



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The first ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2017/18 session.

The meeting of Union Council was held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 in Pippard Lecture Theatre at 6.30pm.

Present:

Role	Name
Council Chair	Owen Heaney
Union President	Alex 'Chippy' Compton
Deputy President (Education)	Nick Burstow
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Tom Bacarese-Hamilton
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Matt Blackett
Deputy President (Welfare)	Fintan O'Connor
RCSU President	Michael Edwards
CGCU President	Claudia Caravello
ICSMSU President	Rhys Smith
GSU President	Luke McCrone
RSMU President	Robert Tomkies
ACC Chair	James Medler
CAG Chair	Scott Redmond
RCC Chair	Thomas Pleece
SCC Chair	Ellis Skinner
OSC Chair	Lanqing Chen
Media Chair	Andrew Mclean
CGCU Academic Affairs Officer	Alejandro Luy

<i>ICSMSU Academic Officer –Years</i>	Sardar Ijaz
<i>RCSU Academic Affairs Officer</i>	Abhijay Sood
<i>RSMU Academic Liaison Officer</i>	Alice Bennett
<i>GSU Academic and Welfare Officer – Business School</i>	Sidrah Ahmed Pai
<i>GSU Academic and Welfare Officer - Engineering</i>	Yasin Cotour
<i>GSU Academic and Welfare Officer – Physical Sciences</i>	Luke Delmas
<i>CGCU Welfare Officer</i>	Damian Coveney
<i>ICSMSU Welfare Officer</i>	Stephen Naulls
<i>RSMU Welfare Officer</i>	Helen Money-Kyrle
<i>RCSU Welfare Officer</i>	Shervin Sabeghi
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Maurice Yap
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Paul Balaji
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Milia Hasbani
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Engineering</i>	Joseph El-Kadi
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Engineering</i>	Prateek Tripathi
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences</i>	Michaela Flegrova
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences</i>	Ansh Bhatnagar
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Natural Sciences</i>	Rebecca Neil
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Medicine</i>	Dan Faehndrich
<i>Ordinary Member – UG Medicine</i>	Azmi Rahman
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Medicine</i>	Monica Alabi
<i>Ordinary Member – Non-Faculty</i>	Peace Anyasado
<i>Black Minority Ethnic Students officer</i>	Chimdi Igwe
<i>International Officer</i>	Rana Khan
<i>Interfaith Officer</i>	Adil Ali

<i>Disabilities Officer</i>	Hisham Abdel Aty
<i>Environment & Ethics Officer</i>	Rhidian Thomas
<i>LGBT Officer</i>	Alessio Incitti
<i>Observer</i>	Fred Fyles Jaime Target Lloyd James Andrew Hill

Not Present:

Role	Name
<i>A&E Chair</i>	Jack Steadman
<i>Silwood Chair</i>	Richard Sheppard
<i>Media Chair</i>	Andrew Mclean
<i>ICSMSU Academic Officer –Early Years</i>	Lasith Ranasinghe
<i>ICSMSU Academic Officer – Clinical Years</i>	Saniya Mediratta
<i>GSU Academic and Welfare Officer – Medicine</i>	Anwar Sayed
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Engineering</i>	Brett Parkinson
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Engineering</i>	Xin Rong
<i>Ordinary Member – PG Natural Sciences</i>	Ansh
<i>Campaigns Officer</i>	Connor Qiu
<i>Gender Equality Officer</i>	Anna Wilson

Minute-Taker: Suryani King, Democracy Administrator

1. Chair's Business

Chair and Andrew explain how to use the voting pads and practice a resolution. Chair runs through the rules and behaviours of council. Andrew introduces himself, his role and democracy.

Matters for Decision

2. Amendment to the Volunteers Policy

a. *Received:* The paper was presented by CGCU President

b. *Discussion:*

- i. The paper was summarised and presented
- ii. Noted that this item should be raised at Trustee board. Reasons being that Trustee Board is sovereign. Therefore, the Board of Trustees over rule the Union Council.
- iii. Suggested point 2.6.3 should include the *Felix Editor* alone with the other Officer Trustees.

c. *Resolved:*

d. **Actions: Paper goes to Trustee Board**

3. Ratification of Honorary Life Membership for 2016-17 Full-Time Officers

a. *Received:* The paper was presented by the Union Council Chair

b. *Discussion:*

- i. the paper was summarised and presented
- ii. Clarification on why the Union Council gives Officer Trustees Honorary Life Memberships. As a token of thanks for their services to the Union, the Officer Trustees are Life Memberships. As the Officer Trustees are staff members during their Sabbatical, they are unable to gain Union Awards for their work. Therefore, a Life Membership is given as a reward for their service.

Vote on whether to approve on all the HLM and pass the paper or to vote on each nomination individually.

c. *Resolved:*

i. **PASSED**

Approve all Life Members and Pass the paper: 74%

Vote on individuals: 26%

Abstain: 0%

d. **Actions: none**

4. Governance Review Update

a. *Received:* The paper was presented by Union President. Highlighting the vote on by-laws and constitution

b. Discussion:

- i. The paper was Summarised and Presented
- ii. Question raised on who sits on the steering group and how they are chosen. The steering group will be made of students from different level of study. These students are there to decide the question on the governance review. RCSU Chair raised that the steering group is very engineering heavy and there should be more students from the Faculty of Natural Sciences.
- iii. Many different students and staff who have had different experiences with different Student Unions. Therefore, welcome their ideas and experiences.

c. Resolved:

- i. PASSED – To Accept the Governance Review Update
Accept: 97.56% Reject: 2.44% Abstain: 0%

d. **Actions: Union President to add more FoNS Students to steering group**

5. Standing Orders for Council and its Subcommittees

- a. Received: The paper was presented by the Union Council Chair
- b. Discussion:
 - i. noted that the Officer Trustees should be members of these subcommittees
- c. Resolved:
 - i. PASSED – To Accept the Standing Orders
Accept: 95% Reject: 2.5% Abstain: 0% Wasted Vote: 2.5%
- d. **Actions: Add OT and the amendments of CSPB**

6. Postgraduate Representation in Constituent Unions

- a. Received: The Paper was presented by CGCU President and RCSU President.
- b. Discussion:
 - i. the paper was summarised and presented
 - ii. Discussion the consultation of this proposal. The consultation was from past papers from 15/16.
 - iii. Brief discussion of the name for postgraduates in Constituent Unions as the suggestion of Associate Members is confusing with the Union's Associate Membership. This can be taken to another council.
 - iv. Discussion over the timeline of the proposal. Considering the GSU President's work on postgraduate indemnity and the up and coming GSU Governance Review, there was suggestion of a one year delay on this proposal
 - v. Debate over what are the benefits of having postgraduate representation on Constituent Unions.

vi. At the end of all discussions it was decided that the paper would be taken to the Governance steering group to review the issue

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To mandate to Governance Steering Group

Accept: 95.12% Reject: 2.44% Abstain: 2.44%

ii. PASSED: Postgraduates should have Social and Political Status in Constituent Unions

Social and Political: 58.54% Social: 19.51% Reject: 12.2% Abstain: 9.76%

d. **Actions: postpone and to be taken to Steering group**

7. Council Reform Working Group

a. Received: Kai Matthews was not present. Therefore Union Council Chair presented the paper

b. Discussion:

i. The paper was summarized and presented

ii. Discussion of the need for working groups. Working groups is in the constitution. However a discussion on whether it works for council would need a 2 hours council session. This issue will be covered in the Governance Review.

ii. Noted success stories of working groups

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: Move reform to part of the Governance Review

Accept: 82.5% Reject: 7.5% Abstain: 10%

ii. PASSED: Dissolve this working group

Accept: 79.49% Reject: 7.69% 12.83%

d. **Actions: Working group dissolved and conversation to be moved to governance review**

Matters for Report

8. Council Chair Report on Trustee Board Business

a. Received: The chair was presented by the Union Council Chair

b. Discussion:

i. Paper was summarised and presented

ii. Brief discussion of the Union's unpredicted surplus

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To Accept the Council Chair Report

Accept: 87.5% Reject: 0% Abstain: 12.5%

d. Actions: none

9. Union President's Report

a. Received: Paper was presented by the Union President

b. Discussion:

i. The paper was summarised and presented

ii. Discussion of our withdrawal from Citizens (a council lobbying campaign group for change). The £5,000 has now been budgeted elsewhere and there is possibility that it could go to another affiliation.

iii. Brief explanation of the Constituent Unions Support Sessions.

d. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To accept the Union President Council Report

Accept: Unanimous

d. Actions: none

10. Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

a. Received: Paper was presented by the DPCS

b. Discussion:

i. The Report was presented and summarised

ii. Briefly discussed disciplines, CSP budgeting and room bookings

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To Accept the DPCS Council Report

Accept: 94.87% Reject: 2.56% Abstain: 2.56%

d. Actions: none

11. Deputy President (Finance & Services) Report

a. Received: Paper was presented by the DPFS

b. Discussion:

i. The Report was summarised and presented

ii. Jest about Stella and Bud Light

iii. Discussion of the steering group at White City asking for a Postgraduate student to represent the chemistry Postgraduates. It was found that they were actually in the room during this discussion.

vi. Explanation of the role of the new Sponsorship Manager role. They role will be assisting CSP's replacing the old role of Marketing and Sales positions. They will also be supporting the Hello ICU Crew, SACAS and Clubs and Societies.

v. Discussion of who is in the Divestment group. Council asked for students to be involved and reports to been given out of those future meetings.

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To Accept the DPFS Union Council Report
Accept: Unanimous

d. Actions: DPFS to circulate Divestment Reports

12. Deputy President (Welfare) Report

a. Received: Paper was presented by the DPW

b. Discussion:

i. The paper was summarised and presented

ii. Question raised of whether the Wellbeing Rep Network will be rolled out to Postgraduate students. There is discussion of this already.

iii. Concerns raise by the Mental Health officer of whether Student Services will be moving out to the new White City campus with Chemistry. Whether services are moving out to White City is still unknown, as Chemistry only really know what is going on. However, the students who will be moving out to White City will be able to access the services at Charing Cross.

iv. Deputy President Welfare would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To Accept the DPW Union Council Report
Accept: Unanimous

d. Actions: None

13. Deputy President (Education) Report

a. Received: Paper presented by the DPE

b. Discussion:

i. The paper was summarised and presented.

ii. Highlighted some of the results from NSS and that all first-year academic reps have been filled. This means that DPE can successfully complete his audit.

c. Resolved:

i. PASSED: To Accept the DPE Union Council Report

Accept: 92.11% Reject: 0% Abstain: 5.26% Wasted Vote: 2.63%

- d. **Actions: None**

Matter for Discussion

14. Wellbeing Representation Network

- a. Received: Verbally Presented by the RCSU President
b. Discussion:

i. the paper presented was verbally highlight 3 areas of concern. 1, They felt that communication on the results of the meeting discussing the Wellbeing Rep meeting was poor Communicate the results of meetings, as he feels it was poor. 2, they felt that they were not actively consulted, therefore the Network is not what wanted it to be. 3, There is concern of the remit of the roles. They feel they are borderline councillor and vigilante councillor.

ii. Discussion of the consultation of the Wellbeing Network and it had been raised in a previous council

ii. Raised that it was the Constituent Unions responsibility to present the roles student run for

iii. In listening to these comments and debate The DPW apologise that they feel this way. He states that the Union is learning for this and now recognise that Union have made a mistake, and if any large-scale decision has been decided we need to be on our toes and consult students. The Union is committed to protecting the Wellbeing Reps by making the training mandatory. He apologises that the Union did not consult any better and ensures that the Union are learning to provide a service that is for students.

- c. Resolved: none
d. **Actions: none**

15. Any Other Business

- i. Enforcing equal opportunities policy

Action: Union President to bring decision to next council

ii. Raised by Lloyd James that there was a violation of election rules. It was felt by the council that this was inappropriate to be raised at council as the complaints window closed 2 hours after elections close. In accordance to the election rules, the complaint cannot be raised.

iii. Questions raised as of where the council minutes from last year were. The council felt it was important to have them as a record of what papers have been passed.

Action: Democracy Administrator to find and upload last year's minutes