

Royal School of Mines Union Constitution

1. Name and Status

1. ~~The student's union of the departments of Materials Science and Earth Science and Engineering, hereinafter referred to as "the Departments" (formerly the Royal School of Mines), shall be known as the Royal School of Mines Union, hereinafter referred to as "the RSMU".~~
2. ~~The RSMU shall be a Constituent Union of the Imperial College Union ("ICU") or the 'Union'~~
1. ~~The name of the constituent union of the Imperial College Union, hereinafter referred to as "the ICU" referred to in this Constitution shall be the Royal School of Mines Union, hereinafter referred to as "the RSMU".~~
2. ~~The RSMU shall be a Constituent Union of the ICU.~~
3. The RSMU and its recognised clubs and societies may use the name and arms of Imperial College and the Royal School of Mines in their titles and in pursuit of their activities but they may not assign the privilege to any other individual, group or company without the approval of the College Secretary or his or her nominee. In using the names and arms, the RSMU and its clubs and societies shall have due regard for Imperial College's status and reputation.

2. Aims and Objects

1. The aims and objects of the RSMU shall be:
 1. The furthering of the interests of the members and the status of the RSM,
 2. The promotion of sport and social activity within the RSM,
 3. The promotion of interest in all aspects of the geosciences and materials science,
 4. The promotion of social intercourse among its members.
2. In pursuing its aims and objects, ~~the Union~~ the RSMU shall govern itself democratically and with regards to the principles of equality and diversity.

3. Membership

1. The following persons shall be members of the RSMU, as provided in the following categories. Membership of the ICU or RSMU entitles the holder to make use of all facilities, amenities and services of the RSMU.
2. **Full Members**
 1. All registered students of Imperial College London studying in the departments of Earth Science and Engineering and Materials are Full Members of the RSMU.
 2. Only Full Members of the ICU are entitled to receive any form of subsidy from the RSMU.
 3. Only Full Members of the RSMU are entitled to participate in the government of the RSMU.
3. **Honorary Members**
 1. The RSMU may confer honorary membership upon those persons deemed to have served the RSMU in a positive manner. The terms under which persons are elected to honorary membership shall be set out in policy.
4. **Life Members**
 1. A person shall be entitled to become a Life Member of the RSMU if they become a Life Member of the ICU and are currently or have previously been:
 - a. A Full or Honorary member of the RSMU or its former inceptions.
 - b. A Research or Teaching Assistant within the departments of Earth Science Engineering or Materials for at least two academic years.
 - c. A member of Imperial College Staff or Research Associate in ~~the departments of Earth Science Engineering or Materials~~ the Departments for at least two academic years.
 2. Life Members may not participate in the government of the Union except where permitted under the ICU Constitution.

~~No fee shall be payable for Life Membership of the RSMU.~~

5. Government of the RSMU

1. Only Full Members of the RSMU are permitted to participate in the government of the RSMU, i.e. ~~that is~~ standing for or holding office, or voting in any election or meeting.
2. A person who is not a Full Member may only participate in the government of the RSMU as set out above under the terms of the ICU Constitution for persons who are not a Full Member of the ICU.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 5.1:

- a. The government of the clubs and societies of the RSMU shall be open to all Full Members of the ICU given that they possess membership to that club or society.
 - b. A person holding sabbatical office and returning to a course qualifying that person for membership of the RSMU may stand for office in the RSMU if the term of office will commence after the end of their Sabbatical year.
 - c. Any Full Member of the ICU may be permitted to chair a meeting of the RSMU and will hold a casting vote in the event of a vote being equally split but shall not have a vote in any other circumstances.
6. **Opting Out**
1. Any student shall have the right not to be a member of the RSMU and signify that he or she does not wish to be represented by it.
 2. The RSMU shall liaise with the ICU to ensure that any student exercising their right shall not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of services by reason of having done so.
 3. A student opting out of membership of the ICU is deemed to have opted out of membership of the RSMU.
 4. A person who has opted out of the RSMU may rejoin with the permission of the General Committee subject to their qualification to hold membership as set out in paragraphs 3.2 – 3.4.
4. **Affiliation**
1. The RSMU and its clubs and societies may affiliate to any organization which furthers its aims, subject to a resolution of the General-Executive Committee.
 2. Such organization shall not be of a religious or political nature, however clubs and societies may affiliate to a religious or political organization provided that organization furthers the aims of the club or society.
 3. If the RSMU or its clubs and societies decide to affiliate or donate monies raised to an external organization, they shall publish notice of the decision at a meeting of the General Committee stating the name of the organization and details of any monies paid or donated to that organization.
 4. The RSMU shall review the external organisations to which an affiliation fee has been paid or a donation given and report these annually by means of a published report.
5. **Officers of the RSMU**
1. The Officers of the RSMU shall be the President and other Officers who shall be Full Members of the RSMU.
 2. The titles and duties of the officers of the RSMU and the means by which they are elected, censured and dismissed shall be established in the Regulations Regulation One.
 3. In the event of a vacancy or an Officer of the RSMU being unable to fulfil his or her duties, the President may delegate those powers and responsibilities held by that Officer pending elections.
 1. In the event of a vacancy for President or the President being unable to fulfil his or her duties, the Vice President of Activities and Events shall become President *pro tempore* and hold all powers and responsibilities of the President pending elections.
 4. In the event of a vacancy, nomination papers will go up be circulated within ten College ~~days~~ of days of the vacancy occurring.
 5. Officers of the RSMU and any other position within the RSMU for which a date is not otherwise prescribed shall hand over to their successor on the 1st August each year.
 6. No person may hold more than one Officer of the RSMU post.
6. **General Committee**
1. The RSMU General Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, shall be the sovereign and governing body of the RSMU. All Officers, committees, clubs and societies shall be accountable to the Committee.
 2. The Committee shall receive such reports from Officers and committees that it may require with the President and the RSMU Executive Committee reporting to each Ordinary Meeting. The Committee may require any Officer and any other post-holder within the RSMU to attend and answer questions.
 3. All Full Members of the RSMU may attend the Committee as an observer with full speaking rights and the right to propose and second motions and other business.
 4. The membership of the Committee and its standing orders shall be established in ~~the~~ Regulations Regulation Three.
- Meetings**
5. The Committee meetings shall be classified as Ordinary, Extraordinary or Emergency.

6. Ordinary Meetings of the Committee shall be called once per ~~term-month~~ by the President who may also call Extraordinary Meetings as necessary during term time with at least five College days notice.
7. Emergency Meetings shall be called by the President upon a request from:
 1. The President,
 2. The RSMU Executive Committee,
 3. Resolution of an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee,
 4. Twenty Full Members of the RSMU.
8. Emergency Meetings shall:
 1. Be held between two and five College days of being called.
 2. Discuss only those matters it was called to debate.
 3. Be entitled to refer back or overrule and decision or policy of the ~~Executive~~Executive Committee or other committee of the RSMU so long as it pertains to the matter under debate.

7. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee ~~, hereinafter referred to as "the Executive"~~ shall be responsible for the general management of the Union and may prescribe policy subject to the direction of the Committee.
2. The President shall convene the Executive Committee at least every three weeks during term time.
3. An Emergency Meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by:
 1. A resolution of the Committee,
 2. The President, or
 3. Four other members of the Executive Committee.
4. Emergency action:
 1. The President may act on behalf of the Executive Committee, provided that these actions are reported to and approved by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
 2. The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Committee in matters of urgency, provided that these actions are reported to and approved by the Committee at its next meeting.

8. General Meetings

1. General Meetings are held to ensure the accountability of the RSMU to its members.
2. All Full Members of the RSMU may participate in and vote upon all aspects of business at a General Meeting. The quorum shall be ~~50-30~~ Full Members.
3. The standing orders and procedures for the calling and conduct of General Meetings shall ~~be established in the Regulations Regulation Four~~ follow the constitution of the ICU.
4. A General Meeting may be called by the President upon receipt of a request by:
 1. The President,
 2. The Committee or Executive Committee, or,
 3. A petition signed by at least ~~50-30~~ Full Members of the RSMU requesting a General Meeting, the meeting to be held within five College days of receiving such a petition.
5. A General Meeting shall discuss a specific item of business only, and may:
 1. Review and refer back policy or operational policy approved by the Committee or Executive Committee, and
 2. Hold the Executive Committee Officers of the RSMU to account, and
 3. Exercise any other power granted to it by Regulations or RSMU policy.
6. A General Meeting shall be chaired by a Full Member of the ICU appointed by the Committee.

9. Referenda

1. Referenda, in which all and only Full Members of the RSMU may vote, shall be the last resort in deciding policy of the RSMU,
2. A referendum may be called by:
 1. Five percent of the Full Membership of the RSMU, or
 2. The Committee by two thirds majority, unless it is called within twenty College days of the end of the Summer Term, whereupon it shall be disregarded.
3. A referendum must relate to policy previously decided by a referendum or referred back to it by a General Meeting.
4. A motion for referendum shall relate to a single issue and have a 'yes' or 'no' resolution.
5. A petition for a referendum ~~under 10.4~~ shall include names, yes, departments and signatures or College identification numbers ("CIDs") of the petitioners and shall be received by the President. The constitutionality of the petition must be resolved by the ICU Court prior to the referendum proceeding.
6. No issue shall be put to referendum if it has already been put to referendum:

1. In the current academic year if it concerns affiliation by the RSMU to an external organization, or
 2. In the current or previous two academic years for any other issue.
 7. The referendum shall be determined by simple majority. If less than fifteen percent of the Full Membership vote then the referendum shall be null and void.
 8. Policy decided by referendum shall be immediately binding upon the RSMU, subject to any reserved matter, and supersedes any previous policy. Any policy resulting from a referendum may only be reversed by a referendum.
 9. If a referendum results in a draw, the motion subject to the referendum falls.
10. **Committees of the Union**
1. The Committee and the ~~Executive~~[Executive Committee](#) and other committees may establish and thereafter dissolve sub-committees and may delegate powers to them or individuals save:
 2. That such establishment or delegation shall not affect the rights, powers or representation of any other standing or sub-committee or individual, and
 3. That a record of the delegated power shall be reported by the Chair of the delegating committee to the Committee and retained by the President.
 4. The President shall be *ex officio*:
 1. A non-voting member of all RSMU clubs and societies and their committees, and
 2. A voting member of all other RSMU committees and sub-committees except disciplinary, disciplinary appellate, elections and referendum committees.
 5. All RSMU committees shall follow the standing orders and rules of procedure established in the ~~Regulations~~[constitution of the ICU](#).
11. **Clubs and Societies of the RSMU**
1. The RSMU shall administer Clubs and Societies in advancing its Aims and Objects.
 2. Clubs and Societies shall be administered by their committees under their constitutions, which shall not contradict this Constitution or its Regulations, and governed under Policy.
 3. Any Full Member of the ICU is entitled to join any RSMU club or society as a Full Member with equal rights.
 4. Any Life or Associate Member of the ICU is entitled to join any RSMU club or society as an Associate Member.
 5. Any Full Member shall be entitled to stand for election to the committee of the club or society.
 6. New clubs and societies may be established under the policy and procedure laid down by the ICU.
12. **Finance**
1. The President is responsible through the Deputy President (Finance and Services) to the President of the ICU for the finances of the RSMU.
 2. The day to day administration of the RSMU's finances shall be delegated by the President to the Honorary Junior Treasurer.
 3. All constituent parts of the RSMU shall comply with the ICU Finance Regulations and Procedures.
 4. There shall be an Honorary Senior Treasurer of the RSMU appointed by the ICU Council under the advice of the President, who shall oversee the financial management of the RSMU on behalf of the College. The Honorary Senior Treasurer shall bring any possible anomalies or discrepancies in the financial management of the RSMU to the attention of the President.
 5. The RSMU shall produce an annual budget submission to the ICU in line with the timetable and procedure set out by the Clubs and Societies Board of the ICU.
13. **Elections**
1. Elections shall be fairly and properly conducted under the terms of the Education Act 1994 and in accordance with the procedures established in ~~the Regulations~~ [Regulation Two](#).
 - ~~4.2.~~ Only Full Members of the RSMU may vote in RSMU elections. Further restrictions may apply for certain RSMU positions as detailed elsewhere in the Constitution and Regulations.
 3. All candidates for election, their proposers and seconders must be Full Members of the RSMU. Further restrictions may apply for certain RSMU positions as detailed elsewhere in the Constitution and Regulations.
 4. The President or a nominee approved by the Executive shall be the Returning Officer for [the RSMU](#) elections, and responsible for their fair and efficient conduct.

14. Disciplinary Action

1. In any case where disciplinary actions may need to be taken, such actions shall be conducted in accordance with the ICU constitution and follow its rules and regulations on the necessity, and implementation, of any and all disciplinary actions to be undertaken by, or against, the RSMU or any of its members.

14.15. Policy

1. Policy of the RSMU is subordinate to policy of the ICU.
2. Policy of the RSMU shall be determined by the Committee and referenda.
3. The Executive may determine operational policy when authorized by the Committee in support of a particular RSMU or ICU policy.
4. Policy shall be valid for the remainder of the academic year in which it was adopted and the next three academic years. The President or relevant committee chair should re-present the policy with amendments as appropriate before it lapses and the Committee or relevant body may vote on whether to continue the policy for the next three academic years.

14.16. Interpretation

1. Words used in this Constitution and any Regulation made or policy passed hereunder have the same meaning as in the ICU Constitution and Regulations.
2. This Constitution is bound by the Constitution and Regulations of the ICU.
3. This Constitution overrules Regulations, which overrule Policy, which overrules Clubs and Society constitutions and any other committee or individual.
3. ~~Regulations and Policy made under this Constitution shall not contradict the provision of this Constitution.~~
4. The ICU Court is the ultimate body responsible for the interpretation of this Constitution, its Regulations and any policy, rule, act or omission made under it.
5. If an issue requiring an interpretation arises when the ICU Court is not meeting, the chair of a meeting, or, if present, the President may give a preliminary ruling. Preliminary rulings do not bind the ICU Court.
6. Precedent shall provide a basis for preliminary interpretations.
7. Where an interpretation involves the Constitution or Regulations of the ICU, and the matter is not resolved, it shall be referred to the ICU President in the first instance.

14.17. Amendments

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by resolution of the Committee passed by two-thirds majority ~~at two successive meetings not less than five and not more than forty College days apart.~~ Amendments shall then be reviewed by the ICU Executive Committee who shall either pass the amendments or refer them to the ICU Council for consideration.
2. Amendments to the Regulations may be proposed by resolution of the Committee passed by simple majority ~~two successive meetings not less than five and not more than forty College days apart with the second reading passed by a two thirds majority.~~ Amendments shall then be reviewed by the ICU Executive Committee who shall either pass the amendments or refer them to the ICU Council for consideration.

14.18. Regulations

1. The Regulations of the RSMU are:
 1. Officers of the RSMU.
 2. Elections and Referenda.
 3. Composition of RSMU Committees.
 4. ~~Standing Orders for RSMU Meetings.~~
 5. ~~Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure.~~
 - 6.4. Colours, Regalia and Insignia.

14.19. Revocation

1. This Constitution shall be binding on the RSMU from the ~~28th April, 2008~~ 20th February, 2012.
2. From the ~~28th April, 2008, 20th February, 2012~~, all previous Constitutions and Regulations are revoked.

Regulation One – Officers of the RSMU

A. Officers of the RSMU

1. The Officers of the RSMU shall be the:

1. President,
~~—~~ Vice President
2. Honorary Secretary,
~~3.~~ Honorary Junior Treasurer,
- ~~4.~~ Vice-President Activities & Events,
- ~~3-5.~~ Vice-President Clubs & Societies,
- ~~4-6.~~ Ball Officers,
- ~~5-7.~~ Davy Bearer,
- ~~8.~~ Academic Liaison Officer,
- ~~6-9.~~ Pit and Publicity Officers,
- ~~7-10.~~ Regalia Officers,
- ~~11.~~ Sponsorship Officer,
- ~~8-12.~~ Student Welfare Officer,
- ~~9-13.~~ Website Officer.
- ~~10.~~ Clubs and Societies Officer,
- ~~11.~~ Events Officer,
- ~~12.~~ Publicity Officer,
- ~~13.~~ Foreign Students Officer,

B. General Provisions

1. No person may hold more than one post as an Officer of the RSMU ~~post~~.
2. There shall be two Ball Officers ~~and~~ two Regalia Officers and two Pit and Publicity Officers.
3. All posts may be held jointly except the:
 1. President,
 - ~~2.~~ Vice-President Activities & Events,
 - ~~2-3.~~ Vice-President Clubs & Societies,
 - ~~3-4.~~ Honorary Secretary,
 - ~~4-5.~~ Honorary Junior Treasurer.
4. An Officer of the RSMU may resign in writing to the President. The President may resign in writing to the President of the ICU.
5. The President is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Officers of the RSMU and in the event of a vacancy or an Officer of the RSMU being unable to fulfil his or her duties, the President may delegate the powers and responsibilities of that Officer.
6. No Officer of the RSMU may co-opt their position.

B. Job Descriptions for Officers of the RSMU

1. President

The President shall:

- i. Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ii. Represent the interests of their members at the appropriate Union, Faculty and College Committees,
- iii. Be responsible for the development and preliminary interpretation of the Constitutions,
- iv. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Finance and Services) for all aspects of the RSMU's finances,
- v. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies) for the duty of care and Health and Safety of their members,
- ~~vi.~~ Be responsible to the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) for the education and welfare issues of their members. [b1]
- ~~vii-vi.~~ Be accountable to the ICU Council for the activities of the RSMU,
- ~~viii-vii.~~ Carry out such duties as may, from time to time, be laid down by the ICU Council or the ICU Executive Committee,
- ~~ix-viii.~~ Maintain relations between the RSMU and the ICU, ~~CGCU~~, College, and other committees, institutions and Unions as appropriate,
- ~~x-ix.~~ Be responsible for the external communications of the RSMU,
- ~~xi-x.~~ Be responsible to the ICU for the RSMU's elections,
- ~~xii-xi.~~ Be responsible for discipline and grievance issues within the RSMU,
- ~~xiii-xii.~~ Chair the Committee and Executive ~~Executive~~ Committee,

- ~~xiv-xiii.~~ Supervise and co-ordinate the work of the other Officers of the RSMU,
- ~~xv-xiv.~~ In the event of a vacancy or any Officer of the RSMU being unable to fulfil his or her duties and responsibilities, delegate those powers and responsibilities held by that Officer.
- ~~xvi-xv.~~ Negotiate extra duties for RSMU Officers where appropriate.

~~2.~~ **The Vice President**

~~The Vice President shall:~~

- ~~i.~~ Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ~~ii.~~ Take on Presidential duties as appropriate,
- ~~iii.~~ Support the Events Officer in the organizing of RSMU-wide events,
- ~~iv.~~ Co-ordinate and organize the running of the RSMU Freshers' Ball,
- ~~v.~~ Oversee the organization of the RSMU Christmas Dinner by the RSMU Ball Officers,
- ~~vi-i.~~ Oversee the organization of the RSMU Final Finale. [b2]

~~3.2.~~ **The Honorary Secretary**

The Honorary Secretary shall:

- i. Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ii. Be responsible for the provision of Office facilities and services,
- iii. Oversee the accurate recording and compilation of all minutes of meetings of the Committee and Executive and archive full copies when appropriate.
- iv. Maintain a list of names and contact details of Officers of the RSMU, representatives and officers of RSMU clubs and societies.
- v. Maintain a current version of the Constitution and Regulations and ensure that it is available to all members of the ICU along with a full list of all RSMU policy.
- vi. Be responsible for maintaining a full record of RSMU activity during the academic year.

~~4.3.~~ **The Honorary Junior Treasurer**

The Honorary Junior Treasurer shall:

- i. Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ii. Be responsible to the President for the day to day management of the finances of the RSMU,
- iii. Report the financial position of the RSMU to the Executive Committee and Committee as required,
- iv. Maintain an inventory of RSMU assets and financial records as required and in accordance with the ICU Finance Regulations and Procedures,
- v. Monitor and authorize all expenditure within the RSMU in accordance with the ICU Finance Regulations,
- vi. Prepare the RSMU's budget submission to the ICU and allocate any budget awarded,
- vii. Represent the interests of RSMU members at ICU and other meetings as appropriate,
- viii. Be responsible for informing all club and society officers with financial responsibility of their duties and responsibilities.
- ix. Report any irregularities in the finances of the RSMU to the President.

~~4.~~ **The Vice President of Activities & Events**

~~The Vice President of Activities & Events, hereinafter referred to as "the VPAE", shall:~~

- ~~i.~~ Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ~~ii.~~ Be responsible for organising all major RSMU events and dinners throughout the academic year,
- ~~iii.~~ Be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the work of the Ball Officers,
- ~~iv.~~ Co-ordinate and supervise a minimum of two events in each of the autumn and spring terms to be held on an RSMU-wide basis,
- ~~v.~~ Work with the Honorary Junior Treasurer to ensure that proper and realistic budgets are prepared and authorized for events,
- ~~vi.~~ Co-ordinate the involvement of the RSMU in ICU RAG, including the organization of RAG events and representation of the RSMU to the ICU RAG committee where appropriate.[b3]

~~5.~~ **The Vice President of Clubs & Societies**

~~The Vice President of Clubs & Societies, hereinafter referred to as "the VPCS", shall:~~

- ~~i.~~ Uphold the policy and further the aims and objectives of the RSMU,
- ~~ii.~~ Facilitate the organization of competitive and recreational sports teams within the RSMU,
- ~~iii.~~ Oversee the running of all Clubs & Societies within the RSMU,
- ~~iv.~~ Liaise with Clubs and Activities Officers from the Faculty Unions for the organization of intramural sports and activity,

- v. Encourage and support the active participation of the membership in sporting activity,
- vi. Organise the annual varsity match against Camborne School of Mines, the Bottle Match
- vii. Be responsible to the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies) for the duty of care and Health and Safety of their members,
- viii. Attend meetings of the ICU Clubs and Societies Board as the RSMU representative. [b4]

5. The Clubs and Activities Officer

The Clubs and Activities Officer shall:

- vii. Convene and chair the Clubs and Activities Committee,
- viii. Oversee the running of all RSMU Clubs and Societies,
- ix. Facilitate the organization of competitive and recreational sports teams within the RSMU,
- x. Organize the RSMU's participation in the annual Bottle Match against the Camborne School of Mines.
- xi. Liaise with Clubs and Activities Officers from the Faculty Unions for the organization of intramural sports and activity.
- xii. Encourage and support the active participation of the membership in sporting activity,
- xiii. Co-ordinate and organize the running of a sports sub-committee to be comprised of all RSMU Sports Team Captains.

6. The Events Officer

The Events Officer shall:

- i. Co-ordinate and supervise a minimum of two events in each of the autumn and spring terms to be held on an RSMU wide basis,
- ii. Recruit, manage and be responsible for the activities of an Events Sub-Committee to be comprised of volunteers from the student body,
- iii. Work with the Vice President in organizing RSMU wide events,
- iv. Work with the Honorary Junior Treasurer to ensure that proper and realistic budgets are prepared and authorized for events,
- v.i. Co-ordinate the involvement of the RSMU in ICU RAG, including the organization of RAG events and representation of the RSMU to the ICU RAG committee where appropriate. [b5]

7.6. Ball Officers

The Ball Officers shall:

- i. Co-ordinate the organization of the RSMU Freshers' Dinner, Christmas Dinner and Final Finale, by working closely with the VP Activities & Events,
~~Contact venues for such events and have responsibility over table arrangements and decorations etc.,~~
- ii. Assist with logistical planning and on-the-night execution of the events.
- ii. Recruit, manage and be responsible for the activities of an RSMU Christmas Dinner Sub-Committee to be comprised of volunteers from the student body.

8.7. Davy Bearer

The Davy Bearer shall:

- i. Be responsible for the safe-keeping of the RSMU mascots,
- ii. Be responsible for the presence of the RSMU mascots at all RSMU bar nights and other necessary events,
- iii. Recruit assistance as necessary from the student body for the purposes of raising money for RAG via inter-Union mascotry, see Skinners Bottom, Regulation Three.
- iv. Chair the sub-committee known as "Skinners Bottom". [b6]

8. Academic Liaison Officer

The Academic Liaison Officer shall:

- i. Co-ordinate with the Department Representatives of the Departments to facilitate better relations between the students and staff,
- ii. Co-chair the Academic and Welfare Committee (as outlined in Regulation Three),
- iii. Encourage students to complete surveys such as the NSS and SOLE with the aim of improving student involvement in the running of their degree courses,
- iv. Work to resolve any issues or grievances experienced by students in relation to their course and encourage use of the academic support network of the ICU.

9. Pit and Publicity Officers

The Pit and Publicity Officers shall:

- i. Be responsible for publicizing the Union and its activities in a manner compliant with all relevant ICU policies and Regulations,
- ii. Maintain all notice-boards under the control or in the use of the RSMU,
- iii. Create and ensure the timely delivery of targeted publicity campaigns to promote and publicize specific Union events and activities,
- iv. Create and co-ordinate the delivery of an RSMU e-bulletin to promote and publicize the RSMU and its activities where appropriate.
- v. Organize the publication and distribution of the newsletter of the RSMU, which shall be called "The Pit",
- vi. Organize the publication and distribution of a Freshers' Handbook, to be distributed to all Freshers before the commencement of the Academic year,
- vii. Recruit assistance as necessary from the student body,
- iv-viii. Archive a copy of all publications.

10. **Regalia Officers**

The Regalia Officers shall:

- i. Order and maintain the stocks of RSMU regaliaMaintain sales and stock levels of RSMU regalia under the supervision, and in agreement, with the President and Honorary Junior Treasurer of the RSMU,
- ii. Work with the Honorary Junior Treasurer to ensure that proper and realistic budgets are authorized for all regalia orders,
- iii. Work with the Publicity Officer to market and encourage sales of RSMU Regalia.

11. **Sponsorship Officer**

The Sponsorship Officer shall:

- i. Be responsible for the co-ordination and running of sponsorship campaigns within the RSMU,
- ii. Assist and advise officers of RSMU clubs in the procurement of sponsorship,
- ii-iii. Ensure that the RSMU's obligations to sponsors are met.

12. **Student Welfare Officer**

The Student Welfare Officer shall:

- i. Co-chair the Academic and Welfare Committee (as outlined in Regulation Three),
- ii. Act as a point of contact for students of the Departments in cases where welfare assistance is required,
- iii. Promote the welfare services provided by Imperial College, the ICU and the Faculty Union of Engineering,
- iv. Offer assistance and support to students with disabilities and/or special needs,
- v. Work with the Departmental Representatives to maintain the Buddies System throughout the year.

~~12-13.~~ **Website Officer**

The Website Officer shall:

- i. Maintain and develop the RSMU website,
- ii. Work with the Pit and Publicity Officers and Vice President Activities and Events to ensure adequate and correct content to further the RSMU's aims and objects,
- ii-iii. Work with the Pit and Publicity Officers and Vice President Activities and Events to maintain the presence of the RSMU within social media,
- iii-iv. Ensure that the contact details of the Officers of the RSMU and other relevant officers are correct and accessible via the RSMU website,
- iv-v. Ensure that the RSMU website complies with all relevant ICU and RSMU policy,
- v-vi. Work to ensure that the RSMU website is accessible to those with disabilities.

~~13.~~ **Foreign Students Officer**

The Foreign Students Officer shall:

- i. Organize the Foreign Students Week,
- ii. Work with the Welfare Officer to promote the welfare and interests of non-home students within the RSMU. [b7]

~~14.~~ **Pit Editor**

~~The Pit Editor shall:~~

- ~~i. Organize the publication and distribution of the newsletter of the RSMU, which shall be called "The Pit",~~
- ~~ii. Organize the publication and distribution of a Freshers' Handbook, to be distributed to all Freshers before the commencement of the Academic year,~~
- ~~iii. Recruit assistance as necessary from the student body,~~
- ~~iv. Archive a copy of all publications. [b8]~~

Regulation Two – Elections and Referenda

A. General provisions

1. Only Full Members of the RSMU may participate or vote in any part of an election, though Life Members may act as returning officer.
2. All elections shall be determined by Single Transferable Vote with Quota System as defined by the Electoral Reform Society.
3. The candidate 'Re-Open Nominations' stands fully nominated for every post.

B. Eligibility to participate

4. All Full Members of the RSMU may stand and vote in an election unless otherwise prescribed.
5. No current Officer of the RSMU may propose or second a candidate in an election for the position that they currently hold, though all other Full Members of the RSMU may propose or second a candidate in an election.

C. Nominations and Timetable

6. All elections require nominations to be publicised a week in advance, placed on a public notice-board for at least a week, with the name, year and signature of the candidate, proposer and seconders.
7. Nomination papers shall include the name and contact details of the returning officer.
8. The election shall be held within ten College days of nomination papers coming down.
9. At least 2 seconders are required for position on the Executive Committee and 1 for all other Officer positions.
10. Elections shall be by secret ballot by and from all full members of the RSMU.

D. Campaigning and Publicity

14. The returning officer is responsible for ensuring the election is publicised in advance of nominations.
15. All media or newsletters reports or comments must mention the names of all candidates standing for a post within the body of the report, in the case of elections, or attempt to produce a balanced debate on both sides of the argument in the case of referenda. In any case reports and comments should be fair and accurate.

Candidates' publicity

16. No candidates' campaign publicity may appear prior to the close of nominations.
17. The maximum amount that may be spent on an election or referendum campaign will be decided by the returning officer or elections committee and notified to the candidates at close of nominations.
18. No form of Union or College insignia shall appear on any candidate's publicity material.
19. Campaign publicity, including flyers, shall be removed from the line of sight and six metres of all ballot boxes or other voting terminals.
20. All campaign publicity must contain the dates of voting and web link.

E. Hustings

21. There shall be hustings to which all candidates are invited to speak and answer questions.

22. The returning officer (or elections committee if there is one) shall determine the date and format of hustings, which shall be chaired by the returning officer or a nominee.

23. The chair of hustings shall ensure that each candidate is treated equally in the proceedings, and that questions are directly or indirectly relevant to the potential performance of the candidate in the post being elected.

F. Re-Open Nominations (RON)

24. The returning officer shall appoint a RON campaign manager and allocate a budget (as permitted within budgetary policy) up to the same level as the other candidates.

25 In the event of

- a) RON winning, or
- b) a decision to re-run the entire election including nominations,
Nominations shall be re-opened within ten College days and the election repeated.

26. In the event that RON commits an unfair practise it may be additionally ordered that the election is re-run without recourse to new nominations within five College days of reaching such a conclusion.

G. Supervision of Elections

27. There shall be a Returning Officer for each election who shall be responsible for the fair and efficient conduct of that election.

28. The Returning Officer shall maintain neutrality at all times, and may not participate in the election in any manner except as Returning Officer.

Appointment of Returning Officer

29. The Returning Officer shall be the President or his/her nominee

Elections Committees

30. The returning officer shall convene and chair the elections committee, which shall meet during the course of the elections if needs be. The elections committee shall review all progress and decisions of the returning officer each meeting.

31. The elections committee shall consist of the returning officer and two other members of the Union, who are not standing for election

Observers

32. A candidate has the right to send an observer, or at the discretion of the returning officer be present himself at the count.

Delegation

33. The returning officer (or elections committee if there is one) may appoint deputies or assistants and allocate duties to them.

Restriction of rights

34. The Returning Officer, any deputies or assistants and members of an elections committee may not vote or participate in any part of the election except in furtherance of their duties.

35. People employed under the direction of the Returning Officer may not participate or influence the result of the election, apart from actually voting.

H. Objections and Unfair Practices

36. Objections should be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity and every effort made by the returning officer or election committee to resolve the dispute.

37. Objections may be based on unfair practices by candidates or the unconstitutional running of the election by the returning officer.

Unfair practises

38. It is an unfair practise to

- a) Infringe the ICU Constitution, regulations or elections policy,
- b) disobey instructions of the returning officer or elections committee
- c) take unfair advantage of any publication or other publicity that is not contained within the allotted budget,
- d) do permanent damage to any Union or College area as a consequence of a campaign,
- e) make any attempt to influence the impartiality of the returning officer, elections committee or Union staff,
- f) deliberately sabotage any campaign other than one's own,
- g) infringe College rules,
- h) intimidate any participant in the election,
- i) overspend the allotted campaign budget, or not produce suitable receipts,
- j) loiter within ten metres of any ballot box during voting, and to
- k) tamper with any ballot box used in the election or submission of electronic votes.

39. An unfair practice may result in action being taken under the Disciplinary Policy of ICU as well as action within the terms of this regulation

Enforcement and remedies

40. In the event of an objection to any part of the election except the count, the count shall not begin until the objection has been resolved.

41. The returning officer (or the elections committee if there is one) shall be able to

- a) ratify the election,
- b) order the election to be re-run,
- c) disqualify a candidate, or
- d) disregard all the papers in a ballot box, or submission of electronic votes from a particular source (this decision is to be taken before the count commences).

42. The election shall be re-run if the election has been run unconstitutionally. If the breach occurred during nomination papers being up, the papers may be placed up again for between two and five College days after they would have normally been taken down. No new nominations shall be sought if the breach occurred after nomination papers were taken down.

43. If ballot boxes or submission of electronic votes were tampered with, the returning officer may disregard the entire ballot box, or submission of electronic votes, as long as the number of affected votes does not exceed one-fifth of all votes cast.

Appeals panel

44. In the event of an objection not being resolved by action of the returning officer or elections committee, the matter shall be referred to an appeals panel.

45. Appeals panel shall meet within five College days of being lodged.

46. In elections, the appeals panel shall be the Executive Committee, with further appeal to ICU Executive and then Council, whose decision is final.

47. The appeals panel or its appellate committee may exercise any rights vested in the returning officer or elections committee and review or amend any of their decisions.

A. General Provisions

- ~~1. All elections in the RSMU shall be held according to these regulations and the ICU Elections Regulations.~~

- ~~2. Only Full Members of the RSMU may participate or vote in any part of an election, though Life Members may act as returning officer.~~
- ~~3. Notwithstanding Paragraph 2, any Full Member of an RSMU club or society may participate in elections within that club or society.~~
- ~~4. All elections or referenda shall be conducted by secret ballot, except that an election held at a meeting with a single candidate (apart from New Election) may, if no elector dissents, proceed to elect summarily the person to office.~~
- ~~5. All elections shall be determined by Single Transferable Vote with Quota System, as defined by the Electoral Reform Society.~~
- ~~6. The candidate 'New Election' stands fully nominated for every post.~~
- ~~7. The President is responsible to the ICU President to ensure elections are fairly and properly conducted under the terms of the Education Act 1994.~~

~~B. Eligibility to Participate~~

- ~~1. All Full Members of the RSMU may stand and vote in an RSMU election unless otherwise prescribed. All Full Members of the RSMU may vote in an RSMU referendum.~~
- ~~2. A person holding sabbatical office may stand as a candidate in an RSMU election if they are returning to a course that qualifies that person for membership of the RSMU provided that the term of office will commence after the end of their sabbatical year.~~
- ~~3. Notwithstanding paragraph 9, no person holding sabbatical office may propose or second a candidate in any RSMU election.~~
- ~~4. RSMU clubs and societies may restrict eligibility to stand, nominate and vote in their elections to their Full Members only which will include all members who are Full Members of the ICU but not of the RSMU.~~

~~C. Nominations and Timetable~~

- ~~1. All elections require nominations to be publicised one week in advance and be placed on a public notice board for at least one week, with the name, department, year and signature or College identification number ("CID") of the candidate, proposer and seconders.~~
- ~~2. Nomination papers shall include the name and contact details of the Returning Officer.~~
- ~~3. Elections for positions granting membership of the Executive Executive Committee *ex officio* or any position that is also and Officer of the ICU shall have additional requirements:

 - ~~1. Notice and publicity for the election should be produced five College days in advance of nomination papers being placed up;~~
 - ~~2. Nomination papers should be up for at least five College days, and~~
 - ~~3. At least two four seconders are normally required for position on the Executive Committee and one for all other Officer positions.~~~~
- ~~4. At least two seconders are normally required for all other Officers of the RSMU and at least one seconder is normally required for all officers of RSMU clubs and societies.~~
- ~~5. The election shall be held within ten College days of nomination papers coming down.~~
- ~~6. In the event of a vacancy, nomination papers shall go up within ten College days of the vacancy occurring.~~
- ~~7. The time limits in this regulation may be suspended by resolution of the ICU Council by two-thirds majority with a separate resolution required for each election.~~

~~B. Referenda~~

- ~~8. The Constitution provides the elementary rules of referenda. Other parts of these regulations only apply to referenda where specifically provided for.~~
- ~~9. Upon receipt of a petition through the President, the ICU Court shall consider its constitutionality and that of the subject matter of the referendum. The ICU Court may make orders to require further steps to be taken to complete a petition, or quash an unconstitutional petition or proposed policy.~~
- ~~10. The ICU Court shall determine the wording of the referendum question. In so doing it may, with the approval of those the Court deems responsible for organizing the petition and as an alternative to quashing a proposed policy, amend it to the extent that it becomes constitutional.~~
- ~~11. Once constitutionality is resolved, the Executive Executive Committee shall authorize notice to be given of the referendum within five College days.~~
- ~~12. The referendum shall be held between twenty and twenty-five College days of notice having been given. If notice has been published within twenty College days of the end of a term other than the Summer Term, the Executive Executive Committee may direct the holding of the referendum in the first twenty College days of the next term.~~
- ~~13. A referendum committee shall act as the equivalent of the elections committee. The referendum committee shall initially be the Executive Committee, and the President the returning officer. Individual members may recuse themselves from membership or be removed by the ICU Court. The referendum committee or the Committee may appoint new members or a returning officer with the approval of the ICU Court.~~

- ~~14. The referendum committee may appoint campaign managers from each side, who shall be responsible for their campaigns, and may make rules for the running of the referendum.~~
- ~~15. All RSMU media must be equally available to both sides of the referendum. If the use of College and Union media is permitted, this must also be equally available to both sides of the referendum.~~
- ~~16.—~~

~~D. Campaigning and Publicity~~

~~General Publicity~~

- ~~1. The returning officer is responsible for ensuring the election is publicised in advance of nominations.~~
- ~~2. In any election or referendum publicity including, but not limited to, The Pit and club and society newsletters shall be equally available to all candidates. All media conducting interviews or discussions must notify all candidates in writing three days before the interview or discussion is due to take place.~~
- ~~3. All media or newsletter reports or comments must mention the names of all candidates standing for a post within the body of the report, in the case of elections, or attempt to produce a balanced debate on both sides of the argument in the case of referenda. In any case reports and comments should be fair and accurate.~~

~~Candidates' Publicity~~

- ~~4. No candidates' campaign publicity may appear prior to the close of nominations, in the case of elections, or before notice of a referendum is published, in the case of a referendum.~~
- ~~5. All publicity material is to be covered by a suitable receipt. The maximum amount that may be spent on an election or referendum campaign will be decided by the returning officer or elections committee and notified to the candidates at close of nominations.~~
- ~~6. No form of RSMU, ICU or College insignia shall appear on any candidate's publicity material.~~
- ~~7. Campaign publicity, including flyers, shall be removed from the line of sight and six metres of all ballot boxes.~~

~~Campaigning on the Record~~

- ~~8. Candidates are permitted to refer to other candidates in their publicity only to the extent permitted below:~~
- ~~1. Statements made by candidates,~~
 - ~~2. Conduct by candidates previously or currently in office, related to their office,~~
 - ~~3. A disciplinary hearing in relation to a candidate.~~
- ~~9. Any reference must fulfil the following conditions:~~
- ~~1. A reference must be relevant to a candidate's integrity or ability,~~
 - ~~2. No reference may be made which is merely scandalous or intended only to vilify, insult or annoy,~~
 - ~~3. No reference may be made to any personal trait of character, except in so far as it is clearly demonstrated by other statements or conduct,~~
 - ~~4. No reference may be made to another candidate's political views, except in so far as they relate to students in their interests as students,~~
 - ~~5. No reference may be made to another candidate's religious views.~~
- ~~10. Any reference to a statement or fact must be supported by substantial and independent evidence for example, meeting minutes, publications, reports, written publicity or hustings comments. The burden of proof is upon the person seeking to assert the facts or statements, to the extent that the returning officer or elections committee must be sure that they are true.~~
- ~~11. Reference may only be made to a disciplinary hearing and charges made in it if the candidate was found guilty of misconduct, censured or dismissed and no appeal is outstanding. The returning officer must deem it in the student interest for it to be revealed, and may make any restriction on revelation of detail about it.~~
- ~~12. If a candidate referred to in any publicity disputes the truth of such a statement and provides evidence or an explanation which results in the burden of proof no longer being met, or demonstrates that other regulatory restrictions applied, the publicity may then be disallowed. A returning officer may choose to hear both candidates' arguments in any fair way he or she wishes.~~
- ~~13. Publicity which is disallowed must be removed within 24 hours. If it involved any comment in a publication, it must be retracted or correcting comment put in within 24 hours, or in the next publication.~~
- ~~14. No new publicity referring to other candidates may be authorized within 48 hours of ballot boxes opening. This advance time may be extended by the returning officer or policy.~~

~~RON (Re-Open Nominations)~~

~~The returning officer shall appoint a RON campaign manager.~~

~~In the event of:~~

~~— RON winning, or~~

~~— A decision to re-run the entire election including nominations, nominations shall be re-opened within ten College days and the election repeated.~~

~~— In the event that New Election commits an unfair practice as described in paragraph 85, it may be additionally ordered that the election is re-run without recourse to new nominations within five College days of reaching such a conclusion.~~

~~E. Hustings and Debates~~

- ~~1. There shall be hustings in all RSMU elections, to which all candidates, and the RON campaign manager, are invited to speak and answer questions.~~
- ~~2. The returning officer (or elections committee if there is one) shall determine the date and format of hustings, which shall be chaired by the returning officer or a nominee.~~
- ~~3. The chair of hustings shall ensure that each candidate is treated equally in the proceedings, and that questions are directly or indirectly relevant to the potential performance of the candidate in the post being elected.~~
- ~~4. In referenda, the referendum committee shall organize at least one public, fair and balanced debate which shall take place not less than two and not more than five College days prior to the vote.~~

~~F. New Election~~

- ~~1. The returning officer shall appoint a New Election campaign manager and allocate a budget (as permitted within budgetary policy) up to the same level as the other candidates.~~
- ~~2. In the event of:

 - ~~1. New Election winning, or~~
 - ~~2. A decision to re-run the entire election including nominations, nominations shall be re-opened within ten College days and the election repeated.~~~~
- ~~3. In the event that New Election commits an unfair practice as described in paragraph 85, it may be additionally ordered that the election is re-run without recourse to new nominations within five College days of reaching such a conclusion.~~

~~G. Supervision of Elections~~

- ~~1. There shall be a Returning Officer for each election who shall be responsible for the fair and efficient conduct of that election. The Returning Officer shall maintain neutrality at all times, and may not participate in the election in any manner except as Returning Officer.~~
- ~~2. The Returning Officer shall be:

 - ~~1. In elections at a committee, the chair of the committee or a nominee, unless otherwise prescribed, and~~
 - ~~2. For all other RSMU elections, the President or a nominee, unless otherwise prescribed.~~~~

~~Supervisory Authorities~~

- ~~3. Supervisory authorities oversee elections and step in, in exceptional circumstances, to ensure an election is run fairly.~~
- ~~4. A supervisory authority may impose an elections committee or scrutineer or fill a vacancy in the post of returning officer for any election in the RSMU.~~
- ~~5. The supervisory authority may also replace a returning officer (even if *ex officio*), member of an elections committee or scrutineer, and is the only body entitled to do so over the objections of the person being removed.~~
- ~~6. In this regulation, the term "supervisory authority" shall refer to, in increasing order of seniority:

 - ~~1. The Committee, or an officer with their delegated powers,~~
 - ~~2. The ICU President, and~~
 - ~~3. The Court (whose decision is final).~~~~
- ~~7. An authority is exercisable as a standing order or policy (though not in the case of the ICU Court), or just invoked for a particular election. A more senior supervisory authority may amend the decision of a junior one, and may act whether or not it has previously acted.~~
- ~~8. If the ICU President is the returning officer, a candidate or otherwise not impartial, his position as an authority in 67.2 shall be struck out for that election.~~

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~~Elections Committee~~

- ~~1. In elections as may be prescribed or ordered, an elections committee shall supervise the elections and reserve certain d~~
 - ~~10. uties of the returning officer to itself, including:

 - ~~1. Counting the votes,~~
 - ~~2. Ratifying an election,~~
 - ~~3. Ordering a re-run, and~~
 - ~~4. Disqualifying a candidate.~~~~
- ~~An elections committee may also over rule any decision of the returning officer.~~

- ~~11. The returning officer shall convene and chair the elections committee, which shall meet regularly during the course of the elections. The elections committee shall review all progress and decisions of the returning officer each meeting.~~
- ~~12. The supervisory authority may require an election committee to be convened. It shall have two, four or six members (excluding the chair) appointed in such manner as the supervisory authority determines.~~

Observers and Scrutineer

- ~~13. A candidate has the right to send an observer, or at the discretion of the returning officer, be present himself at the count.~~
- ~~14. The supervisory authority may request a completely independent observer (who does not need to be a member of the Union) as scrutineer to oversee any part of the election proceedings.~~

Delegation

- ~~15. The returning officer (or elections committee if there is one) may appoint deputies or assistants and allocate duties to them.~~

Restriction of Rights

- ~~16. The Returning Officer, any deputies or assistants and members of an elections or referendum committee may not vote or participate in any part of the election except in furtherance of their duties, notwithstanding paragraph 8.~~
- ~~17. People employed under the direction of the Returning Officer may not participate or influence the result of the election, apart from actually voting.~~

H. Objections and Unfair Practices

- ~~1. Objections should be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity and every effort made by the returning officer or election committee to resolve the dispute.~~
- ~~2. Objections may be based on unfair practices by candidates or the unconstitutional running of the election by the returning officer.~~
- ~~3. Depending on the type of objection, they are dealt with in the following manner:

 - ~~1. Objections to the administration of the election are dealt with under part H (Supervision of Elections);~~
 - ~~2. Objections to all other matters are dealt with in the remainder of this part.~~~~

Statements of Intent

- ~~4. After voting has ceased and before the count has started, the returning officer shall require candidates to declare that they have no recourse to complaint against the actions of the returning officer or elections committee for the fair and constitutional running of the election.~~

Unfair Practices

- ~~5. It is unfair practice to:

 - ~~1. Infringe the RSMU or the ICU Constitution, Regulations, elections or referenda policy;~~
 - ~~2. Disobey instructions of the returning officer, elections or referendum committee or Court in carrying out their duties under I.68.1;~~
 - ~~3. Take unfair advantage of any publication or other publicity that is not contained within the allotted budget;~~
 - ~~4. Do permanent damage to any RSMU, ICU or College area as a consequence of a campaign;~~
 - ~~5. Make any attempt to influence the impartiality of the returning officer, elections committee, referendum committee, ICU Court or ICU staff;~~
 - ~~6. Deliberately sabotage any campaign other than one's own;~~
 - ~~7. Infringe College rules;~~
 - ~~8. Intimidate any participant in the election;~~
 - ~~9. Overspend the allotted campaign budget, or not produce suitable receipts;~~
 - ~~10. Loiter within ten metres of any ballot box during voting; or~~
 - ~~11. Tamper with any ballot box used in the election or with the submission of electronic votes.~~~~
- ~~6. An unfair practice may result in action being taken under the RSMU or ICU Disciplinary Regulation or Policy as well as action within the term of this regulation. Unfair practices in referenda may also be referred by the ICU President directly to the College Discipline Committee.~~
- ~~7. A candidate is wholly responsible for any act or omission made by another on his or her behalf.~~

Deposits

- ~~8. The elections committee those elections authorized by the Court may require a cash deposit (up to a maximum set by the Committee and approved by the ICU Council) from each candidate in security for fair behaviour during the elections.~~
- ~~9. The cash deposit as authorized shall be required from each candidate at the close of nominations.~~

~~10. The deposit may be partially or totally withheld by the elections committee for unfair practices detailed in paragraph 68.~~

Enforcement and Remedies

~~11. In the event of an objection to any part of the election except the count, the count shall not begin until the objection has been resolved.~~

~~12. The returning officer (or elections committee if there is one) shall be able to:~~

- ~~1. Ratify the election or referendum;~~
- ~~2. Order the election or referendum to be re-run;~~
- ~~3. Partially or totally withhold a candidate's deposit (see paragraph 73);~~
- ~~4. Disqualify a candidate (subject to appeal as in paragraphs 79-83 below); or~~
- ~~5. Disregard all the papers in a ballot box, or submission of electronic votes from a particular source (this decision must be taken before the count commences).~~

~~13. The election or referendum may be re-run (under paragraph 75.2) if the election has been run unconstitutionally, if it is in the interests of justice so to do. If a breach during an election occurred during nominations papers being up, the papers may be placed up again for between two and five College days after they would have normally been taken down. No new nominations shall be sought if the breach occurred after nomination papers were taken down.~~

~~14. If ballot boxes of the submission of electronic votes were tampered with, the returning officer may disregard the entire ballot box, or submission of electronic votes, as long as the number of affected votes does not exceed one fifth of all ballots cast.~~

~~15. The returning officer may (and must if the votes affected exceed one fifth of all ballots cast) order the election or referendum to be re-run under paragraph 75.2.~~

Appeals Panel

~~16. In the event of an objection not being resolved by action of the returning officer, elections or referendum committee, the matter shall be referred to an appeals panel or the ICU Court.~~

~~17. The ICU Court may delay involvement until any internal appeals process is exhausted.~~

~~18. Any Appeals Panel must meet within five College days of the appeal being lodged.~~

~~19. In elections, the Appeals Panel shall be the Executive Committee with further appeal to the ICU Court, in referenda, the ICU Court shall be the appeals panel.~~

~~20. The ICU Court may replace the decision of the returning officer, elections or referendum committee, or internal appeal process with any other decision.~~

Setting Aside Election or Referendum Results

~~21. The ICU Court may, if satisfied that there were serious irregularities or that confidence in the propriety of an election or referendum was gravely diminished, set aside the result of a completed election or referendum and order that any or all parts of it be repeated, including nominations or the count.~~

~~22. An application to the ICU Court to set aside such an election or referendum must be made within three weeks of the election results being declared, or the end of the Summer Term following it, whichever is sooner. No application may relate to an issue that was materially resolved by the ICU Court in an earlier hearing.~~

Disqualification

~~23. A candidate who is disqualified from an election is automatically further disqualified indefinitely from being elected to or holding any elected or unpaid appointed office in the RSMU or ICU. Such a candidate is also disqualified from acting as a returning officer, scrutineer, observer, member of an elections or referendum committee, or supervisory authority.~~

~~24. A person who acts as an agent for a candidate who is disqualified from the election as a result, or partly as a result of the person's misconduct may be similarly disqualified.~~

~~25. A person (including those administering the election) whose misconduct in an election results in or contributes to a re-run, or which would have resulted in or contributed to the disqualification of a candidate, had the misconduct been upon a candidate's behalf may be similarly disqualified.~~

~~26. A person guilty of misconduct in a referendum may be similarly disqualified.~~

~~27. An order to disqualify any person except an election candidate may only be made by the ICU Court. The returning officer, a Sabbatical Officer, elections, referendum, internal appeals, Disciplinary or Appeals committees may refer any case to the ICU Court for this purpose.~~

~~28. No disqualification will act to remove a person from a post he or she already holds, unless that of the returning officer or member of an elections or referendum committee. The ICU Council may remove an indefinite disqualification.~~

~~29. The ICU President shall maintain a register of people subject to a disqualification under the preceding paragraphs, and any returning officer or the ICU Court in imposing a disqualification must notify the ICU President of the same.~~

Regulation Three – Composition of RSMU Committees

A. General Committee

1. The powers and responsibilities of the General Committee are set out in the Constitution.
2. The Committee shall meet as set out in the Constitution.
3. The Committee shall consist of the:

The Chair of the Committee

- i. President,

The Voting Members

- ii. President,
- iii. Honorary Secretary,
- iv. Vice-President Activities & Events
- v. Vice-President Clubs & Societies
- vi. Honorary Junior Treasurer,
- vii. Ball Officers,
- viii. Davy Bearer,
- ix. ~~Department Academic~~ Liaison Officer,
- x. Pit and Publicity Officers,
- xi. Regalia Officers,
- xii. Sponsorship Officer,
- xiii. Student Welfare Officer
- xiv. Website Officer,
- ~~xv.~~ xv. Chairs of the RSMU Clubs and Societies,
- ~~xvi-xvii.~~ xvi. The ICU President (ex officio),

Permanent Observer

- ~~xvi-xvii.~~ xvi. Honorary Senior Treasurer.

B. The Executive Committee

1. The powers and responsibilities of the Executive Committee are set out in the Constitution.
2. The ~~Executive~~ Executive Committee shall meet as set out in the Constitution.
3. The ~~Executive~~ Executive Committee shall consist of the:
 - i. President,
 - ii. Vice-President Activities & Events
 - ~~iii.~~ iii. Vice-President Clubs & Societies,
 - ~~iv.~~ iv. Honorary Secretary,
 - ~~v.~~ v. Honorary Junior Treasurer,
4. Each member is of equal status to every other member. No member is the representative of any group within the RSMU.
5. The ~~Executive~~ Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President or his or her nominee.
6. The Honorary Senior Treasurer shall attend as a Permanent Observer.

B. The Clubs and Societies Committee

1. The Clubs and Societies Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Clubs and Societies of the RSMU.
2. The Clubs and Societies Committee shall consider best practice on the running of student activities. ~~It shall also be a forum for the resolution of disputes among clubs and societies.~~
3. The Clubs and Societies Committee shall report its business to the Executive Committee and the Committee.
4. The Clubs and Societies Committee shall consist of the:
 - i. Vice-President Clubs & Societies,
 - ii. The Chairs of all RSMU Clubs and Societies,
 - iii. The ICU President (ex officio);
5. The Clubs and Societies Committee shall meet at least twice in each of the Autumn and Spring terms, at least once in the Summer term and additionally as required.
6. The Clubs and Activities Committee shall be convened and chaired by the Vice-President Clubs & Societies or in his or her absence a nominee

B. Academic and Welfare Committee

1. The Academic and Welfare Committee will oversee representation of RSMU students within their departments and is responsible to The Executive Committee.
2. The committee shall be co-chaired by the Student Welfare Officer and the Academic Liaison Officer.
3. The committee shall discuss recent meeting of ICU Council, ICU Representation and Welfare Board and Student-Staff Committee Meetings
4. The Academic and Welfare Committee will also act as a body for the promotion of social integration between students of The Departments.
5. The Academic and Welfare Committee will consist of:
 - i. President
 - ii. Academic Liaison Officer
 - iii. Student Welfare Officer
 - iv. Departmental Representatives
 - v. Departmental Society Chairs as permanent observers
6. The committee shall convene upon the request of either chairs or the President; though must gather at least two times each term.
7. All Full Members of the RSMU may attend the committee as an observer with full speaking rights and the right to propose and second motions and other business.
8. Staff representatives from the Departments are welcome to attend the committee as an observer.

A. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee~~

1. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Clubs and Societies and central activities of the RSMU. It does not oversee welfare or academic matters.~~
2. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee may determine policy governing the management, governance and finance of the areas of the RSMU within its jurisdiction, subject to RSMU and ICU policy and operational policy.~~
3. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall consider best practice on the running of student activities. It shall also be a forum for the resolution of disputes among clubs and societies.~~
4. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall report its business to the Executive and the Committee.~~
5. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall consist of the:~~
 - i. ~~President,~~
 - ii. ~~Vice-President,~~
 - iii. ~~Honorary Junior Treasurer,~~
 - iv. ~~Clubs and Activities Officer,~~
 - v. ~~Events Officer,~~
 - vi. ~~Publicity Officer,~~
 - vii. ~~The Chairs of all RSMU Clubs and Societies.~~
6. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall meet at least twice in each of the Autumn and Spring terms, at least once in the Summer term and additionally as required.~~
7. ~~The Clubs and Activities Committee shall be convened and chaired by the Vice-President or in his or her absence the President. [b9]~~

B. Departmental Society Committees

1. There may be a Departmental Society for each department or course.
2. Each Departmental Society shall be responsible for organizing activities in furtherance of the academic, welfare and social interests of the students of the department or course.
3. Financial responsibility for the committee shall be delegated to the Departmental Society Chair and Departmental Society Honorary Junior Treasurer who shall abide to ICU financial regulations and procedures for clubs and societies.

Membership

4. Each committee shall consist of the following officers:
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Honorary Junior Treasurer
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. The Departmental Representative *ex officio*,
 - v. The President *ex officio*,
 - vi. Any such other voting members that the committee may co-opt.

5. Committees may elect a member of staff, approved by the Head of Department and President, as an Honorary President of the Departmental Society. Any Honorary President so elected will be a non-voting member of the committee *ex officio*.
6. All Full Members studying a course covered by a particular Departmental Society may stand for election to and vote in the committee of that Departmental Society.
7. Elections for committee members shall be held by secret ballot and in accordance with RSMU and ICU elections regulations.
8. The Chair shall be responsible for promoting RSMU activities within their department or course.
9. The Chair shall be responsible to the President through the RSMU Honorary Junior Treasurer for the finances of the committee.

B. Colours Committee

10. The Colours Committee shall consider recommendations for the Colours and Awards of the RSMU in accordance with RSMU and ICU policy.
11. The full terms of reference of the Colours Committee are detailed in [Colours Policy](#) ~~the ICU awards policy~~.
12. All individuals deemed to have served the RSMU in an exceptional manner shall be eligible to be considered for colours regardless of membership status.
13. The Colours Committee shall consist of the:
 - i. The President,
 - ii. The Honorary Secretary,
 - iii. Two members nominated from and elected by the ~~Executive~~[Executive Committee](#),
 - iv. Two members not on the ~~Executive~~[Executive Committee](#) and nominated from and elected by the Committee.
14. The committee shall be convened and chaired by the President.

C. "Skinners Bottom"

15. The RSMU Mascotry Committee shall be known as "Skinners Bottom"

16. Skinners Bottom shall:

- i. Be chaired by the Davy Bearer.;
- ii. Comprise full or life RSMU members selected by the Davy Bearer.;
- iii. Adhere to the rules of mascotry as agreed by the RSMU, CGCU, RCSU and RAG committees.
- iv. Have a minimum membership of 3.

Regulation Four – Colours, Regalia and Insignia

A. General Regalia

1. Regalia may feature the Emblem of the Royal School of Mines, hereinafter referred to as “the Emblem”.
2. Past and Present Members shall be entitled to wear RSMU General Regalia.

B. Sports Regalia

1. Sports Regalia may only be worn by past or present members of an RSMU sports team.

C. Colours Regalia

1. Colours Regalia may only be worn by those people who have previously been awarded Colours of the RSMU.
2. Recipients of Colours are entitled to wear Colours Regalia as follows:
 - a. Half Colours: Half Colours tie which shall be a black tie with $\frac{1}{4}$ width gold diagonal stripes with a single silver line through each stripe.
 - b. Full Colours: Full Colours tie which shall be a black tie with $\frac{1}{4}$ width silver, black and gold diagonal stripes.
 - c. RSM Special Awards: RSM Special Awards tie which shall be a navy blue tie with gold emblems.

D. Insignia

1. The insignia of the RSMU shall be the Emblem of the RSM with or without scroll.
2. The insignia of the RSMU may be printed in colour or monochrome.
 - a. Emblem with scroll: The design and colours for the emblem shall be as follows:



- b. Emblem without scroll: The design and colours for the emblem without scroll shall be as follows:

