



**Imperial College Union Governance Committee**

**Thursday 17 May**

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	6
<b>TITLE</b>	Governance Review Update
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	This paper provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Background to the Governance Review and new Constitution/Bye-Laws</li><li>- Next steps for Governance at Imperial College Union</li></ul>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For discussion by the committee and recommendation to Board to accept the new Constitution &amp; Bye-Laws</li><li>- To provide guidance on longer term governance plans and highlight specific areas the committee would like to see addressed</li></ul>
<b>DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED</b>	Recommendation to Board on Constitution & Bye-Laws and any changes from Council Papers

## Constitution & Bye-Laws

This document supports the proposed Constitution & Bye-Laws. A version with tracked changes is provided and a final version for ease of reading. The clause numbers, cross-referencing and formatting was only completed after the tracked changes accepted throughout the document. The documents are being considered and voted on by Union Council on Tuesday 15 May.

There are Union Council papers being discussed (regarding sexual misconduct in disciplinary cases and PG membership of Constituent Unions) which would require Bye-Law changes<sup>1</sup>. These will be considered in Council after the new Constitution & Bye-Laws but, if approved, those changes will be made before the governing documents are presented to the Board of Trustees. I will provide a verbal update on these at Governance Committee. The papers can be found online for those members who would like to read the proposals in advance.

I have suggested Council specifically discuss the following:

- Constituent Union Officer Role Descriptions
- Management Group Chair Elections
- Year Representative Nominations

The decisions made on these topics might result in minor amendments to the Bye-Laws.

Once the Constitution & Bye-Laws have been passed, I will evaluate the Governance Review and provide a full evaluation to Board in June. This will help to direct our work in creating a long term governance plan. I will continue to develop this plan next year, in my role as Council Chair, as completing it by the end of my term as President would result in a sub-par document.

Areas that this plan would address:

- Disciplinary procedures and guidance/support given to those investigating
- Policy reviewing and renewal
- Union Council support and engagement
- Clarity on role of Governance Committee vs Board vs Union Council

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/17-18/Union\\_Council/file/4723](https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/17-18/Union_Council/file/4723)  
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