

Imperial College Union
Honorary Life Membership
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Notes

1. The constitution indicates in point 3.4.4 “Honorary Life Membership (HLM) may be awarded to any person by the Council.”
2. The Award Policy indicates that a simple majority must be reached to give a person HLM.
3. HLMs are awarded as recognition of hard work for the Union during the term of office.
4. In previous years the Union President, Deputy Presidents, the ICSMSU President and the Felix Editor were considered for HLM.
5. Council passed a revised Awards Policy on July 13th 2011 which means the ICSMSU President is now no longer automatically considered for HLM.
6. An extract from the policy reads:

“The Council shall, after awarding Colours, consider and vote separately on conferring Honorary Life Membership upon each holder of Sabbatical office in the Union that year, as well as the Felix Editor.”

7. The use of a capitalised “S” on “Sabbatical” refers only to the Union President and Deputy Presidents, excluding the ICSMSU President.
8. The Sabbatical Officers are paid for their work in the Union. The CGCU President also receives a small financial reward for their work. The RSM and RCSU Presidents, however, are unpaid positions.

Wording

I would like to propose to change this wording to:

“The Council shall, after awarding Colours, consider and vote separately on conferring Honorary Life Membership upon each holder of Sabbatical office in the Union that year, as well as the Felix Editor, ICSMSU President, RCSU President, CGCU President and RSM President.”

Beliefs

1. The Faculty/Constituent Unions are an important part of Imperial College’s history and representation structure.
2. The Faculty/Constituent Union Presidents spend a significant amount of time working for the Union.
3. HLM effectively provides recognition for hard work and commitment during the President’s term of office.
4. HLM could provide a further incentive for future Presidents to go above and beyond what is the standard expectation of a Faculty/Constituent Union President.

Additional Note

Voting in favour of this paper does not reflect whether you feel the RCSU/RSM/CGCU/ICSMSU Presidents should receive HLM, merely whether they should be automatically considered for HLM alongside the Union President and Union Deputy Presidents and the Felix Editor.

Resolves

1. Council is asked to consider adding the RCSU/RSM/CGCU/ICSMSU Presidents for automatic consideration for HLM.