

Imperial College Union

**Constituent & Campus Unions: Restoring Union Status to the Royal School of Mines**

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**Imperial College Union Notes**

1. That the RSM lost its Union status at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year when a college re-organization abolished the RCS, RSM, C&GC and ICSM replacing them with the FoLS1, FoPS1, FoE and FoM.
2. That despite College originally insisting that the FUs for these bodies be called the FoLSSA, FoPSSA (since merged to the FoNSSA), FoESA and FoMSA, permission was granted in 2006/07 to use the historic names of RCSU, CGCU and ICSMSU despite these not being in line with College nomenclature.
3. That despite no students currently at Imperial having any experience of the RSM as a Faculty Union, there is still a very strong feeling within the RSM and others that the RSM should still have Union status.
4. That the RSM is currently classified as a CSC.
5. That under the current constitution, CSC officers are elected by their committee meaning the RSM committee should be elected only by the outgoing committee.
6. That a CSC is there to manage and oversee the operations and activities of a set of clubs allocated to it.
7. That a CSC Executive has limited activity other than the above management and oversight duties (notable exceptions being the RCC Night Hike and ACC Bar Nights).
8. That despite the classification as a CSC, a large amount of RSM activity is carried out by the RSM Executive in the interests of all students on those courses that formed the RSM at the time of its abolition.
9. That membership of a CSC is conferred by the conscious decision of a member to join a club under the management control of that CSC and is terminated by the decision to leave that club or automatically at the end of the academic year when all club memberships cease.
10. That membership of a Faculty Union is conferred by the commencement of a particular course of study at Imperial College and terminated by the completion, cessation or interruption of that course.
11. That membership of the RSM CSC is automatic at the commencement of a particular course of study at Imperial College and terminated by the completion, cessation or interruption of that course.
12. That the RSM CSC acts in much the manner of an FU from the very first day RSM students are on campus.
13. That Imperial College still awards the ARSM to graduates of the old RSM courses and ACGCI to graduates of the old CGCU courses.
14. That the Faculty of Engineering gives funding to CGCU without any guarantee that any amount will be given to the RSM CSC.

### **Imperial College Union Believes**

1. That the organization of the ICU should not be dictated by Imperial College but rather by the members of the ICU.
2. That the Union's primary focus must always be to represent and cater for the wants, needs and interests of its membership, not those of the College management.
3. That the majority of RSM students wish for Union status to be restored to the RSM CSC, as shown from research from the RSM Committees between 2007-2010.
4. That the current activities and membership status of the RSMCSC are those of a Union, not a club management committee.
5. That representation is best carried out at faculty level so the current representation structure works well, therefore no change is required.
6. That the RSM and CGCU have worked together well but there is still an obvious division between the two student groups.
7. The distribution of resources, although currently not unjust, would be fairer if the RSM were given a stipulated amount from the Faculty of Engineering.

### **Imperial College Union Resolves**

1. To restore Union status to RSMCSC.
2. To amend the line structure of the City & Guilds College Union (Faculty of Engineering Union) by adopting those changes detailed in Appendix I to reflect this change.
3. To amend the Union Constitution and Regulations by adopting those changes detailed in Appendix II to reflect this change and update all numbering in the Constitution and Regulations as appropriate, (please note a supporting document with tracked changes is included).

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