

Motion to Implement the Council Resolution of December 10, 2013

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The original paper and details of the resolves will be attached in the appendix at the end of this paper. It should be noted that the decision to publish voting records was made last year, this paper simply proposes a method to implement this policy.

The Union Notes:

- That Council Meetings are open to all members, but those on Medical Firms, at Outlying Campuses or who cannot attend for any other reason cannot check the voting records of those who represent them.
- That article L100.1 of the constitution states that Council has the authority to 'represent the voice of the students'
- That the decision to publish members' voting records was agreed at the Council Meeting on December 10, 2013 however the proposer did not follow through on his action to investigate a method of doing this.

The Union Believes:

- That as per the reasons outlined in the original paper, students should have the opportunity to investigate the voting records of their elected representatives.
- That the Council must publish voting records in order to be truly democratic.

ICU resolves:

- To uphold the resolves of the previous paper, as agreed on December 10, 2013
 - To consider implementing this policy at other boards including CSPB (excluding budgeting meetings), CWB and ERB. This should be considered after at least two council meetings where this has been tested.
 - To form a working group to discuss the best method for recording the votes. The group should report back at the next council meeting such that votes there can be recorded. They should look into using some of the College's existing voting software or other online platforms. If they do not arrive at a better suggestion, the method below should be implemented:
1. If the vote is not unanimous, those wishing to dissent from the majority opinion or abstaining will have their names recorded by the Clerk, and thus a record will be made of the voting direction of all those present. Given that most votes are close to unanimous this should add less than a thirty seconds to the voting procedure for each item.
 2. If resolves are being voted on separately, each member may in turn be asked which resolves they are supporting, through a voter roll call. For example if there are three resolves on offer and a member wishes to vote in favour of the first and the third once his or her name is called they may reply 'One and Three'. Given that there are on average only one or two votes per year in which resolves are voted on separately this should not add too much time to the procedure.