



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the first ordinary meeting of
the **Council** of the
Imperial College Union in the 2014/15 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in the Union Dining Hall on the 29 October at 18.00

Present:

Council Chair	Paul Beaumont
President	Tom Wheeler
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Abi de Bruin
Deputy President (Education)	Pascal Loose
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Alex Savell
Deputy President (Welfare)	Chris Kaye
GSU President	Nida Mahmud
ICSMSU President	Dariusz Hassanzadeh-Baboli
RSMU Chair	Ben Warnick
ACC Chair	Oliver Benton
A&E Chair	Jonathon McNaught
Media Group Chair	Cem Hurrell
SCC Chair	Tom Rivlin
CAG Chair	Michael Chung
RAG Chair	Ben Fernando
RSMU Welfare Officer	Rachael Shuttleworth
ICSMSU Academic Affairs Officer – Science Years	Cyin San
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	Zoe Hsu
RSMU Academic Affairs Officer	Emma Toms
GSU Medicine AWO	Mike Asavarut
LGBT Portfolio Officer	Kyle Hellemans
Ethics & Environmental Officer	Rhiannon Holden
International Officer	Katherine Chio
Interfaith Officer	Shamim Ahmed
Permanent observers	
Governance and Administration Manager (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: CGCU President Tim Munday, RCSU President Serena Leung, CGCU Academic Affairs Officer James Murphy

Not present: RCC Chair Richard Cameron OSC Chair, Soo Hong, CGCU Welfare Officer Juliet Kernohan, Gender Equalities Officer Madeleine Maxwell, BME Officer Shiqu Qiu

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) Drinking of alcohol will not be permitted in the meeting.
- b) Formal training for members take place on 28 October at 18.00, just before the next meeting of Council.
- c) Printed copies of papers must be requested in advance of the meeting. Requests to be made to r.coxhead@ic.ac.uk
- d) Elections are currently open and Council members were asked to promote these.
- e) Members must talk through the Chair by raising their hands and not over each other.
- f) Argue the point and not the person – personal attacks will not be tolerated.

2. MINUTES – 10 June 2014

RESOLVED:

- 1) To pass the minutes are a correct record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) Addressed later in the agenda

4. HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING REFERENDUM/SURVEY MANDATE

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

NOTED:

- a) The purpose of the paper is requesting that the resolution on the Higher Education Funding Paper from the council meeting of 10.06.14 be amended from holding a Referendum to a Survey.
- b) There is the potential for this to look bad if Council overturn the decision of last year's Council
- c) It was queried if both a referendum and a survey could take place.
- d) A referendum would not give enough of a mandate to draw a policy from the data as it will be too broad.
- e) There is a minimum turnout for a referendum which may not be reached.
 - i. A survey may have a greater turnout and would give more robust data.
 - ii. A minimum response won't be set for a survey but are aiming to get around 400 respondents.
- f) Don't compare Imperial to other institutions as we are unique in our political slant.
- g) Council were encouraged to join the Higher Education Funding working group and to pass the invitation on to those students who they think may be interested.
- h) There is currently a draft survey which is being refined.
- i) Council moved to a vote on passing the resolutions and the vote is as follows:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	1
ABSTAIN	1

RESOLVED:

- 1) To modify Council's previous resolution to allow for a survey to canvas student opinion on higher education rather than a Referendum
- 2) To mandate the Deputy President (Finance & Services) and Deputy President (Education) to work with any interested members of Council or other students to enact the survey and produce the policy working towards the proposed timescale below:

Date:	Event:	Objective:
December 19 th 2014	End of Autumn Term	To have a lobbying strategy in place for 2015
December 9 th 2014	Union Council 4	Discussion of the final Higher Education Funding Policy
December 2 nd 2014	Council 4 paper deadline	Higher Education Funding Policy submitted to Council
November 28 th 2014		Full analysis of survey data complete
November 21 st 2014		Survey to have concluded by this date at the latest
November 11 th	Union Council 3	

2014		
October 29 th 2014		Survey window opens. Survey to be open for 2 weeks
October 28 th 2014	Union Council 2	Final Survey amendments to be complete, Council discussion of finalised survey
October 21 st 2014	Council 2 paper deadline	Submission of finalised survey
October 13 th 2014	Union Council 1*	Council discussion of survey rather than referendum, working group formation
October 6 th 2014	Council 1 paper deadline	Paper submitted to Union Council

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) A meeting is being arranged with the Liberation Officers to discuss Sexism at Imperial.
- b) This is the first year that the Amenities fund has been administered by the Union and students are now making the majority of the decisions of how the fund is being spent.
- c) 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) Huge thanks were given to all those who volunteered their time to assisting with the Freshers Fair.
- b) It was highlighted that Associate Members are not able to participate in sports that play in the BUCS league.
 - i. The Deputy President Clubs & Societies stated they she is aware of this issue.
 - ii. It may be possible to provide a different membership levy for associate members where they are able to participate in the activity without being entered in to the BUCS league.

ACTION:

1. **The President, Deputy President Clubs & Societies, Deputy President (Finance & Services), and ACC Chair to discuss how to incorporate Associate Members in to Union activities that have restrictions put on by external affiliations.**

- c) 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) Students were encouraged to attend the SIMP work shop.
- 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) 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. GSU REPORT – moved to next meeting

11. CGCU REPORT – moved to next meeting

12. ICSMSU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the ICSMSU President

NOTED:

- a) Thanks were given to ICU Officers and Staff given to the ICSMSU President so far.
- 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 Academic Affairs Officer

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

14. RSMU REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the RCSU President

NOTED:

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 RAG Working group

NOTED:

- a) The RAG committee would like to convene a Working Group to choose their three charities to support for the entire year and three to support for RAG week. The process will be coordinated by the RAG chair and will entail choosing the charities from a shortlist put together by the RAG committee. The workload is expected to be minimal, perhaps lasting an hour or two over the course of the entire year, with most if not all discussion happening in the next month.
- b) Council were invited to contact the RAG Chair if they are interested in joining the working group.

15.2 Hyde Park consultation

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) will be sending a link regarding Hyde Park usage consultation that Council were encouraged to fill in.

15.3 Membership Services Manager

NOTED:

- a) Phil Power has resigned from his role of Membership Services Manger and the Sabbatical Team thanked him for his considerable contribution that he has made to the Union.

15.4 Welfare provision during Welcome Week

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Finance & Services) was thanked for going above and beyond in his provision of Welfare Services during Welcome Week.

Meeting closed 19.10

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2014/15

_____ Chair of the Meeting