

ICSMSU 2009-10 Budget Appeal

A paper proposed by the ICSMSU President Mark Chamberlain
Seconded by the ACC Chair Samuel Furse

This Committee notes

1. That at the CSB meeting of Monday the 2nd of March, ICSMSU were given a budget allocation of £68,026.19, which represents a 0.06% decrease on last years funding, and a 2% (£1,391.44) inflation adjusted decrease. This was the only cut made to CSC/FU funding for the next academic year.
2. That on average CSCs/FUs received a 5.51% increase on last years funding levels.
3. That ICSMSU Exec provides crucial student services, including welfare support, careers guidance as well as extra-curricular activities, for just over 2200 medical, biomedical and from next year pharmacy students, with standards comparable to ICU.
4. That because of the nature of the medicine course, ICU clubs and societies are sometimes not able to cater to the needs of the medical students in a meaningful way.
5. That in the recent Student Barometer survey, students of the Faculty of Medicine were more satisfied with the service provided by ICSMSU than other students were with their representative Faculty Unions, or ICU as a whole.
6. That in the recent Student Barometer survey, students of the Faculty of Medicine were more satisfied with the services provided by their clubs and societies than their counterparts in the rest of the College were.
7. That in the recent Online Student Survey for our Strategic review, over 80% of the medical students believed the ICSMSU exec to be indispensable to their positive experience of university.
8. That ICSMSU runs some of the most successful clubs in the college, not simply measured by membership numbers, but also by level of activity, and benefit to members.
9. That ICSMSU Clubs and Societies have 1504 members, representing approximately 75% of the students of the Faculty of Medicine. This is in comparison to other Faculty Unions such as CGCU and RCSU who from significantly larger student populations only generate 259 members and 81 members respectively.
10. That ICSMSU Clubs and Societies are not given first choice over Sport Imperial and IC Union facilities and as such are required to pay external bodies larger sums of money in order to have access to adequate facilities.
11. That in order to continue to provide services to the level which is required of us by our students, we as an FU need funding at least in line with last year's levels.
12. That at the budgeting meeting of Monday 2nd March, several members of CSB acted in unacceptable and inappropriate ways by cheering, laughing and clapping as cuts were made to the ICSMSU budget submission.
13. It was not possible to vote on the cut of £893.70 on principle, as it was coupled to other changes that themselves should have voted on separately.
14. That this cut was not well thought out, and was let through because the meeting was running late, people were tired and wanted to finish.
15. That the ICSMSU Exec and Faculty of Medicine work hard to provide the best for their students and promote an atmosphere of camaraderie between medics and non-medics, but those decisions made at the last CSB may adversely affect this relationship.

This Committee believes

16. That a cut of £893.70 proposed to the ICSMSU budget was not administered fairly, with no reasonable justification given, and that this was allowed through by a voting method which is open to abuse
17. That the services offered by all the Faculty Unions are an essential part of student life at Imperial, and that we should be encouraging the evolution of these services. This is particularly germane as we are now required to cater for Pharmacy students from September as well. Cutting our budget by this amount undermines this and will prevent offering services next year, such as our guidance leaflet series or careers events.
18. That a cut in ICSMSU funding would be detrimental to the experience of medical students at Imperial College, and prevent us from providing the level of support that we currently offer.

This Committee Resolves

1. To rescind the final decision of the CSB to cut the ICSMSU budget by £893.70
2. To adopt one of the following re-allocations:
 - a. A cut similar to that proposed by the SCC chair during the meeting, of £200 each from RCC, ICSMU, and ACC, £100 each from RCSU and RSM and £93.70 from CGCU
 - b. A further cut to the tours pot of £893.70 as funding for tours is considered less important than for the central activities of Clubs and Societies.
 - c. To use the iterative method as proposed by DPFS Christian Carter at the budgeting meeting of 2nd March.

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The allocations of options a., b. and c. would therefore look as this:

	%age increase on 08-09 (inf adj)	@2330 on 02/03/09	a.		b.		c.	
			Cut	Allocation	Cut	Allocation	Cut	Allocation
ACC	100.49%	£162,015.05	£200.00	£161,815.05	£0.00	£162,015.05	£530.91	£161,484.14
A&E	100.19%	£13,284.00	£0.00	£13,284.00	£0.00	£13,284.00	£25.48	£13,258.52
CGCU	106.05%	£11,356.40	£93.70	£11,262.70	£0.00	£11,356.40	£37.21	£11,319.19
ICSMSU	99.28%	£68,026.19	£200.00	£68,719.89	£0.00	£68,919.89	£0.00	£68,919.89
MEDIA	99.86%	£10,185.00	£0.00	£10,185.00	£0.00	£10,185.00	£0.00	£10,185.00
OSC	101.77%	£6,746.85	£0.00	£6,746.85	£0.00	£6,746.85	£22.11	£6,724.74
RCC	103.22%	£71,106.91	£200.00	£70,906.91	£0.00	£71,106.91	£233.00	£70,873.91
RCSU	111.75%	£5,470.60	£100.00	£5,370.60	£0.00	£5,470.60	£17.93	£5,452.67
RSM	115.05%	£4,107.00	£100.00	£4,007.00	£0.00	£4,107.00	£13.46	£4,093.54
SCC	103.83%	£4,152.00	£0.00	£4,152.00	£0.00	£4,152.00	£13.61	£4,138.39
SILWOOD	91.89%	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
GSA	78.44%	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
		£361,150.00	£893.70	£361,150.00	£0.00	£362,043.70	£893.70	£361,150.00
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