

## Motion to temporarily increase the number of votes shared by the GSU AWOs on Union Council from 2 to 3

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Seconded by: Lloyd James (ICU President)

### Union Notes

1. The Graduate Students' Union (GSU) is a Constituent Union (CU) of ICU
2. The GSU is responsible for the representation of all postgraduate students at Imperial College
3. According to ICU Bye-Laws (A 1.), each Constituent Union gets three seats on Union Council:
  - a. The Constituent Union President
  - b. One Welfare Officer
  - c. One Academic Affairs Officer
4. In the GSU there are 8 officers responsible for the Academic and Welfare representation:  
4 PG Taught and 4 PG Research Academic and Welfare Officers (AWOs) per each Faculty
5. Typically, the 8 AWOs share the two votes on Council. The logistics of this can vary from year to year and are decided by the GSU and the AWOs themselves.
6. The ICU started a Postgraduate Engagement review in Term 3 of 2020/21
  - a. The review is not yet concluded
  - b. The GSU structure is being reviewed as a part of this review
  - c. Most roles in the GSU, apart from the AWO roles, were suspended from the Summer By-Elections because of this review
7. Since the resignation of Zixiao Wang in July 2021, the GSU President position has been vacant
8. Due to the ongoing Postgraduate Engagement review, the ICU Board of Trustees decided in September to suspend the GSU President role from being elected in the Autumn Elections
9. Because PG students were not given a chance to elect a new GSU president, the GSU currently only has 2 seats on Council
10. The ICU is about to initiate a Democratic Structures Review which might change the composition on Council

### Union Believes

1. Postgraduate representation is important
2. Postgraduate students should not be temporarily underrepresented on Council compared to a normal year just because of the Postgraduate Engagement review
3. The GSU should keep 3 votes on Council

### Union Resolves

1. To temporarily increase the number of votes shared by the GSU AWOs on Union Council from 2 to 3 until a new GSU President is elected, or until the structure of the GSU or Union Council composition is changed otherwise, whichever comes first