



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS of the fifth ordinary meeting of the
Council of the Imperial College Union
in the 2011/12 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the RSM, room 147 on the 16th January 2012 at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	David Smith
President	Scott Heath
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Monya Zard
Deputy President (Education)	Jason Parmar
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Michael Foster
Deputy President (Welfare)	Nicolas Massie
GSA Representative	Allie Shaw
C&GCU President	Jacky Kwan
ICSMSU President	Suzie Rayner
RCSU Representative	Paul Beaumont
RSMU Chair	Richard Simons (left 7pm)
Silwood Park Chair	Fran Sconce
A&E Chair	Chandana Shankar
ACC Chair	Henry Abbot
Media Representative	Matt Colvin
OSC Chair	Wenjun Er
RCC Chair	Dominic Andradi-Brown
CAG Chair	Heather Jones
Equal Ops Officer	Dolan Miu
CGCU Welfare Officer	Hilary Andrew
RCSU Welfare Officer	Jiajun Tan
ICSMSU Rep 12 & GEP	Steven Tran
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	Rosalyn Flower
GSA Engineering Academic and Welfare Officer	Mark Collins
Non Faculty Ordinary Member	Sally Hancock
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Justin Chan
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Carol-Ann Cheah
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Sahil Dawar
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Toller Hao
CGCU Ordinary Member (PG)	Jithin Gopal
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Ryan Browne
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Maciej Matuszewski
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	James Tsim
ICSMSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Shrawan Patel
RCSU Ordinary Member (PG)	Joe Rumer
ICSMSU OM (UG)	Ali Hosin
ICSMSU OM (PG)	Bing Xia

Permanent observers

Governance and Administration Co-ordinator (Clerk to Council) Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: GSA Chair Robert Tang, CGCU Academic Officer Susuana Laryea, SCC Chair Kajann Prathapan, RAG Chair Jack Hewitt, GSA Life Science Academic and Welfare Officer Lisa Hale, GSA Medicine academic and Welfare Officer Mai Kadi, CGCU Ordinary Member (PG) Edo Abraham, Guan Yeap

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) Nasser Ali, the CGCU PG OM has stood down and as such there is now a vacancy.
- b) It was decided that printed calendars are not required as part of the Sabbatical reports, more just a highlights/lowlights to be included in the report.
- c) As per the Constitution, Ali Hosin was removed as the ICSMSU UG OM due to missing 2 consecutive meetings.
 - i. Council moved to a vote to reinstate Ali Hosin and it was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To reinstate Ali Hosin as ICSMSU UG OM.

2. MINUTES – 12.12.11

NOTED:

- a) Joe Rumer, RCSU PG OM was in attendance at the meeting but is not on the register.
- b) The CGCU President asked that his name be corrected.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To pass the amended minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.**

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) The DPFS is still awaiting a response from College in regards to the insurance excess on cash in safes.
- b) The UCU Campaign will be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The Fees and Access working group meet today.
 - i. Currently lobbying for bursaries for Grad Med.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously apart from 1 abstention.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

5. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES)

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)

NOTED:

- a) PG engagement is one of the projects that the Student Activity Manger is keen to move forward.
- b) Response on emails is slow due to a broken collarbone hindering the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) ability to reply.
- c) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

6. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education)

NOTED:

- a) Rep Week is the 13-18th Feb which is going to be a week of celebration of Rep successes and awareness of the role.
- b) The extra bank of questions for SOLE is being discussed at RWB.
- c) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES)

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

NOTED:

- a) 6 volunteers have approached the DPFS to be part of the Ents strategy group and will be meeting soon.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT

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

NOTED:

- a) The bank of questions in the Student Experience survey that pertained to questions of a personal nature; depression, sexual experiences, drugs and alcohol have been approved by the Ethics Committee
- b) The Blood drive will take place on the 2nd March.
 - i. Appointments will be preferable.
- c) The safety and design of Exhibition Road will be discussed at RWB
- d) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. ELECTIONS-RELATED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Currently the requirement for 20 seconders poses as barriers to PG students who do not necessary have access to a network of potential supporters.
- b) It was questioned what the purpose of seconders were which it was replied that in practical terms, this creates the campaign team.
 - i. It was stated that you don't need to have seconded a candidate to be in their campaign team.
- c) The number of seconders of a candidate is not indicative to their success and could be off putting to those thinking of standing.
- d) It was suggested that the removing of the requirement of seconders potentially opens it up to those who don't know the 'system' of the Union.
 - i. The President questioned if this is something that is valued of candidates? Also stated that you don't have to have been involved in the Union to be successful in the sabbatical role.
- e) It was suggested that if the purpose is to encourage those to stand, then the Union will also have to increase the amount of subsidy given to candidates.
- f) It was questioned how Master students that start in September can get involved.
 - i. It was stated that this is not an issue that can be fixed easily and has been an issue for many years.
- g) The possibility of potential candidates being put off by seeing a large number of seconders can be resolved by capping the number of seconders which the President stated, as the Constitution reads at the moment, can be done.

- h) Reducing the amount of seconders required will allow a greater amount of poor candidates and may dilute the amount of serious candidates.
 - i. It was reminded that the actual elections are governed by the electorate and that voters should be trusted to make informed choices.
 - ii. It was suggested that the subsidy be reduced to increase the barriers for non serious candidates.
 - iii. The number of candidates actually drives competition.
- i) It was suggested that there be a different number of required seconders for UG and PG however this was pointed out to be undemocratic.
- j) It was suggested that the non submission of a manifesto automatically removes a candidate however this was also pointed out to be undemocratic.
- k) The candidates' meeting is compulsory as well as deposits which are already barriers to standing.
- l) It was stated that manifestos will be on the ballot papers when people vote.
- m) The Silwood Chair stated that in her opinion, 20 seconders for PG students is a massive barrier as many are networked only by the offices.
- n) Council moved to a vote to amend the Constitution reduce the amount of seconders to 5 and the vote is as follows:

FOR	18
AGAINST	14
ABSTAIN	2

Passes

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To reduce the amount of seconders required for a Sabbatical election to 5.**
- o) Council moved to a vote to amend the Constitution to remove the option of paper ballots and thus the necessity of the Executive Committee to certify this and the vote was unanimously passed apart from 1 against and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED:

- 2) **Amend the Constitution to remove the option of paper ballots and thus the necessity of the Executive Committee to certify this**
- p) The President stated that he interprets the Constitution that the seconders will be capped at 5 and this will be a published list.

10. RESPONSE TO BUCS SINGLE REPRESENTATION CHANGES

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the DPCS

NOTED:

- a) Whatever team is ranked higher will be given priority for ground hire bookings.
 - i. This will raise questions on budgeting as this information will not be known at the time of budgeting which impacts on ground hire allocation.
- b) The ICSMSU President stated that the Medics still feel that investigations on if the change is actually necessary still needs to be investigated.
- c) The timings of meetings and decisions are 'tight'.
- d) Ultimately the Medics do not want to lose the opportunity to play in BUCS.
- e) The DPCS stated that Sport Imperial initiated this proposal with BUCS and feels that College will not support the Union is if stands against BUCS.

It was reminded that you do not have to be form the Faculty of Medicine to play for the ICSMSU.
- f) The ICSMSU President suggested adding an option 'C' to the resolves which reads as follows:

To actively lobby BUCS and College to maintain the current status quo whilst working with Sport Imperial to develop a proposed solution including answering queries raised at previous meetings.

g) Council moved to a vote on resolve 'C' and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To actively lobby BUCS and College to maintain the current status quo whilst working with Sport Imperial to develop a proposed solution including answering queries raised at previous meetings.**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS none

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council on

_____ 2011/12

_____ Chair of the Meeting