



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the third ordinary meeting of
the **Council** of the
Imperial College Union in the 2013/14 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 12 November at 6.35pm.

Present:

Council Chair	Richard Bennett
President	David Goldsmith
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Yas Edwards
Deputy President (Education)	Nat Kempston
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Kieron Creagh
Deputy President (Welfare)	Marissa Lewis
ACC Chair	Chew Liew
Media Group Chair	Maclej Matuszewski
OSC Chair	Charmain Li
CAG Chair	Sam Page
CGCU Welfare Officer	Juliet Kernohan
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Sunila Prasad
CGCU Academic Affairs Officer	James Murphy
ICSMSU Ed Rep 4, Biomed & Pharm	Lucinda Osborn
GSU Engineering Academic and Welfare Officer	Mohammad Hassan Ahmadzadeh
GSU Business Academic and Welfare Officer	Ruxandra Luca
LGBT Portfolio Officer	Nia John
International Officer	Nida Mahmud
Gender Equality Officer	Sarah Sturrock
Interfaith Officer	Tagore Nakornchai
C&GCU (Undergraduate) Ordinary Members	George Butcher
	Yulia Bulgakova
C&GCU (Postgraduate) Ordinary Members	Richard Simons
	Stefan Nubert
RCSU (Undergraduate) Ordinary Members	Ben Fernando
	Xiaoyu Chen
RCSU (Postgraduate) Ordinary Members	Andrew Tranter
	Giulia Ferlito
ICSMSU (Undergraduate) Ordinary Members	Hiba Saleem Danish
	Shiqu Qiu
Permanent observers	
Governance and Administration Manager (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: CGCU President Lejon Chua, ICSMSU President Steve Tran, GSU Chair Andreas Thomik, RSMU Chair Emily Pennington, A&E Chair Alex Savell, RCC Chair Tom Wheeler, SCC Chair Jia Cheong, RAG Chair Callum Kirk, ICSMSU Education Rep Anju George, GSU Physical Sciences AWO Max Boleininger, GSU Medicine AWO Nuha Yassin, Campaigns Officer Chris Kaye, ICSMSU (Postgraduate) Ordinary Members Alan Askari, RCSU AAO Mariza de Souza ICSMSU Education Rep 356 Rahul Ravindran, Disabilities Officer Moeko Maiguma-Wilson, Interfaith Officer Tagore Nakornchai, CGSU UG OM Thomas Lim, Gender Equality Officer Sarah Sturrock CGCU Ordinary Member UG Timothy Munday RCSU (Undergraduate) Ordinary Members Selina Leung ICSMSU (Undergraduate) Ordinary Members John Golden

Not present:

Silwood Chairs Claire Bankier, Shorok Mombrikotb, GSU Life Sciences AWO Marta Sawicka, BME Officer Mohammed Riyaz, Nakornchai RCSU Welfare Officer Douglas Imrie, RSMU Welfare Officer Hayley Meek

1. **CHAIRS BUSINESS – none**

2. **MINUTES – 29.10.13**

RESOLVED:

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

3. MATTERS ARISING – none

4. STANCE ON CHANGES TO THE IMMIGRATION BILL

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The presented paper is the redraft of the original paper that was rejected at the last meeting of Council.
- b) Thanks were given to the Deputy President (Welfare) and working group for their swift turn around on the paper.
- c) 120 responses were received on the survey that was sent out.
 - i. The survey was unable to be included in the 'all student email' due to timelines but it was promoted through all social media.
 - ii. The Union does not have an email list of just International Students.
- d) It was suggested that the Union lobby for just ICU students to be excluded from the Bill however it was pointed out that this would be impossible.
- e) There is currently no legislation for Landlords to carry out any checks on students. Any that do occur are down to the landlords own procedures.
- f) Council voted on passing the paper presented at this meeting, and the vote is as follows:

FOR	28
AGAINST	0
ABSTAIN	3

Passes

RESOLVED:

- 1) **Imperial College Union should oppose and actively campaign against the Immigration Bill as long as International Students are not exempted from paying for medical treatment.**
- 2) **Imperial College Union should join with relevant parties, such as the NUS or other London Unions, to help campaign on this issue.**
- 3) **In parallel to direct action against the proposed Bill, the Union should work with College to ensure measures are in place to mitigate the effect of this Bill, such as publicising the Hardship Fund and working in partnership with the International Office, to ensure students struggling to pay these fees can access financial aid.**
- 4) **Imperial College Union resolves to oppose and actively campaign against the Immigration Bill as long as landlords will be obliged to check the immigration status of International Students.**
- 5) **Imperial College Union should investigate ways that the College could support International Students facing these checks.**

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) Last evening, the President meet with other London Student Unions and it was agreed that they should work together to lobby against the Immigration Bill.
 - i. The President stated that he will ensure that this happens.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

6. 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.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

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

NOTED:

- a) 88% of PG rep positions are now filled
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES)

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

NOTED:

- a) There was a meeting with Campus Services today to discuss Halls of Residence cleaning.
- b) Dinner service in H Bar has been over capacity.
- c) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

9. 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.**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 H BAR SERVICES

NOTED:

- a) H Bar being extremely busy on opening night was frustrating to those who wished to attend.

10.2 CLOSURE OF ULU

NOTED:

- a) A protest is taking place on Wednesday 13 November against the closure of University of London.

Meeting closed 6.55pm

Approved as a correct record at a
meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2013/14

_____ Chair of the Meeting