

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2018/19 session, to be held on Tuesday 11 December in RSM G01, at 18:30.

**Present**

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| Name  | Role | Yes/No |
| Alistair Ludley  | Academic Chair (ICSMSU) | N |
| Adrian Lamoury | Natural Sciences - Undergraduate | N |
| Aisha Chaudry  | WELFARE OFFICER (ICSMSU)  | N |
| Alejandro Luy  | DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)  | Y |
| Alex Chippy Compton  | Council Chair | N |
| Amy Tall  | ACADEMIC LIASION OFFICER (RSM)  | N |
| Andrew Hill  | CGCU PRESIDENT  | N |
| Ansh Bhatnagar | Natural Sciences - Undergraduate | N |
| Charlotte Griaud  | Environmental Officer  | N |
| Chimdi Igwe  | CT CHAIR | N |
| Chloe Lewis  | WELFARE OFFICER (RSM)  | N |
| Claudia Caravello  | DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES)  | N |
| Danai Paidousi | Engineering - Postgraduate | N |
| Daniel Faehndrich  | ICSMSU PRESIDENT  | Y |
| Daniel Wigh  | KN CHAIR  | Y |
| David Tyoember  | BME Officer  | N |
| Deraj Wilson-Aggarwal | SILWOOD PRESIDENT | Y |
| Hilary Guite | Non-Faculty | Y |
| Hoi-Ming Yau  | C&F CHAIR | N |
| Iman Ahmadi Moghaddam | Natural Sciences - Undergraduate | Y |
| Jack Hall | Medicine - Undergraduate | Y |
| James Medler  | DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES)  | Y |
| Jehna Devraj | LGBT+ Officer | N |
| Joel Bilsdorfer | Vice President Education (CGCU) | N |
| Joseph O'Connell-Danes  | A&E CHAIR  | N |
| Laura Chen | International Officer | N |
| Lloyd James | Natural Sciences - Postgraduate | Y |
| Marta Wolinska  | RSM PRESIDENT  | Y |
| Mary Thi | Natural Sciences - Postgraduate | Y |
| Maurice Yap | Engineering - Undergraduate | N |
| Michael McGill  | RCSU PRESIDENT  | Y |
| Michaela Flegrova  | RCSU VICE PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)  | N |
| Milia Hasbani | Engineering - Postgraduate | Y |
| Miroslav Gasparek | Engineering - Undergraduate | N |
| Ottilie Liu | Gender Equality Officer | N |
| Owen Heaney | Engineering - Undergraduate | Y |
| Becky Neil  | DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)  | Y |
| Robert Tomkies  | UNION PRESIDENT  | Y |
| Ross Hunter | Vice President Wellbeing (CGCU) | N |
| Salma El-Gharby | Interfaith Officer | N |
| Sam Haselgrove | Disabilities Officer | N |
| Sarah Sayers | Medicine - Postgraduate | N |
| Shervin Sabeghi  | WELFARE OFFICER (RCSU)  | N |
| Simran Kukran | Engineering - Undergraduate | N |
| Tasneem Mahmud | Mental Health Officer | N |
| Raya El Laham | Welfare (GSU) | Y |
| Jenny Kim | Academic (GSU) | N |
| TBC | Welfare (Silwood) | N |
| TBC | Academic (Silwood) | N |
| Thomas Fernandez Debets  | Sports Sector Chair | Y |
| Thomas Pleece  | RE CHAIR | N |
| Ute Thiermann  | GSU PRESIDENT  | Y |
| Waseem Hasan | Medicine - Undergraduate | Y |
| Zixiao Wang | Engineering - Postgraduate | Y |
| Ashely Brooks | GSU Deputy President (A+W) |  |
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**Apologies**

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| Amy Tall |
| Thomas Pleece  |
| Hoi-Ming Yau  |
| Sarah Sayers |
| Charlotte Griaud  |
| Aisha Chaudry  |
| Simran Kukran |
| Alex Chippy Compton |
| Claudia Caravello  |
| David Tyoember  |
| Miroslav Gasparek |
| Chloe Lewis  |

**Minutes**

Abbreviations/Acronyms that may not be common and are used in this document are:

CU = Constituent Union

OT = Officer Trustee

PG = Postgraduate

UG = Undergraduate

U/C = Union Council

SABBs = Sabbatical Officers

MRes = Master of Research

SK = South Kensington

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| **Item 1- Chairs business****Item 2****Item 3** | **The Chair welcomed the Committee to the fourth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2018/19 session.** 1. The Council Chair was absent, therefore, Owen Heaney, chaired this meeting
2. Due to an inquorate meeting members were permitted to vote indicatively and ratify the vote by email because the final decision couldn’t be made
3. The minutes from the last meeting could not be presented
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| **Item 4** | 1. Union President have chased up the answers regarding votes of registration in the Union service that was raised last year and again this year. The idea was not particularly taken warmly as this was a pressure for systems resources and the progress remains slow.
2. Lloyd/Milia action to work with PG reps for PG reps to get feedback and for paper to come back to Council is in progress
3. PG reps are trying to organise a meeting with more reps and is in progress

**Questions/Comments**1. GSU would like a channel of communication between GSU and PGs
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| **Item 5** | The paper was presented by Silwood President1. The paper was described
2. Test Motion

**Questions/Comments**1. It was suggested that Union Council should consider formatting Union Council as a webinar
2. It was mentioned that how the constitutions and bye-laws stand it couldn't provide Silwood a vote even if they were to be engaged via a live streaming service
3. It was explained that the issue raised in the paper also negatively affected medical students from being engaged in Council meetings this year
4. It was said that most issues discussed at Union Council are South Kensington focused, therefore, Silwood should not necessarily need to vote unless it is an issue that is affecting all Imperial College sites and not only SK

Response1. It was suggested that Silwood could perhaps pilot this scheme and if it is effective then it could be rolled out further to support other groups affected. However, it was said that this would be for the purpose of another paper proposed to Council
2. The Union President suggested looking into webinars, however, it was suggested that this could propose a logistical issue
3. It was explained that one of the barriers for more diverse and robust papers (that are not South Kensington faced) being submitted to Council is because members must physically attend the meeting in order to participate

**Resolved:** to accept the paper as written– PASSED |
| **Item 6**  | The paper was summarised by Zixiao Wang1. The paper was described

**Question/Comments**1. It was mentioned that from the perspective of an international student, ‘Grad Pad’ can seem like accommodation of preference because it appears to be promoted by the College.
2. It was explained that the College doesn’t make it clear that the ‘Grad Pad’ accommodation is private accommodation separate to the College.
3. It was raised that the paper as it stood seemed to have two different strands, first being buses and the second being accommodation. Therefore, the issue on buses and accommodation seemed like it should be two separate papers
4. It was emphasised that the issues regarding transportation only affected a minority of students, thus, it didn’t seem like a priority to provide a bus for a small proportion of students.
5. It was mentioned that students at Imperial should expect to travel around campuses
6. It was emphasised that Imperial had falsely advertised regarding ‘Grad Pad’s’
7. It was explained that White City campus was a new building, therefore, many were moving to White City, consequently, there was a demand for a shuttle bus
8. There was a suggestion for the Union to lobby College to give a comprehensive offer when accommodation is advertised
9. There was a concern that if accommodation was provided for students at ‘Grad Pad’ transportation should be provided at another/other student accommodation
10. There was an amendment offered to change the paper to ask for there to be a lobby at College rather than the Union

**Response**1. The amendment to change the paper to ask for there to be a lobby at College rather than the Union was accepted

**Action**1. DPW to provide more information regarding ‘Grad Pad’

**Resolved:** to defer paper to next Council – PASSEDAccept: 100%  |
| **Item 7** | The paper was presented by Daniel Faehndrich 1. The paper was described as tabled
2. Background was provided

**Question/Comments**1. A point was raised regarding alcohol, in specific alcohol for cultural or festive periods such as mulled wine and whether College catering needed to be on site at events that is unlikely to result in drunkenness
2. It was mentioned that the expense, quality and advertisement of College catering was an issue for students as well as to staff

**Response**1. It was stated that anything regarding alcohol covers the remit of licensing

**Actions:**1. DPCS to work on College catering experience for student and staff as part of the remit of Clubs Societies and Projects

**Resolved:** to accept the paper as written– PASSEDAccept: 100%  |
| **Item 8**  | The paper was presented by Daniel Wigh1. The paper was described

**Questions/Comments**1. It was mentioned that there should be more detail on how people have been disqualified/offended
2. It was stated that it was uncertain as to how long people are disqualified for in an election

**Response**1. It was suggested that the amount of time of a disqualification should be discussed further as there are many election cycles
2. There was a comment concerning how this paper might influence the bye elections
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| **Item 9** | **The paper was not presented due to absence** |
| **Item 10** | **The paper was presented by GSU President**1. The paper was described
2. There was an ask for a show of hands of people in the room undertaking a PHD/Masters
3. GSU President shared experience in being in the role
4. It was mentioned that there was discussion regarding the constitutional structure change; improving the team and increasing the roles as the role is intensive particularly PHD/Masters

**Questions/Comments**1. It was stated that there are pressures for other CU’s too and not only GSU

Response1. It was explained that PG pressures are different to UG pressures, as PG are very detached from the college
2. It was mentioned that there are more UGs therefore there is more focus on UGs

**Resolved**:to accept the paper as written –PASSEDAccept: 100% |
| **Item 11** | **The paper was not presented due to absence** |
| **Item 12** | **The paper was presented by DPW**1. The paper was described as tabled

Resolved: to accept the DPW report – PASSEDAccept: 100% |
| **Item 13** | **The paper was presented by DPE**1. The achievement regarding the highest member of academic reps was highlighted
2. The achievement regarding highest member of master students was highlighted
3. Feedback and assessment were explained and although lot of work is being done it was said that progress is still to be made in this area

**Questions/Comments**1. There was an ask if there was a department choice for the Student Academic Choice Awards

**Response**1. It was explained that new categories for the Student Academic Choice Awards have been considered but regarding the department it has not yet been thought-about
2. The DPE agreed to feedback regarding department choices for the Student Academic Choice Awards although it was explained that the time for this to be implemented is limited

**Resolved**: to accept the DPE report – PASSED |
| **Item 14** | **The paper was not presented due to absence** |
| **Item 15** | **The paper was presented by DPCS**1. The paper was described as tabled

**Questions/Comments**1. There was an ask for the progress on the CSP portal
2. There was an ask for a calendar release so students can receive a confirmation that their room has been booked
3. A concern was raised on the time the Union takes to confirm if a room is available or not
4. It was asked if all room bookings should be prioritised to the job fair
5. It was suggested if the room bookings can be split into bands as opposed to having to request for a specific room’s availability

**Response**1. It was mentioned that the CSP portal had been scrapped and instead there was a review and an attempt to build a ticketed system
2. The plan for a ticketed system is for approximately March
3. It was explained that there was an idea for room bookings to be a part of College timetabling consequently when a student signs up to a club and society the club and societies activities will reflect in a student's personal calendars
4. It was illustrated that there were over 11’000 requests for rooms throughout the year and there is only one staff member doing the job, consequently, there is a time delay on the Union taking to confirm if a room is available or not
5. The main issue is the 9000 annual bookings, as a result, the Union is planning to remove and set up the annual bookings
6. All room bookings are first come first serve to be fair

**Resolved**: to accept the DPCS report – PASSEDAccept: 94% Reject: 0% Abstain: 6% |
| **Item 16** | **The paper was presented by Union President**1. The paper was described

**Resolved**: to accept the Union President report – PASSEDAccept: 94% Reject: 0% Abstain: 6% |
| **Item 17** | 1. The KN Chair mentioned that the sexual misconduct working group was to be held next week
2. The KN Chair encouraged members to sign up to be a part of the working group
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| **Chair**  | **Meeting closed.** |

**Minutes: Harriet Williams, Democracy Coordinator**