

Report to Trustee Board on ICU Court Orders and Recommendations
A Report by Scott Heath – ICU President

1. Driving Ban Appeal

It was recommended that, due to a lack of clarity in Transport Policy, it was to the necessary to reiterate that the Executive Committee should grant permission to become a minibus driver if a student possesses penalty points or an accident declaration.

From Policy 11/10:

Valid endorsements

- *Applications for those wishing to gain driving status with up to and including three current penalty points can be approved by the Membership Services staff. In cases of concern the applications shall be deferred to the Executive Committee for approval.*
- *Applications for those wishing to gain driving status with more than three current penalty points shall be approved by the Executive Committee.*

I feel this fulfills the requirements and subsequently no further actions are necessary.

2. Withdrawals of election candidates and electronic ballot boxes

It was recommended that the Union should make it more difficult for people using the website to inadvertently enter elections as candidates.

The ease of standing and withdrawal is seen as a benefit of our system and something we felt unnecessary to change. The current system does require multiple mouse-clicks before standing as a candidate, as well as an email being sent alerting the person who stands. The option to withdraw is always present and does not cause any issues for the person supervising the election.

As such I feel it is unnecessary to follow this recommendation

3. Sabbaticals as Candidates

It was ordered that Sabbaticals, who are currently holding office can stand as a candidate for any post in the Union that they are eligible to stand post-Sabbatical. A ruling which the President must uphold through ensuring the electronic voting system is capable of performing.

The President is capable of manually adding any candidate to the ballot roll of any electronic vote and as such this order is achievable.

It was also recommended that this feature be extended to those who are transferring Department or Faculty in the following year i.e. a graduating Biochemistry student (currently RCSU) moving to the Business School could run for a CGCU position.

A section in the Q&A of the Elections Handbook will be added which clarifies this, as well as guidance given to all Faculty Returning Officers.

4. Summer Elections Compliant

It was ordered that the identity of a candidate's seconders in all Union elections is not only made public but should be immediately available without request.

We believe the system has been fixed to ensure this, however we will not be able to guarantee until we test it out on the next set of elections.

The use of 'RON Imperial' on Facebook was also ordered to cease. It shall be deleted soon.

5. Awards Policy and Regulation 6

It was order that the Awards Policy should be amended to ensure the majority is the constitutional 'simple majority' and not 'two-thirds.'

This has been done. However it should be noted that due to such an Emergency Meeting of the Executive Committee can be convened to award a person an Honorary Life Membership.

It was recommended that Regulation 6 should be amended to reflect restrictions on self-nomination to, and presence at deliberations of, the Colours Committee.

As the constitution is currently being redrafted into the Articles of Association, this amendment will take place alongside the Regulation amendment exercise.