

## Merging Medic Careers Societies

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#### **Background**

ICSMSU has a large number of medic "speciality" societies being started (e.g. ICSM Anaesthetics Soc, ICSM Neurology Soc and ICSM Ophthalmology Soc). These societies mainly provide talks to medical students providing information on specialisation, a service the department does not provide. Last year ICSMSU proposed creating one club to cover all of these activities. That way all these activities could occur but they would be a branch of one society "CareerSoc" which would reduce the countless hours of administrative burden.

The issue is that it is very easy to gather enough signatures to support an application for something like "CardiologySoc" and in principle it is a great idea but unlike the success of SurgicalSoc it is unlikely that enthusiasm will persist for years to follow leaving the union. These Clubs and Societies also exist purely to run lectures and give talks and do not need members or provide any sort of members based activity.

This paper proposes the merging of the ICSMSU careers societies, ICSMSU Neurology and ICSMSU Ophthalmology, into one society that will allow members to join and organise talks while also providing support.

Under the Clubs and Societies Policy the Executive Committee can merge Clubs & Societies.

*45. Two or more clubs and societies shall merge under one of the following conditions:  
ii. A resolution of the Clubs and Societies Board or Executive Committee.*

#### **Structure**

ICSMSU Careers society will have its own committee responsible for assisting members with the running of events. Each event will be able to have its own committee.

The Chair of the Careers society will be the ICSMSU Alumni Officer

ICSMSU will update their standing orders to include this new careers society.

ICSMSU will create a new constitution for the Careers Society.

#### **Process:**

ICSMSU Neurology will be merged with ICSMSU Ophthalmology. ICSMSU Ophthalmology will be renamed to ICSMSU Careers Society with three committee positions Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions will be held by members of the ICSMSU Exec until the first AGM is held. The committee members of ICSMSU Neurology and ICSMSU Ophthalmology will retain their positions under the ICSMSU Careers Society Exec. Any funds held by the original societies will be moved into separate activity codes.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Executive Committee are asked to merge ICSMSU Neurology and ICSMSU Ophthalmology to create ICSMSU Careers society, with a new constitution.**