



Minutes of the Imperial College Union
Fifth Governance Committee meeting of 2014/15
22 July 2015
Meeting Room 3, 13.00

PRESENT:

Alumni Trustee	Andy Heeps – Chair (AH)
Officer Trustee	Abigail de Bruin (ADB)
Officer Trustee	Thomas Wheeler (TW)
Council Chair	Paul Beaumont (PB)
Student Trustee	Chris Chukwunta (CC)
Student Trustee	Hiba Danish Saleem (HDS)
<u>Permanent Observers</u>	
Managing Director	Joe Cooper (JC)
Governance Manager – Clerk	Rebecca Coxhead (RC)

Observers: Deputy President (Finance & Services) Alex Savell (AS), President elect Lucinda Sandon-Allum (LSA), Deputy President Clubs & Societies elect Ben Howitt (BH), Student Activities Manager James Lindsay (JL)

Apologies: Head of Student Voice and Communication Alex McKee (AMK)

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) Thanks were given to the members of the Governance Committee for their contributions throughout the year and incoming officers were welcomed.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS – none

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 3 June 2015

NOTED:

- a) The minutes were passed at the last meeting of Board of Trustees.
- b) A typographical error was highlighted on point 5.5

4. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) In regards to the review of Disciplinary Procedures AH will work with the incoming President to draft a 'Principles of Discipline' document.

ACTION:

1. RC to arrange a time for AH and the incoming President to work on the 'Principles of Discipline' document.

AT THIS POINT THE MEETING WENT IN TO CLOSED SESSION

5. FELIX POLICY

RECEIVED: The policy was presented by AS

NOTED:

- a) The presented policy doesn't make it explicit as to what the mechanism for complaint is.
- b) There is no mechanism for the Union to enforce the editor to issue a retraction notice.
- c) It was stated that the document should use the principles of press complaints.
- d) Felix has inherent risk and is unique to other Clubs, Societies and Projects due to how it is funded and supported by the Union.
- e) It was agreed that the presented document still has room for improvement and that AH will lead a task and finish group that will meet in the next 4-5 weeks.

ACTION:

- 1. AH to lead a task and finish group to consider the Felix Policy that will meet in the next 4-5 weeks.**

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 STAKEHOLDER INTERACTION POLICY

RECEIVED: The policy was tabled by AS

NOTED:

- a) It was stated that the presented policy is difficult to navigate and that the document needs to be clear and free of ambiguity.
- b) It was suggested that the question of what the document is trying to achieve still needs to be answered.
- c) It was suggested that there needs student and staff consultation and that it should be considered by Union Council before coming back to Governance Committee who will then refer the document to Board.

Meeting Closed 14.45