

Update to the Governance Review Paper (February 13th 2017)

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Background

Last year, it was agreed that a Governance Review should be conducted¹. Due to a variety of reasons, this review was not conducted last year. The Governance Review is now underway in line with the papers approved last year. Updates will be provided at every Council meeting on progress to ensure there is no further delays.

Union Notes that:

1. A Governance Review has been mandated by Board and Council¹.
2. The results of the Governance Review were not returned last academic year.
3. The current Constitution & Bye-Laws will expire on 30th October 2017.

Union Believes that:

4. It is not desirable, nor good governance, to exist for a period without a valid Constitution & Bye-Laws.
5. It strengthens our democracy to have thorough consultation on matters of this nature with the wider membership, not just Council.
6. An effective consultation and review is not possible before the end of the calendar year.
7. Extending the lifetime of the current Constitution would allow time to complete the review and fully discuss its implications in Council before new ordinances are finalised.

Union resolves to:

8. Renew our efforts to carry out the Governance Review
 - a. Mandate the Union President to ensure it meets the deadlines agreed by the Governance Steering Group.
9. Extend the lifetime of the current Constitution & Bye-Laws until May 31st 2018*.
10. Receive the outcome of the Governance Review before the end of the 2017/18 academic year.

**NB: this action requires approval of 2/3rd of quorate Council.*

1. https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/16-17/Union_Council/1685