

Constitution Changes

A note from the Union President, Alex Chippy Compton

The major changes to the Constitution have been outlined below. All changes can be seen in the tracked changes document. A final version has been provided as well round for ease of reading.

If you have amendments to propose, please email these to union.president@ic.ac.uk so these can be incorporated before Council.

Changes

- The Constitution provides us with a legal framework in which to operate as a charity. Upon approval of this Constitution, the Bye-Laws will no longer require approval from Imperial College Council. College Council has a duty to ensure we adhere to our objects as a charity however we have the right to determine our policy setting procedures. This has resulted in large amounts of the Constitution moving to the Bye-Laws.
- We have moved to a gender-neutral language wherever possible (his/her → their)
- Sections have been chopped and changed to provide a more accessible document.
 - A. Background → Introduction
 - This now includes previous Section C (Name)
 - B. Definitions & Interpretations
 - This has been merged with previous Section O (also called Definitions & Interpretations) and is now located at the end of the document
 - C. Name
 - Moved to Section A (Introduction)
 - D. Objects
 - This remains unchanged as it is a legal requirement
 - E. Powers
 - This remains unchanged as it is a legal requirement. However, if possible, we are condensing it. Seeking legal advice on this and to check it meets current legislation
 - F. Dissolution
 - Moved to Section A (Introduction)
 - G. Amendments
 - Requirement for amendments to Bye-Laws to be approved by Imperial College Council has been removed
 - H. Membership
 - Council's power to remove a member has been removed. This is covered under our Disciplinary Procedures which sit with Board
 - Associate Membership has been moved to the Bye-Laws and Board Policy
 - I. Referenda
 - Moved to Bye-Laws

- J. General Meetings
 - Moved to Bye-Laws
- K. Trustees
 - Trustee make up remains
 - Rest of Section moved to Bye-Laws
- L. Union Council
 - Will potentially be renamed but currently left unchanged
- M. Constituent Unions
 - Minor changes
- N. General
 - Contents have been moved to other sections (and therefore in some cases the Bye-Laws) and the title removed
- O. Definitions & Interpretations
 - Incorporates Section B