

**Postgraduate Participation in Constituent Unions**  
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1. The Union Notes:

- a. Last year Postgraduate Students (PGs) were not allowed to stand or vote in RSMU, RCSU, CGCU or ICSMSU elections.
- b. The RSMU invites and has attendance from PGs, at events, in sports teams and DepSocs. However now that they are no longer Full Members this is becoming increasingly difficult to organise, the main reasons for this are:
  - i. There are no longer official communication channels.
  - ii. Postgraduate no longer hold positions of the RSMU Committee.
- c. Membership of the RSMU is mentioned in Part A.21.5 of the Union Bye-Laws and it does not preclude PGs from becoming Full Members of the RSMU, it states:
  - i. "The Royal School of Mines for the undergraduate students of the Earth Science Engineering and Materials Departments."
- d. It is mention in Part B.7 of the Bye-Laws that the RSMU can decide its own voting members as long as this does not contradict Part A.21.5. It states:
  - i. "A Constituent Union must have a constitution, approved by Union Council that explicitly states its voting membership."
- e. The RSMU Constitution<sup>1</sup> states defines membership of the RSMU in section 3.2.1 as:
  - i. "All registered students of Imperial College London studying in the departments of Earth Science and Engineering and Materials are Full Members of the RSMU."

2. The Union Believes:

- a. The exclusion of PGs from 'local' Constituent Union's has no benefit to those students and only reduces the opportunities and range of events and representation they receive.
- b. PGs should be allowed to fully participate in the social and political activities of their 'local' Constituent Union and of the GSU. This will also result in better communication between Constituent Unions and the pooling of resources for representation and events.
- c. One year Masters Students (PGTs) can be difficult to engage with and this change back would provide a broader range of events both tailored to Postgraduate life and their Academic interests

3. Union Resolves:

- a. To recognise PGs in the Departments of Earth Science & Engineering and Materials as Full Members of the RSMU.
- b. To form a working group to address PG participation at a Constituent Union level and look at changing the RCSU, ICSMSU and CGCU constitutions to allow PGs to become Full Members.

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/11-12/Exec\\_Committee/148](https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/11-12/Exec_Committee/148)