

Council Chair report

A report by Council Chair Richard Bennett

Welcome to the Council Report for the third Trustee Board of the 2013 -2014 meeting – a brief summary of the topics discussed and voted on at the Union Council. This term I have worked on keeping council meetings concise and to the point. This was to ensure members feel able to participate but not such that the meetings drag-on by discussing minutiae.

The summary of the meetings and for further information, all papers and minutes can be found [online](#)

Union Council Summaries

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Matters discussed	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The redrafted change to the <u>Stance on Changes to the Immigration Bill</u> was presented after surveys had been conducted by Marissa and her team of volunteers. This was passed unanimously.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Immigration Bill promotion has occurred.• The President and Deputy President (Welfare) have begun lobbying some members of the House of Lords.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council approved the principle to record the votes of Council members. The logistics of how this can occur is still being investigated.• A motion requesting the Stance on the changes to the Immigration Bill to be suspended was considered by Council.• A stance on Cycling Infrastructure was passed.• A motion on the Criminalisation of Student Protest was passed with a number of resolves and actions being passed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A working group is investigating how the recording of votes can logically happen.• Council voted unanimously against the motion.• The Union will lobby to improve cycling Infrastructure in London.

The meeting scheduled for the 14 January was not able to meet due to quorum not being reached. A number of apologies were received however there is an issue of a small number of Council members who fail to attend and send apologies. These people are being contacted.