



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the first ordinary meeting of
the **Council** of the
Imperial College Union in the 2015/16 Session

The meeting of the Council was held in Meeting rooms 1 & 2 on 12 October 2015 at 18.30

Present:

Council Chair	Richard Cameron
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Ben Howitt
Deputy President (Education)	Chun Yin San
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Chris Kaye
Deputy President (Welfare)	Jennie Watson
GSU President	Liucheng Guo
ICSMSU President	Med Harris
RCSU President	James Badman
RSMU Chair	Sam Argyle
ACC Chair	Toni Semmence
A&E Chair	Enric Juan Alcocer
RAG Chair	Will Daubney
RCC Chair	Stephen Ball
RSMU Academic Affairs Officer	Rachael Shuttleworth
RSMU Welfare Officer	Beth Holman
Campaigns Officer	Andrew Tranter
LGBT Liberation Officer	Emma Little
International Officer	Sautrik Banerjee
Gender Equalities Officer	Jonathan Masters
ICSMSU Academic Affairs Officer – Science Years	
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer	Zoe Hsu
RSMU Academic Affairs Officer	Emma Toms
GSU Medicine AWO	Mike Asavarut
	Kyle Hellemans
Ethics & Environmental Officer	Rhiannon Holden
	Katherine Chio
Interfaith Officer	Shamim Ahmed
Permanent observers	
Governance and Administration Manager (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

Apologies: President Lucinda Sandon-Allum , CGCU President Andrew Olson Gallardo, Media Group Chair Henry Harrod, CGCU Welfare Officer Millie Tsang, CGCU Academic Affairs Officer Parikshat Singh, ICSMSU Academic Affairs Officer Science Years Rebekah Judge, RCSU Academic Affairs Officer Ben Fernando, BME Liberation Officer Olaoluwamide Akinwuntan, CGCU President Tim Munday, Serena Leung, CGCU Academic Affairs Officer James Murphy
Not present: ICSMSU Welfare Officer Laurence Pallant, RCSU Welfare Officer Akash Jyoti, Disabilities Liberation Officer Nazim Andani, Interfaith Liberation Officer Daniyal Raza

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) Drinking of alcohol will not be permitted in the meeting.
- b) Formal training for members take place on 27 October at 18.00, just before the next meeting of Council.
- c) Printed copies of papers must be requested in advance of the meeting. Requests to be made to r.coxhead@ic.ac.uk
- d) Elections are currently open and Council members were asked to promote these.
- e) Members must talk through the Chair by raising their hands and not over each other.
- f) Argue the point and not the person – personal attacks will not be tolerated.

2. MINUTES – 9 June 2015

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To pass the minutes are a correct record of the meeting.**

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) Action 14.1, 'working group on the EU Referendum be compiled over the summer and the Officer Trustee team to bring back the research to the Council in 15-16.' The following was discussed:
 - i. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) stated that there is a strong potential that the stance taken at this point will be ultra vires.
 - ii. It is difficult to take a stance when there is not enough information currently to bring a paper to Council.
 - iii. It was agreed that the discussion be raised at the next meeting of Council.

ACTION:

1. **The discussion of a potential stance on the EU Referendum to occur at the next meeting of Union Council.**
- b) Action 15.1, '...the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to work on the Budgeting process', the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated this is in progress and that a draft paper will be taken to Clubs, Societies & Project Board.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was as tabled in the absence of the President

NOTED:

- a) Council were directed to email any questions to the President.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

5. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES)

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)

NOTED:

- a) Huge thanks were given to all those who volunteered their time to assisting with the Freshers Fair.
 - i. Freshers Fair is always a logistical jigsaw that is never going to please all Clubs, Societies and Projects.
 - ii. There is currently a survey open of which a working group will be considering the feedback.
- b) 3 Management Groups are currently without a committee however the Clubs, Societies and Projects are being supported by the Officer Trustee team and elections are in the process of being planned.
- c) Out in Sport is still a project that the Union are working on.
- d) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To accept the report.**

7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Education)

NOTED:

- a) There is a big push to have Postgraduate Reps trained and to also reduce the workload on AWO's as feedback is that the expectations on them from College is extremely time demanding.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.**

8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES)

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

NOTED:

- a) Currently the Union does not pay the London Living Wage
- b) The jobs section of the website states that wages for casuals start from £6.50 which suggests that the website needs updating to reflect the increase in minimum wage for over 21's.
- c) Anecdotally students undertake casual work to supplement the other sources of income rather than rely on that income as a primary source.
- d) The Deputy President (Finance & Services) was mandated to invite members of Union Council to form a working group to investigate the options and impact of the Union implementing the London Living Wage.

ACTION:

- 1. The Deputy President (Finance & Services) to invite members of Union Council to form a working group to investigate the options and impact of the Union implementing the London Living Wage.**

- e) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

9. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Welfare)

NOTED:

- a) Currently gathering feedback on imperial students housing experiences.
- b) It was suggested to reach out to departments to have more input in their gender equality initiatives.
- c) It was suggested that the Deputy President (Welfare) look at how Bristol University have introduced a 'sexual consent quiz' and whether this is something that Imperial can implement.
- d) It was commended that the Union was proving the mental first aid 'lite' course however it was requested that this be offered to a wider group and for it to occur in the evening.
- e) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report.

Meeting closed 19.10

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on _____ 2015/16

_____ Chair of the Meeting