

Imperial College Union

NUS CONFERENCE WORKING GROUP

A note by the President

Background

Enshrined in section E of Regulation 4 of our constitution is the following job description for delegates to NUS Annual Conference which is to be held this year from the 1st to the 3rd of April in the Dickensian squalor of Blackpool Wintergardens.

E. Job Descriptions for Delegates

22. Delegates to the National Union of Students and University of London Union. Delegates elected to represent the Union to the National Union of Students ("NUS") and the University of London Union ("ULU") shall:
 - i. Attend all Union relevant meetings and represent the views of the Union to NUS conferences and ULU meetings.
 - ii. Work with all other Union delegates to support motions that the Union Council believes further the aims, objects and policies of the Union.
 - iii. Work with all other Union delegates to prevent motions that the Union Council believes work against the aims, objects and policies of the Union from being passed.
 - iv. Be forbidden from joining any NUS or ULU political or religious faction.
 - v. Where clarification is required on matters concerning 32.i to 32.iv, the delegate shall seek and act upon the guidance of the President.
23. Any NUS National Conference or other delegate who fails to attend the NUS National Conference or other conference respectively without giving ten College days' notice and a reason to the satisfaction of the President or, in the view of the Council expressed through a disciplinary motion, fails to fulfil the tasks outlined in paragraph 22 shall be disqualified from being elected to NUS Conference positions again.
24. Any ULU meeting delegate who fails to attend two ULU meetings of which he or she is a delegate or member without giving five College days' notice and a reason to the satisfaction of the President shall be deemed to have automatically resigned from their position and will be disqualified being elected to ULU delegate positions again on behalf of the Union.

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The motions document has now been released and as expected there are many motions that ICU has policy on. Last year our delegates were given a guide put together by an NUS working group giving them either direct instructions or a steer on the majority of the motions to ensure that ICU's delegation was speaking with one collective voice. This guide was then approved by Union Council and is a far more efficient way for Council to instruct delegates rather than having this meeting consider all the motions separately. I propose that we follow the same procedure this year.

Amendments

For those of you who are interested in NUS politics the motions document to Annual Conference is now available on www.officeronline.co.uk. If there are any motions that you would like to amend please get in touch with Kirsty or I as we are allowed to propose one amendment in each of the four policy zones and are keen to submit our full entitlement.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To establish an NUS Conference working group to be chaired by the President.
2. To mandate the President to advertise for volunteers who are interested in feeding in to this process.