

Funding for Sailing Club Use of ULU Boathouse
A note by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Background

While Imperial College was part of the University of London, the IC Sailing Club used the ULU Boathouse. They paid a nominal amount (approx. £100) in ground hire per year for use of the Boathouse and its facilities, while the rest of the costs for use was covered by the annual Union affiliation to ULU.

When Imperial left the University of London, it was agreed by ICU that the higher costs of Imperial clubs using ULU facilities would be covered by the Union, taken from the money which would no longer be paid as affiliation to ULU. (see Appendix)

After Imperial officially withdrew from the University of London, the IC Sailing Club continued to use the ULU Boathouse, for the same nominal fee. The ICU Sailing Club did not receive an increase in its grant in line with what had been agreed in principle at Council. This has not previously been a problem as the increased cost was not invoiced by ULU to IC Sailing Club.

It was not until this summer holidays when IC Sailing Club moved from ULU Boathouse that this lack of charging and payment came to light, whereupon the ULU Finance Office issued an invoice for £600 to IC Sailing Club for the additional ground hire required for the 2007-08 session.

IC Sailing Club does not have the funds to pay for this as the Union had never increased their grant in line with what had been agreed in Council.

Decision Required:

To award £600 from Exec reserves to IC Sailing Club under ground hire in order to pay for the invoice issued by ULU.

Appendix

From a report to Council on 21st March 2006 (written by the Union President and DPCS at the time: Sameena Mishabuddin and Simon Matthews).

Finances and Proposed Package

Currently we pay ULU ~£75k pa for our membership of ULU, out of £985k total from all member colleges. ULU are currently proposing a package deal that would allow us access to various facilities and services that we currently enjoy. This would cost £75,961 and is split:

Sabbatical training £2,738
Leagues & referees £8,006
Sailing club facilities £3,559
Clubs & Societies £61,658
Total £75,961