



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the second ordinary meeting of the Council of Imperial College Union in the 2016/17 Session.

The meeting of Union Council was held in the Union Meeting Room 3 on Tuesday 8 November at 18:30.

Present:

Role	Name
<i>Council Chair</i>	Abigail de Bruin
<i>Union President</i>	Nas Andriopolous
<i>Deputy President (Education)</i>	Luke McCrone
<i>Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)</i>	James Cox
<i>Deputy President (Finance & Services)</i>	Rachel Blythe
<i>RCSU President</i>	Lloyd James
<i>CGCU President</i>	Milia Hasbani
<i>ICSMSU President</i>	Alex 'Chippy' Compton
<i>RSMU President</i>	Noah Hawkins
<i>ACC Chair</i>	Elinor Winstanley
<i>A&E Chair</i>	Jack Steadman
<i>RAG Chair</i>	Cynfelyn Nancarrow-Lei
<i>RCC Chair</i>	Dominic Price
<i>Media Chair</i>	Rob Garside
<i>CGCU Academic Affairs Officer</i>	Claudia Caravello
<i>CGCU Welfare Officer</i>	Fintan O'Connor
<i>ICSMSU Academic Officer – Clinical Years</i>	Rhys Smith
<i>ICSMSU Academic Officer – Science Years</i>	Nick Burstow
<i>RSMU Welfare Officer</i>	Simran Kukran
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Andrew Olson Gallardo
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Luke Granger-Brown
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Tom Shakespeare
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	James Long
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Engineering</i>	James Targett
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Engineering</i>	Theresa Davey
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences</i>	Michael Edwards
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences</i>	Abhijay Sood
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Medicine</i>	Kai Matthews
<i>Ordinary Member – Non-Faculty</i>	Jan Dvorsky
<i>Interfaith Officer</i>	Andy Li
<i>Campaigns Officer</i>	Andrew Tranter
<i>Environment & Ethics Officer</i>	Dijana Spasenoska
<i>Observer</i>	A Adlen
<i>Observer</i>	Lef Apostolakis

Apologies:

Role	Name
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Deputy President (Welfare) Emily-Jane Cramphorn

Not present:

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>
<i>CAG Chair</i>	Jin Yoo
<i>RSMU Academic Liaison Officer</i>	Beth Holman
<i>SCC Chair</i>	Sina Lari
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Natural Sciences</i>	Stephen Ball
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Medicine</i>	Eric Suen
<i>International Officer</i>	Thisara Vinella
<i>ICSMSU Welfare Officer</i>	Evie Taylor-Davies
<i>OSC Chair</i>	Yanzhu Jiang

Minute-taker: Andrew Keenan, Head of Student Voice & Communications

1. Chair's Business

- a. The Chair explained how to use the voting pads, and in a practice resolution, Council resolved to sing her 'Happy Birthday'.

2. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting were not yet available.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Consent training funding:
 - i. The Deputy President (Welfare) is on annual leave, so clarification on this point was not available.

4. Health & Safety Committee Elections

- i. The Chair presented the paper and noted that the election was ongoing.
- b. *Discussion:* No significant points raised.
- c. *Resolved:*
 - i. PASSED: To accept the Health & Safety paper.
 1. Approve: 100%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 0%.
- d. **Actions:**
 - i. ***Health & Safety committee elections to be completed and results circulated.***

5. Council Reform

- a. *Received:* The paper was presented by Abigail de Bruin, Council Chair, and Stephen Ball, Ordinary Member – PG Natural Sciences.

Dominic Price, RCC Chair, took over as Chair temporarily.

- b. *Discussion:*
 - i. The proposals in the paper were summarised and presented.
 - ii. Participants debated the utility of bringing back a form of Executive Committee; the risk of creating a limit on how many Council members could deeply engage on a particular issue; the necessity of a new set of Standing Orders under these reforms.
 - iii. Further debate took place on the risk of inquorate meetings; the role of Council as a place of debate and discussion rather than approval of the work of its subcommittees; how disputes between subcommittees



would be resolved; the practicality of supporting and minuting an increased number of meetings.

- iv. Council agreed not to hold a vote on this paper, but that the topic should return to the next Council meeting.

c. *Resolved:* No resolutions.

d. *Actions:*

- i. ***Discussion to resume at next Council***

e. Abigail de Bruin resumed her role as Chair.

6. RSMU Start of Term Report

a. *Received:* The paper was presented by Noah Hawkins, RSMU President.

b. *Discussion:*

- i. The paper was briefly summarised and presented.

c. *Resolved:*

- i. PASSED: To approve the RSMU Start of Term Report
 - 1. Approve: 97%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 3%

d. *Actions:* None.

7. Management Group Elections Reform

a. *Received:* The paper was presented by Michael Edwards, Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences.

b. *Discussion:*

- i. The paper was discussed, with certain points and the paper's overall purpose queried by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies).
- ii. No specific actions or resolutions were proposed.

c. *Resolved:*

- i. PASSED: None.

d. *Actions:*

- i. ***Paper to return to next Council meeting.***

8. Council Chair Report



- a. *Received:* The paper was presented by Abigail de Bruin
- b. *Discussion:* The paper was summarised; Council had no followup questions.
- c. *Resolved:*
 - i. *PASSED: To accept the Council Chair Report*
 - 1. Approve: 90%, Reject 0%, Abstain 10%
- d. *Actions:* None.

9. President Report

- a. *Received:* The report was presented by the Union President
- b. *Discussion:*
 - i. The paper was summarised.
 - ii. Brief discussion was held on the town hall meetings being held for the College's Learning & Teaching strategy.
- c. *Resolved:*
 - i. *PASSED: The Union resolves to accept the President Report.*
 - 1. Approve: 97%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 3%
- d. *Actions:* None.

10. Deputy President (Education) – Report

- a. *Received:* The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education).
- b. *Discussion:*
 - i. The paper was presented and summarised.
 - ii. Recent trips to the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine in Hong Kong and to Boston were described; both had shown Imperial to be ahead of peers in terms of teaching quality and student representation.
 - iii. The success of the NSS Response was noted.
- c. *Resolved:*
 - i. *PASSED: The Union resolves to accept the Deputy President (Education) Report.*
 - 1. Approve: 100%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 0%
- d. *Actions:* None.

11. Deputy President (Welfare) – Report



- a. *Received:* The Deputy President (Welfare) is on annual leave; therefore no report will be given.
- b. *Discussion:* None.
- c. *Resolved:* None.
- d. *Actions:* None.

12. Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) – Report

- a. *Received:* The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies).
- b. *Discussion:*
 - i. The paper was summarised and presented.
 - ii. Council debated the proposals regarding CSP budgeting, including the intended step-change in the size of the funding pot and the analysis underpinning arguments for this change. Members discussed the inflation and cost data used, the granularity of the evidence, and how the argument could potentially be strengthened.
 - iii. A Council member requested feedback on the impact of the Varsity consultation on the final decision regarding the key events of the day.
- c. *Resolved:*
 - i. PASSED: The Union resolves to accept the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report.
 - 1. Approve: 100%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 0%
- d. *Actions:*
 - i. ***More information on the Varsity consultation to be given to a future Union Council.***

13. Deputy President (Finance & Services) – Report

- a. *Received:* The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)
- b. *Discussion:*
 - i. The paper was presented and summarised, with a visit to Silwood earlier that day also described.
 - ii. The raising of authorisation levels for Management Groups, to simplify expenditure, was noted.
- c. *Resolved:*



- i. PASSED: The Union resolves to accept the Deputy President (Finance & Services) Report
 - 1. Approve: 100%, Reject: 0%, Abstain: 0%

d. *Actions:* **None.**

14. Any other business

a. Consent

- i. Lloyd James, RCSU President, voiced a concern about Felix coverage of the consent debate within the student body.
- ii. Lef Apostolakis, Felix Editor, argued that the coverage was neutral overall, rather than sensationalist.
- iii. Nas Andriopolous, Union President, pointed out that Emily-Jane Cramphorn, Deputy President (Welfare) had campaigned for consent training in her manifesto and had received a large mandate to pursue this work.
- iv. Abigail de Bruin, Council Chair, asked that future questions regarding consent be directed to Emily-Jane rather than brought to Council.