

Motion on the Venue of Union Council

Proposed: Lloyd James

Seconded: Michael Edwards (RCSU President)

Union Notes:

1. It is longstanding convention that meetings of Union Council should take place in the Union Dining Hall, this being the case without exception at least from 2007-2016. UDH is therefore the historic home of Union Council.
2. During the 2016-17 academic year, several meetings took place outside the UDH in various lecture theatres and seminar rooms. During the 2017-18 academic year all meetings have been scheduled to take place in the Pippard Lecture Theatre.
3. Lecture theatres present accessibility challenges to members of the Union with disabilities and other conditions, which can be overcome by the use of the UDH.

Union Believes:

1. Respect for the history and traditions of the Union requires that meetings of Union Council should take place in the UDH which has strong historical ties to ICU's democratic structures.
2. In keeping with Our Value of Inclusivity from Our Strategy 2017-2020 the Union should take all practical steps to ensure that meetings of the Union Council are as accessible as possible.
3. In keeping with Our Value of Democracy from Our Strategy 2017-2020, engagement of both members of Council and lay students in the Union's paramount policy-making, scrutiny and accountability body is of highest importance, and the austere and unique surrounds of the UDH incentivise attendance at these meetings.

Union Resolves:

1. All future meetings of Union Council shall take place in the Union Dining Hall barring exceptional circumstances which make this impossible.
2. That Union Council meetings shall always take priority over bookings of CSPs and external bookings, and if necessary to ensure the availability of the UDH for Union Council, such bookings will be re-arranged with greatest possible notice and in such a way as to minimise the impact on students.
3. To mandate the Council Chair to propose amendments to the Union Council standing orders to effect these changes, starting in the 2018-19 academic year.