - i. It was pointed out that last year the Welfare Officer role was removed and spilt in to various Welfare roles as this was seen to a more effective way of operating
- d) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

- a) The Summer Ball may potentially be joined with other universities.
 - i. Imperial College Union students are the first priority in planning the ball.
- b) Table service has had a few teething problems but overall is being considered a success.
- c) The asbestos found in metric has almost all been removed.
 - i. The Metric lunch has been confirmed for the 20th November.
 - ii. Capacity is still being confirmed bit will be approximately 550 which is conservative.
- d) Council moved to vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. 'STRATEGISING THE STRATEGY' PRESENTATION

RECEIVED: The presentation was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) For any further information, Council was encouraged to contact the President.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2010/11

_____ Chair of the Meeting