



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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

The meeting of Union Council was held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 in Pippard Lecture Theatre at 6.30pm.

**Present:**

Role	Name
Council Chair	Owen Heaney
ICU President	Alex 'Chippy' Compton
ICU Deputy President (Clubs& Societies)	Tom Bacarese-Hamilton
ICU Deputy President (Education)	Nick Burstow
ICU Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Matt Blackett
ICU Deputy President (Welfare)	Fintan O'Connor
ICSMSU President	Rhys Smith
RCSU President	Michael Edwards
CGCU President	Claudia Caravello
Sports Sector Chair	James Medler
Arts & Entertainments Sector Chair	Peter Bridgman
Community Sector Chair	Scott Redmond
Recreation Sector Chair	Thomas Pleece
Knowledge Sector Chair	Ellis Skinner
CGCU Academic Affairs Officer (Undergraduate)	Alejandro Luy
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Biomedical Student	Jordi Morwani
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (UG)	Abhijay Sood

RSM Academic Liaison Officer	Alice Bennett
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Life Sciences	Oliver Naef
CCGU Welfare Officer	Damian Coveney
RSM Student Welfare Officer	Helen Money-Kyrle
RCSU Welfare Officer	Shervin Sabeghi
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Maurice Yap
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Paul Balaji
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Milia Hasbani
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Brett Parkinson
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Prateek Tripathi
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Xin Rong
Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Michaela Flegrova
Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Ansh Bhatnagar
Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Rebecca Neil
Council Ordinary Member (PG Natural Sciences)	Ansh
Council Ordinary Member (UG Medicine)	Dan Faehndrich
Council Ordinary Member (UG Medicine)	Azmi Rahman
Council Ordinary Member (PG Medicine)	Monica Alabi
Council Ordinary Member (Non Faculty)	Peace Anyasado
Ethics and Environment Officer	Rhidian Thomas
Disabilities Officer	Hisham Abdel Aty
LGBT+ Officer	Alessio Incitti
Mental Health Officer	Ariana Sadr-Hashemi
Observers	Fred Fyles Lloyd James James Targett

	Andrew Hill Alexandre Adler
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**Apologies:**

GSU President	Luke McCrone
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Stephen Naulls
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Joseph El-Kadi
RSM President	Robert Tomkies

**Absent:**

Silwood Park Chair	Nils Bouillard
Culture Sector Chair	Lanqing Chen
Media Chair	Andrew McLean
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Clinical Years	Saniya Mediratta
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Science Years	Sardar Ijaz
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Early Years	Lasith Ranasinghe
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Business School	Sidrah Ahmed Pai
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Engineering	Yasin Cotur
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Medicine	Anwar Sayed
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Physical Sciences	Luke Delmas
Black & Minority Ethnic Students Officer	Chimdi Igwe
International Officer	Rana Khan
Interfaith Officer	Adil Ali
Campaigns Officer	Connor Qiu
Gender Equality Officer	Anna Wilson

**Minute-taker: Suryani King, Democracy Administrator**

## **1. Business of the Chair**

1. Chair opens with a practice resolution to explain how to use the voting pads and ensure that all voting pads work.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies sent from the GSU President, RSMU President and Council Ordinary Member for UG Engineering - Joseph El-Kadi

## **3. Minutes**

- A. Received: Minutes presented as tabled
- B. Discussion: none as there were no issues
- C. Resolved: PASSED - To Accept the minutes from last council  
Accept: 94.29% Reject:0% Abstain:5.71%

## **4. Council Training**

The Council Chair goes through a Union Council Training presentation, which will be circulated after council.

## **5. Matters Arising**

- A. **Governance Review Steering Group:**  
The Union President has now added a FoNS Student to the steering Group
- B. **Decision on Tie Clubs and Equal Opportunities:**
  - i. The Union President cannot make any decisions until the minutes from last year are released. The decision will be made by the next Union Council.
  - ii. Questions raised over when next year minutes will be released. They are currently with the ICU Head of Student Voice and Communication

## **Matters for Decision**

### **2. Union Awards Paper**

- A. Received: The paper was presented by The RSCU President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. the paper was summarised and presented
  - ii. Discussion of the nomination period including nominations taken from the floor on the day. Arguments of fear of harm towards a volunteer if forgotten but also of fear of nepotism/cronyism.
  - iii. Issues of publicity and nomination period was raised. Last year's nomination period was through to be poorly timed as it was during exam period. It was also felt that the publicity of the SACAS was insufficient.
  - iv. It was raised that last year that policy on Union Awards was difficult to find. Therefore should be stated clearly in the future.
- V. Suggested Amendments:

- In order to be fair and impartial the Union Awards Committee must be randomly selected with a volunteer from each Constituent Union.
- The nomination period for Union Awards to have its length formalised

These amendments to be mandated to the Union President to bring to next council

- C. Resolved: PASSED – To Accept the policy and its amendments  
Accept the paper and its amendments: 77.78% Take it to a working group: 8.33%  
Reject: 5.56% Abstain: 8.33%
- D. **Actions: Mandate the Union President to bring the paper and its amendments to next council**

### 3. Policy Renewals

- A. Received: The paper was presented by the RCSU President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. the paper was summarised and presented
  - ii. Publicity Policy 3.1 – aimed at Sabbatical Officers and not Officer Trustees. Therefore including the Felix editor
  - iii. DMF Policy 3.5 needs to be taken off when reviewed. In the meantime the policy should be used as DMF is still in use. The amendment of 3.5 will be a future amendment.
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the paper, including amendments made in this meeting  
  
Accept: 91.67% Reject: 5.56 Abstain: 2.78%
- D. **Actions: None**

### 4. Ratification of Alumni Trustee Appointments

- A. Received: The paper was presented by the Union President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. the paper was summarised and presented
  - ii. The RCSU President sing praises for Paul Beaumont.
- C. Resolved: PASSED - to accept Paul Beaumont as Alumni Trustee  
Passed Unanimously
- D. **Actions: none**

### 5. Health and Safety Committee Appointments

- A. Received: The subject was verbal presented by the Council Chair
- B. Discussion:
  - i. this was noted that this should have been updated

ii. The election and position was explained

C. Resolved: none

**D. Actions: None**

### **Matters for Report**

#### **6. CGCU Report**

A. Received: The report was presented by the CGCU President

B. Discussion:

i. the report was summarised and presented

ii. Discussion of the distribution of Faculty funding to CSPs. The funding goes into different pots of money, with the purpose of expanding the breath of the CSP and helping smaller CSPs to get off their feet. This is distributed through a criteria.

iii. The Mice Pies Party is a typo and joked that it was not a typo but austerity.

C. Resolved: PASEED - To accept the CGCU Report

Accept: 89.19% Reject: 8.11% Abstain: 2.7%

**D. Actions: None**

#### **7. RCSU Report**

A. Received: The report was presented by the RCSU President and the RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (UG)

B. Discussion:

i. the report was summarised and presented

ii. Brief discussion on the welfare events that they plan on holding. This was detailed in the report with note that they were working with the liberation officers.

C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the RCSU Report

Accept: 91.89% Reject: 2.7% Abstain: 2.7% Wasted Vote: 2.7%

D. Actions: None

#### **8. RSMU Report**

A. Received: As the RSMU President was not present the report was presented by the RSMU Academic Liaison Officer

B. Discussion:

i. The paper was summarised and presented

ii. The RSMU Academic Liaison Officer confirmed that this was going ahead

C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the RSMU Report

Accept: 97.3% Reject: 0% Abstain: 2.7%

D. Actions:

#### **9. ICSMSU Report**

- A. Received: The report was presented by the ICSMSU President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. the paper was presented as tabled
  - ii. No discussion
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the ICSMSU Report  
Accept: 92.11% Reject: 0% Abstain: 5.26% Wasted Vote 2.63%
- D. Actions: None**

#### **10. GSU Report**

- A. Received: As the GSU President was not present the report was presented by the GSU Vice President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was presented as tabled
  - ii. Discussion of the newly decided payment of the GSU President. Questions as of why it was not put through a democratic vote through Council, as it is a big change to a senior volunteer. This was contract with college and therefore not under union.
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the GSU Report  
Accept: 84.21% Reject: 7.89% Abstain: 5.26% Wasted Vote: 2.63%
- D. Actions:

#### **11. Council Chair Report on Trustee Board Business**

- A. Received: The Report was presented by the Council Chair
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was summarised and presented
  - ii. Confirmation that Trustee Board is reviewing the Volunteer's Policy that was raised at last council.
  - iii. Discussion if it is possible for policies to be referred to council that Trustee Board felt was more appropriate for Council. This is unknown and will therefore need to be looked into.
  - iv. Brief discussion what the International Student Trustee (Lingru Zheng) is doing to engage international students.
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the Council Chair's Report.  
Accept: 91.89% Reject: 0% Abstain: 5.41% Wasted Vote: 2.7%
- D. Actions: None.

#### **12. Union President Report**

- A. Received: The Report was presented by the Union President
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was summarised and presented

- ii. Governance Steering Group is next week and will email round the results of the meeting after. The RCSU President would like to thank the Union President for selecting a FoNS student to the steering group, increasing diversity.
- iii. Detailed the EDI group, composed of the Union President, DPW and the Union Managing Director. There is room for a Liberation Officer in this group. The Union President is willing to give up a seat for better representation of students.

- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the Union President Report  
Passed Unanimously
- D. Actions: none.

### **13. DPCS Report**

- A. Received: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)
- B. Discussion:
  - i. the report was presented as tabled
  - ii. Discussion on the room bookings system and its review. The review could take a couple of years as it is run by operational excellence. DPCS will be talking to the person who looks after Kx in the future. Next term will be the earliest as refined policy will arise. The Arts and Entertainments Chair suggested the system that is used in the West Basement.
  - iii. Discussion of the training redesign to be combined with the liberation report. DPCS will look into it once they have had the Liberation Report given to them.
  - iv. Discussion of the Accreditation Scheme and its focus group
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the DPCS Report  
Accept: 92.11% Reject: 0% Abstain: 7.89%
- D. Actions: None

### **14. DPFS Report**

- A. Received: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was presented as tabled.
  - ii. Clarification of a PDQ which is a card reader.
  - iii. Brief summary of the facilities request at White City
  - iv. Questions asked how the coaches to Heston for sports clubs are being funded. Currently being funded by sports clubs and the Sports Sector. This is to see how it works for now and then see how this will be funded in the long run.
- C. Resolved: PASSED – To accept the DPFS Report  
Accept: 97.3% Reject: 0% Abstain: 2.7%
- D. Actions: None

### **15. DPW Report**

- A. Received: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Welfare)
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was summarised and presented
  - ii. Discussion of the wellbeing strategy and the Catalyst working group. DPW will check where the union is using the funding and what the outcome for their training is.
  - iii. Discussion of interruption of study students. The current policy is difficult as it is a variety of policies. Therefore cannot consult students on something that does not exist in one policy. However it was consulted with DPFS, who was an interruption of study student, and there are cases regularly coming in of students who are effected because of their status. Most of this policy will be drafted by experts.
  - iv. Wellbeing rep network updates will be discussed in the interim report.
- C. Resolved: PASSED – to accept the DPW Report  
Accept: 91.67% Reject: 0% Abstain: 8.33%
- D. Actions: None

#### **16. DPE Report**

- A. Received: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education)
- B. Discussion:
  - i. The report was summarised and presented
  - ii. DPE would like to thank the CU Presidents for emailing out the exam timetables  
Exam timetable – thank you for CU press for sending out.
- C. Resolved: Passed – to accept the DPE Report  
Accept: 88.89% Reject: 2.78% Abstain: 0% Wasted vote: 8.33%
- D. Actions: none

#### **Matters for Discussion**

#### **17. AOB**