



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

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 1st May 2012 at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	David Smith
President	Scott Heath
Deputy President (Education)	Jason Parmar
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Michael Foster
Deputy President (Welfare)	Nicolas Massie
Silwood Chair	Fran Sconce
RCSU Representative	Luke Kanczes
RSMU Chair	Richard Simons
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
RAG Chair	Jack Hewitt
Equal Ops Officer	Dolan Miu
CGCU Welfare Officer	Hilary Andrew
GSA Life Science Academic and Welfare Officer	Lisa Hale
GSA Medicine Academic and Welfare Officer	Mai Kadi
RCSU Welfare Officer	Jiajun Tan
ICSMSU Rep 12 & GEP	Steven Tran
ICSMSU Education Rep 4, Biochem & Pharm	Natalie Kempston
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	Rosalyn Flower
Non Faculty Ordinary Member	Sally Hancock
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Justin Chan
CGCU Ordinary Member (UG)	Toller Hao
CGCU Ordinary Member (PG)	Jithin Gopal
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Guan Yeap
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Ryan Browne
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Maciej Matuszewski
RCSU Ordinary Member (UG)	James Tsim
RCSU Ordinary Member (PG)	Joe Rumer
ICSMSU Ordinary Member (UG)	Shrawan Patel
ICSMSU OM (PG)	Bing Xia

Permanent observers

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

Apologies: Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Monya Zard, ICSMSU President Suzie Rayner, C&GCU President Jacky Kwan, SCC Chair Kajann Prathapan, GSA President Robert Tang, CGCU Academic Affairs Officer Susuana Laryea, ICSMSU Education Rep 356 Shiv Vohra GSA Engineering Academic and Welfare Officer Mark Collins CGCU Ordinary Member (UG) Carol Anne Cheah (proxy Alexander Karapetian) CGCU Ordinary Member (PG) Edo Abraham, CGCU Ordinary Member (UG) Sahil Dawar, ICSMSU OM (UG) Ali Hosin

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) The chair thanked those in attendance for coming during a busy assessment period.

2. MINUTES – 13th February 2012

NOTED:

- a) The Silwood Chair was in attendance at the meeting but is not recorded.

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) The library will be closed from 6pm on the day of the Summer Ball.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The draft strategy will be circulated in the next few days for Council to feed back on.
- b) The change to the College day is being discussed at Senate tomorrow.
- c) The election statistics weren't clearly printed but all of these can be found on the election website.
- d) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

5. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES)

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

NOTED:

- a) It is unsure when the Mountain hut booking form will be ready.
 - i. The RCC Chair asked that he be kept informed of any developments with this.
- b) 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) The Deputy President (Education) stated he will send a press release to Felix in regards to the video podcasts and VLE.
- b) Any students interested in the ICT student forum should get in touch with the Deputy President (Education).

- c) The decision on penalties for late submission was made for fairness and the Deputy President (Education) will keep Council updated with any progress on this.
- d) Podcasting will be rolled out to the largest lecture theatres first and Silwood will not be a priority due to the lower number of students.
- e) 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) The interviews for the role of Finance Manager are taking place on the 17th May.
 - i. Short listing is taking place at the moment.
 - ii. The CAG Chair stated that clubs are noticing a delay in getting things done.
- b) Ticket sales for the Summer Ball dinner are unknown to the DPFS at the moment as is the maximum number that can be sold.
 - i. If the dinner goes ahead, it will be in the SCR.
- c) 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) It was clarified that there are some departments which have specific women tutors for female students.
- b) The external organisers of the Bloody Drive have been extremely poor at the logistics and as such they will not be coming to Imperial.
- c) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

9. FELIX REPORT – to be submitted to next meeting.

10. GSA REPORT

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the GSA Medicine AWO on behalf of the GSA President

- a) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

11. CGCU REPORT – to be submitted to next meeting.

12. ICSMSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the ICSMSU Rep 12 & GEP on behalf of the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) The refurbishment of Reynolds is moving ahead.
 - i. A first draft of a brief is being compiled to be presented to the College Project Board.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

13. RCSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the RCSU AAO on behalf of the RCSU President

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously apart from 3 rejections from ICSMSU officers for the statement referring the Medics being 'less intelligent'.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

14. RSMU REPORT

NOTED: The report was presented by the RSMU President

- a) Online voting will be used for RSMU elections next year.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

15. GENERAL MEETING

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The meeting will be the opportunity to 'discuss' instead of 'passing' changes.
- b) The room will be in SAF.
- c) The Sabbatical Officers have discussed changes in an away day and have agreed on the broad changes but a public forum will be the best way to explain the reasoning behind the changes and to engage in dialogue with the wider body.
- d) Court will see the amended constitution before the meeting.
- e) Students will be included at all levels of decision making.

16. COLLEGE TEACHING DAY

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) There are massive repercussions on BUCS and International students if they skip lectures to attend then there will be implications on their visa's.
- b) This is not the first time that college have made sweeping changes without consulting students when it affects them directly.
- c) The President is will be pushing for at least 1 universal lunchtime.
- d) A head of co curricular studies is currently in the process of being appointed.
 - i. It hasn't been ascertained how co curricular studies will work with humanities and languages.
 - ii. The compulsory co curricular studies may not be in place for next year but its principle is to provide a platform for students to make them more employable.
 - iii. It was suggested that students could be consulted in regards to what courses they would deemed the most appropriate.
- e) It has been assured by College that teaching hours will not be increased but will give department's greater flexibility with their timetabling.
- f) Council moved to a vote on the resolves separately.
- g) Resolve one was reworded to read as follows:
'On a Wednesday, the College working day ends at 12pm'
 - i. Council moved to a vote on this resolve and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

1) Imperial College Union demands that on a Wednesday, the College working day ends at 12pm.

- h) Resolve two was reworded to read as follows:
'Imperial College Union demand that the College Management Board give the Student Union the opportunity for input on any paper related to student issues, taking in to consideration any issues that have a confidential nature'.
 - i. Council moved to a vote on this resolve and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

2) Imperial College Union demand that the College Management Board give the Student Union the opportunity for input on any paper related to student issues, taking in to consideration any issues that have a confidential nature'.

- i) Council moved to a vote on the recommendation and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

3) Imperial College Union recommend that any papers considered by the Management Board relating to student issues must be countersigned by a Sabbatical Officer to indicate that they have been considered by the Union.

17. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES RELATING TO SUMMER ELECTIONS

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Representation and Welfare Board has not been functional this year, whereas the Welfare and Representation forums have worked as a way to gage opinion and share best practice.

- b) The remits of the Welfare Officers are currently being looked to be changed slightly to reflect better at what they actually do.
- c) It was suggested that the Welfare Officers could be permanent observers on Council rather than voting members.
 - i. It was pointed that there needs to be motivation for attending meetings.
- d) It was suggested that Council meetings will be prolonged where the same discussions should be happening at the officer level where they have the experience and expertise.
 - i. The President stated that by putting the Welfare Officers on Council, this opens up the liaison and networking with other officers and facilitates informed discussions.
- e) Council moved to a vote to allow the Welfare Officers to have a seat on and vote at Council and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

1) Allow the Welfare Officers to have a seat on and vote at Council.

- f) In regards to the Court Advocate, the CAG Chair stated that the rationale behind its creation was to assist with the facilitation of the process of the appeal.
- g) It was suggested that the court Advocate would be appointed by Executive Committee or Council rather than by cross campus ballot.
- h) It was suggested that the Council Chair could have this role as part of their remit.
- i) The President has spoken to Court and they agree that the position is useful but not as effective as what they wished it to be.
- j) Council moved to a vote on removing the Court Advocate as a position and transfer the responsibilities to the Council Chair.
 - i. It was unanimously agreed apart from 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED:

2) Remove the Court Advocate position from the Constitution and transfer the responsibilities to the Council Chair.

- k) In regards to the PG Sabbatical, when the DPGS position was first created, there was not the structure that the DPGS would work with to make effective representation in roads and as such it became a sabbatical that essentially organised social events for PG's.
- l) The President stated that he has had people express interest in standing for the position.
 - i. It was pointed that the timetables for PG start dates means that there is never an ideal time for elections as there will always be a group who is disadvantaged.
- m) The role will predominately be focused on 'education and representation'.
- n) If funding does become available, council wished that this be assured for the next three years.
- o) It was suggested to roll the position in to the GSA but it was pointed that this is not the best use of a Sabbatical and was essentially why the DPGS role was not as successful when it was created.
- p) The GSA has a history of positions not being filled however part of the reason for this is that there are a large number of positions due to trying to spread the work load out amongst a large number of people.
- q) The PG Sabbatical is created will work closely with the GSA President but will be spate entities with different focuses.
- r) It was pointed that as a DP, the officer should be accessible to all and this will not be the case due to the remit being primarily for the benefit of PG students.
- s) The GSA has been in existence for 5 years and is at a point where is cannot grow further due to officers not being able to dedicate time to develop it and the DP PG will be able to assist in this.
- t) Consultation has occurred with the GSA but it was suggested that this should be investigated further with PG Students.
- u) It was agreed that the resolve be amended to read as follows:

Should funding become available for a Sabbatical to represent PG Students, Council will agree on a role description of the position before an election takes place.

RESOLVED:

- 3) Should funding become available for a Sabbatical to represent PG Students, Council will agree on a role description of the position before an election takes place.**

ACTION:

- 1. The President to discuss the potential role of PG Sabbatical with the wider PG student body.**

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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

_____ 2011/12

_____ Chair of the Meeting