

# ICU Governance Review 2006

Phase I proposals

For consideration by Council on  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006

# Already approved (9<sup>th</sup> October)

- **Rector's Forum** – Our first forum is planned for early December.
- **Officers budgets** – to allow Sabbatical officers to spend money without seeking approval from committees.
- **Website** – Democracy homepage and seconding interface plans are being drawn up now (volunteers needed!)

# Next phases

- Phase I
  - Establish the Court
  - Committee structure changes
  - Election reforms
  - Officer accountability reforms
  - Deregulation
  - Miscellaneous amendments
- Phase II
  - Council changes
- Phase III
  - Legal identity discussion

# Council

- No changes proposed at this stage.
- Phase II will propose to turn Council into a legislative body.

# The Court

- This is a **strict separation of power in ICU**
- Will have **10 members** (including 3 lay members and a college member) appointed by the Council each year.
- Will consider and rule on **election, referenda & media complaints**.
- May conduct a **judicial review** on any matter within the Union if petitioned by students or committees.
- Will become the Union **disciplinary** appeal body.
- Will have the power to **over-rule the President and Council** if they act illegally or unconstitutionally.
- Will improve the **corporate memory** of the union and gives experienced past officers a senior (albeit limited) role.

# Student activities governance

- “Student Activity” = academic affairs, halls, welfare issues, clubs & societies, anything we do under the banner “Imperial College Union”
- SAC = largely deals with clubs & societies
- President’s Committees = deal with the other “student activities”
- It is proposed that we new forum for academic, welfare and campaigns officers and call it the **Representation and Welfare Board**.
- The RWB would received reports from the **Union Adviser**.
- SAC would be renamed as the **Clubs & Societies Board**. It would deal with all other activities (which are almost entirely organised by clubs & societies)
- The CSB would become the responsible committee for all services to clubs and societies (including minibuses).
- **Health and safety matters**, on the other hand, would be dealt with by the new Heath & Safety Committee.

# Clubs & Societies Board

- The same as the present SAC
- It will no longer control budgets for academic and welfare activities



President



DPCS



DPEW



DPFS



DPGS



ACC



A&EB



Media



OSC



RCC



RSM



SCC



C&G



Medics



RCS



CAG



RAG



Wye



Silwood



Clubs



Academic


























Central ICU



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# Representation & Welfare Board

	President		C&G President		RCS President
	DPCS		C&G AAO #1		RCS AAO #1
	DPEW		C&G AAO #2		RCS AAO #2
	DPFS		C&G Welfare		RCS Welfare
	DPGS		Medic President		Campaigns #1
	Halls Rep		Medic AAO #1		Campaigns #2
	OSC Rep		Medic AAO #2		Campaigns #3
			Medic Welfare		Campaigns #4

- Control budgets for academic and welfare activities
- Policy making powers

# Executive

- No major changes
- CSC and academic officers elected **by Council**, not SAC or RWB
- Proposal to introduce College lay member
- **Observers:**
  - Union Manager
  - Senior Staff
  - HST



President



DPCS



DPEW



DPFS



DPGS



C&G President



Medic President



RCS President



RWB Member #1



RWB Member #2



CSC Chair #1

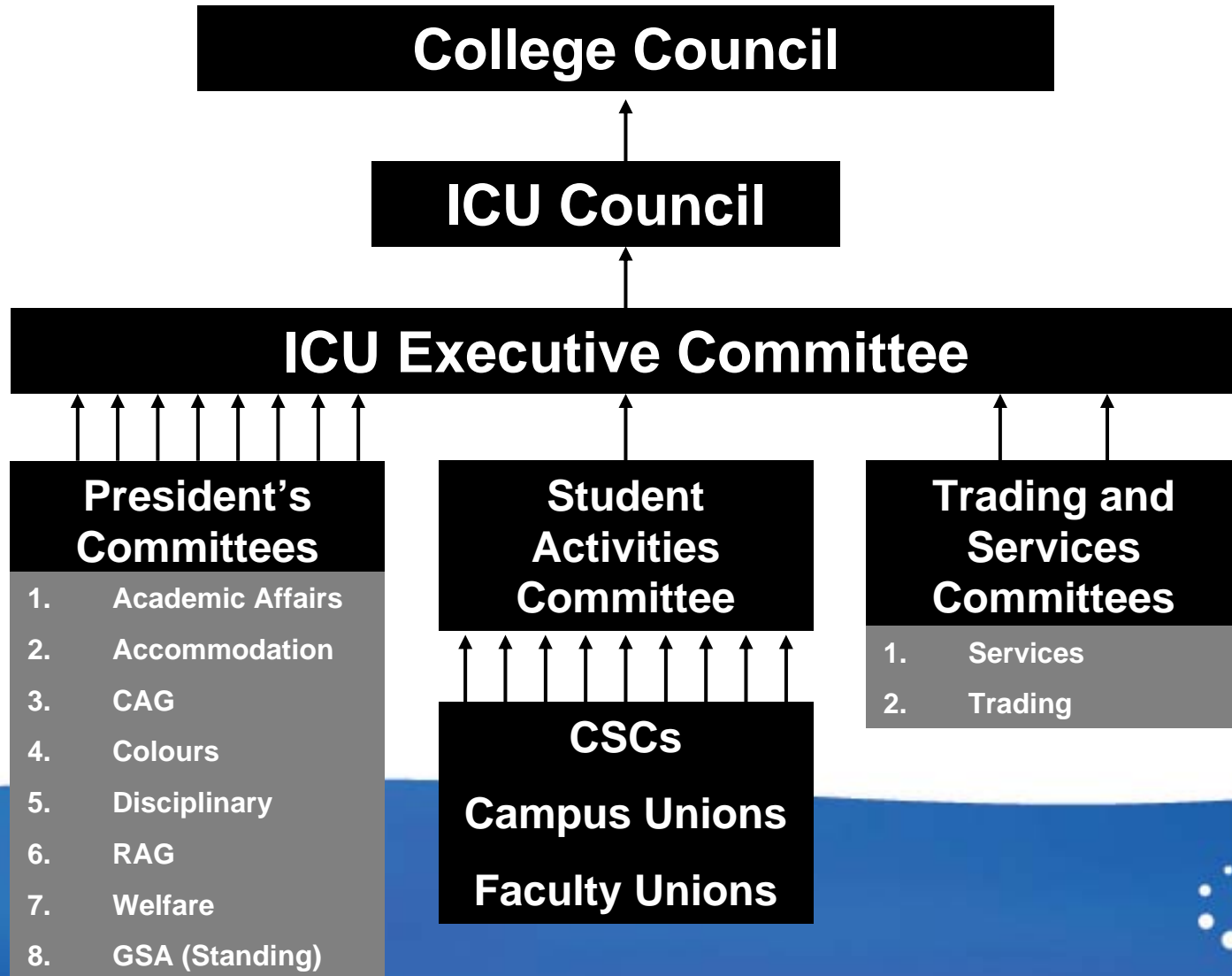


CSC Chair #2

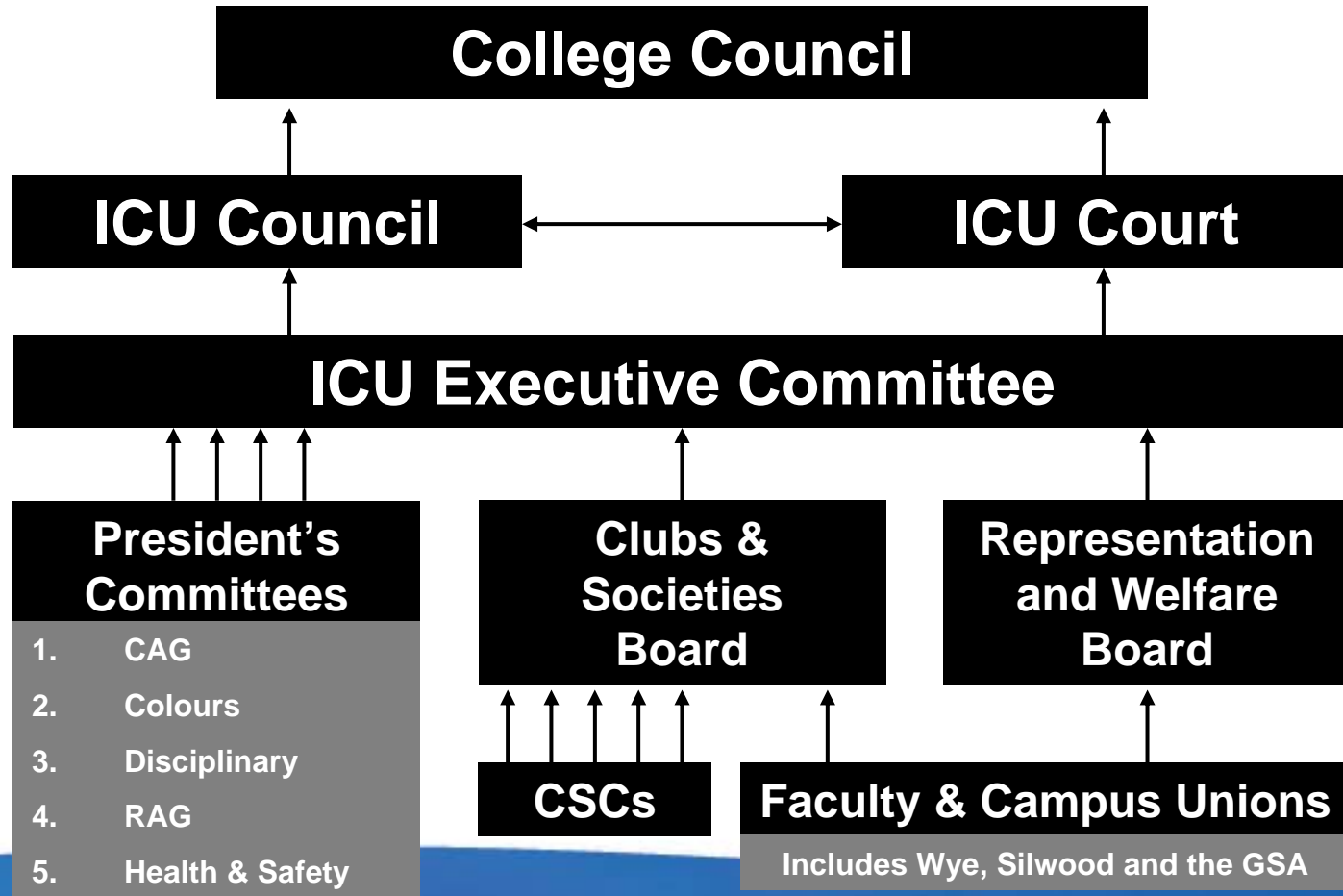
# President's & Standing Committees

- **Trading Committees** to be abolished and replaced with trading forums (open meetings)
- **Services Committee** to be abolished – clubs matters transferred to CSB and Information and Advice Centre matters transferred to RWB.
- **Health & Safety** committee to be re-instated
- **Academic Affairs, Accommodation and Welfare** Committees absorbed into RWB
- **GSA** to be considered sub-committee of RWB

# The Present Structure



# Proposed Structure



# Policy map

This shows the policies that each committee would be expected to consider.

## **Council**

All policy except that which is determined by referenda

## **Executive**

All policy except Discipline, Equal Opportunities, Felix, Colours and past A and B of Clubs & Societies, poster policy

## **Clubs & Societies Board**

Clubs & Societies, transport, poster and best practice policies

## **Representation & Welfare Board**

Academic, welfare and accommodation policies

# Miscellaneous proposals #1

- **De-regulation** – College supportive.
- **Permanent Secretary title** – change to “Union General Manager”.
- **Overseas Students’ Committee** – revert back to Overseas Societies Committee.
- **Senior Officer Budgets** – to allow them to deliver their manifesto.
- **Automatic censure** – for Officers who fail to report to the satisfaction of the Council.
- **Procedural motions** – fewer would be voted on, the Chair would rule instead.

# Miscellaneous proposals #2

- Include references to **democracy, equality** and **diversity** in the Union's aims and objects.
- Change **life member status** to allow life members to sit on the Court.
- Deregulate titles of **Faculty Unions** from the constitution.
- Update the **lapsed policy clause**.
- Make **Sabbatical Officers** ex-officio non voting members of all clubs, societies, CSC and Faculty Union committees.
- Clarify that students can **opt out** of the Union.