

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the third ordinary meeting of the
Council
of the Imperial College Union
in the 2012/13 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on 13 November at 6.40pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Michael Foster
President	Paul Beaumont
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Henry Whittaker
Deputy President (Education)	Doug Hunt
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Stefan Nubert
Deputy President (Welfare)	Becky Lane
CGCU President	Temí Ladega
RCSU President	James Tsim
Silwood Park Chair	Isabel Fenton
A&E Chair	Adam Funnell
ACC Chair	Jake Woods
OSC Chair	Wasim Khouri
RCC Chair	Joe Rumer
SCC Chair	Lucy McGregor
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Steve Tran
ICSMSU Education Rep 4, Biomed and Pharm	Matthew Hutchins
GSA Physical Sciences academic and Welfare Officer	Ross Webster
GSA Business Academic and Welfare Officer	Simon Schillebeeckx
GSA Engineering Academic and Welfare Officer	Nicholas Ng
International Officer	Jialin Li
Gender Equalities Officer	Marisa Lewis
Disabilities Officer	Sophia Maiguma-Wilson
CGCU Ordinary Member UG	Johannes Hoenigl
CGCU Ordinary Member UG	Joe Gibbs
CGCU Ordinary Member UG	Thomas Lim
CGCU Ordinary Member PG	Marianne Kordab
RCSU Ordinary Member UG	Stuart Haylock
RCSU Ordinary Member UG	Jason Parmar
RCSU Ordinary Member	UG Mariza de Souza
RCSU Ordinary Member PG	James Bannock
RCSU Ordinary Member PG	Xiaoran Lai
ICSMSU Ordinary Member UG	Tagore Nakornchai
ICSMSU Ordinary Member UG	Shrawan Patel
Non Faculty Ordinary Member	Jasper Montana
Permanent observers	
Governance and Administration Co-Manager (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Felix Editor Tim Arbabzadah, Professor Deborah Humphries

Apologies: ICSMSU President Shiv Vohra, RAG Chair David Goldsmith, Media Group Chair Joe Letts, GSA Chair Maryam Habibzay, GSA Medicine academic and Welfare Officer Natalie Kempston, , ICSMSU Education Rep 356 Sybghat Rahim, BME Officer Bilal Khan, Ethics & Environmental Officer Laura Johnston, CGCU Ordinary Member UG Oladipupo Disu, CGCU Ordinary Member PG Tianyun Ye, General Manager Joe Cooper

Not present: RCSU Welfare Officer Fredrick Barker, RSCU Academic Affairs Officer Cecile Borkhataria, Campaigns Officer Chinemelu Ezeh, LGBT portfolio Officer Elizabeth Campbell, GSA Life Science Academic and Welfare Officer Helen Pennington, Interfaith Officer Aemun Reza, CGCU Welfare Officer Carol-Ann Cheah, ICSMSU Rep 12 & GEP Ken Wu CGCU Academic Affairs Officer Leonardo Paoli RSMU Chair Lewis Ryan

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) Professor Debra Humphries was welcomed to the meeting of Council.
- b) Sabbaticals were asked to make the reports as jargon free as possible and to explain what the acronyms are if they use them.

2. MINUTES – 30.10.12

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) The constitution went to Trustee Board and was passed unanimously.
 - i. The documents will go to College Council for approval on the 23 November.

The agenda was reordered at this point to consider agenda items 9 - 12 as the first items of business

9. HIGHER EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT RECORD (HEAR)

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) It was clarified that the diploma supplement, that is already produced, has individual module marks on it.
- b) College are investigating putting in to place a system in registry to produce the document.
 - i. The framework to gather the information is still being worked out.
 - ii. It was reminded that the conversation should be about the principle of the record rather than the implementation and detail.
- c) Its purpose is to show the total genius when graduating.
- d) In regards to the measure of level of involvement, how would this be accredited? Such as club member or treasurer and amount of work differs for each club.
- e) CV's are always subjective as those who are better at 'selling themselves' more eloquently with text are benefitted from this.

- f) It was questioned if the student could 'pick and choose' which information went on as they may not wish to be potentially judged but certain club memberships.
 - i. Students would be able to choose which information goes on the transcript.
- g) Students undertake activity outside of Imperial College which makes them a 'better rounded' person and this information won't be on the record.
- h) It was suggested that Union and College awards also be included on the record.
- i) Some students go above and beyond the scope of their role and how will this be put on the record.
 - i. This will be recognised by Union or Management Group Awards if this is the case.
- j) PhD students have papers published and attend and present at conferences and it was questioned if this could be included.
- k) It would be beneficial if the report could capture the teaching and graduate school courses
- l) The report will make students think about what they have done – reflect and then represent this in their CV. They will draw from positions the soft skills gained and build on the report to supplement the facts.
- m) Professor Humphries stated the following:
 - i. The purpose of the report will be to show the development path of the student.
 - ii. This will be opt in.
 - iii. The Union and University needs to work together to achieve this.
 - iv. The report will be produced at the end of the student's academic time.
- n) Concern was raised in regards to students giving themselves more stress to get a better report.
 - i. It was clarified that the purpose will be to recognise the total genius of students.
- o) The how what and consequences are still needed to be worked out and find a scheme that works best for Imperial.
- p) It was questioned if the student could access the report before graduating as this would be useful when they will be applying for jobs which is generally over the whole of their last year.
- q) The President stated that he will present a paper for decision on the HEAR

ACTION:

1. **The President to present a paper to the next meeting of Council in regards to the HEAR.**

10. IMPERIAL HORIZONS

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The update from first year students was 69% with this dropping to approximately 60%.
 - i. If the student drops out in the first 2 weeks of the 8 week course, there is no penalty and if they fail the course, this does not get published on their transcripts.
- b) Horizons are courses done in addition to the curriculum.
- c) First year students have really engage in the scheme.
- d) In regards to the modules being compulsory, the following points were made:
 - i. It may disrupt and take focus away from scheduled teaching or involvement in Clubs and Societies.
 - ii. Imperial College does more research led teaching.
 - iii. It was questioned how it works at other institutions where it is compulsory.
 - iv. Electives vary by department as well as year of study.

- v. It would be an impossible task to have interdepartmental courses that any year of study can take due to timetabling restrictions.
 - vi. In the MBA programme, currently there are compulsory language courses.
 - vii. Students shouldn't be forced to do 'humanities' if they don't want; some may have chosen to study at Imperial College because of it being purely science.
 - viii. It would be integrated in to the curriculum.
 - ix. How would horizons work with courses that already have auxiliary courses.
 - x. There is a wider curriculum issue that needs to be addressed across the college.
 - xi. The point was raised where the years that don't count towards final grade will possibly encourage more effort to be put in to horizons courses. It was pointed that the first year of student is extremely important for building knowledge and skills even if it doesn't count towards final assessments.
 - xii. It should be about student choice if they wish to undertaken extracurricular study but it is a good thing that the College facilitates this.
 - xiii. Students may already feel overwhelmed with workload.
 - xiv. Looking at holding classes at other campuses.
 - xv. Those on 1 year Masters courses are unable to undertake Horizons.
 - xvi. It is anticipated that the courses will be held on other campuses but concern was raised about Medical Students having to travel in the they were on placements.
- e) In regards to whether the programme should be 'progressional' the following points were raised:
- i. Suggested that the modules eventually will be start all at the same time so that those who have progressed can access them at some stage.
- f) Business is proving to be the most popular module.
- i. There is a gap in arts subjects for those who want something completely detached form the teaching curriculum and for pure escapism.
 - ii. Extra science or law, specifically patent law.
 - iii. Sports science.
 - iv. British cultural information for international students.
- g) Would like to see joint degrees with the RCA and RCM.
- h) It was the questioned if the principle of the horizons is to offer a prolonged experience in one topic or to allow students to take many.
- i) The scheme will at all times work in partnership with the Union.
- j) The President stated that he will present a paper for decision on the Horizons Scheme.

ACTION:

1. **The President to present a paper to the next meeting of Council in regards to the Horizons Scheme.**

11. BUCS RESPONSE

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

NOTED:

- a) This response has been approved by the Executive Committee and has been submitted to BUCS however Council are within their rights to retract the submission.
- b) The response is as close to the status quo that the Union has been able to negotiate.
 - i. The response has been drafted with consultation with IC, ICSMU and Sport Imperial.
- c) Council moved to a vote on passing the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To endorse Proposal A which is:**

- *Status quo with league by league restrictions applied to prevent the unfair advantage.*
- *The University (parent institution) and Medical School (sub-institution) will be registered as 2 separate BUCS members.*
- *Students at Imperial College London will be internally classified as either IC or ICSM as follows:*
 - *All students belonging to the Faculty of Medicine will be classified as belonging to both ICSM (as the sub-institution) and to IC (as the parent institution)*
 - *All other students will only be classified as belonging to IC*
- *Therefore ICSM-classified students will be able to compete for both ICSM and IC – this maintains a fair level of participation opportunities for all students.*

12. POLICY REPEAL

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

NOTED:

- a) This is tidying up the changes when RAG and CAG moved under Clubs and Societies Board.
- b) Council moved to a vote on passing the paper and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To repeal RWB RAG and CAG Policy and NPC standing orders.**

ACTION:

1. **DPCS to submit a new NPC standing orders and RAG and CAG policy to CSB**

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The President is extremely disappointed with how the Union has been treated and disadvantaged in regards to the decant of Wilson House.
- b) 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 Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOTED:

- a) Currently there is 1 position filled by the ACC Chair as a Clubs and Societies Board representative which leaves 3 vacancies.
- b) Working on the assumption that College Council will pass the constitutional changes, the 3 vacancies will be filled from the Council membership through online voting.
- c) The President will email out details about how to stand.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2012/13

_____ Chair of the Meeting