



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

The meeting of the Council was held in the Huxley on 7 March 2016

**Present:**

Council Chair	Richard Cameron
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Ben Howitt
Deputy President (Education)	Chun Yin San
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Chris Kaye
CGCU President	Andrew Olson Gallardo
ICSMSU President	Med Harris
RCSU President	James Badman
ACC Chair	Toni Semmence
A&E Chair	Enric Juan Alcocer
RCC Chair	Stephen Ball
Media Group Chair	Henry Harrod
CGCU Welfare Officer	Millie Tsang
RSMU Academic Affairs Officer	Rachael Shuttleworth
RSMU Chair	Sam Argyle
RCSU Welfare Officer	Akash Jyoti
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Lawrence Pallant
RSMU Welfare Officer	Beth Holman
LGBT Liberation Officer	Emma Little
RAG Chair	Will Daubney
Gender Equalities Officer	Jonathan Masters
Campaigns Officer	Andrew Tranter
Engineering Ordinary Member UG	Oliver Ford
Engineering Ordinary Member UG	Philip Kurukgy
Engineering Ordinary Member UG	Owen Heaney
Science Ordinary Member UG	Michael Edwards
Medicine Ordinary Member UG	Eric Suen
Engineering Ordinary Member PG	Richard Simons
Science Ordinary Member PG	Alex Savell
<b>Permanent observers</b>	
Governance Manager (Clerk to Council)	Rebecca Coxhead

**Apologies:** Union President Lucinda Sandon Alum, Deputy President (Welfare) Jennie Watson  
GSU President Liucheng Guo CGCU Academic Affairs Officer Parikshat Singh, ICSMSU  
Academic Affairs Officer Science Years Rebekah Judge, ICSMSU Academic Affairs Officer –  
Science Years Saloni Dattani GSU Medicine Welfare and Academic Officer Anwar Sayed  
Science Ordinary Member UG Nas Andriopoulos

## 1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

### NOTED:

- a) The result of the electronic vote in regards to the Ratification of Appointed Student Trustees are as follows:
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| FOR     | 18 |
| AGAINST | 3  |
| ABSTAIN | 5  |

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To ratify the appointment of Tim Seers and Alex Raposo as Student Trustees.

## 2. MINUTES – 12 January 2016

### RESOLVED:

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

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

### NOTED:

- a) The Union President has been in touch with Citizens UK and they have been invited to the next meeting of Union Council.

## 4. PETITION THE COLLEGE FOR SPORTS FUNDING

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Matthew Baker

### NOTED:

- a) The profit made on the sale of Teddington has not been disclosed by College.
- b) It was felt that as the money was originally given to students, students should have oversight and input in to the fund and how this is used.
- c) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) stated that identifying the profit made is not simple as it sits within a wider fund portfolio.
- i. College may not be in a position to disclose the profit made due to the commercial sensitivity.
- d) College have set the capital expenditure plan, which it outlines large expenditure over an extended period, and it would be unlikely that amendments would be made to this.
- e) Council members stated that they appreciate the facilities at Heston however there are improvements that could be made, such as grass courts and increasing the amount of pitches and courts.
- i. The profit made should be used to improve transport links.
- f) Council moved to a vote on mandating the President and Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to lobby College to disclose how the funds made on the sale of Teddington was used, or is being planned to be used and seek assurance that the funds are being used for the furtherance of sport for Imperial College students.
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| FOR     | 26 |
| AGAINST | 0  |
| ABSTAIN | 8  |

### RESOLVED:

- 1) To mandate the President and Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to lobby College to disclose how the funds made on the sale of Teddington was used, or is

**being planned to be used and seek assurance that the funds are being used for the furtherance of sport for Imperial College students.**

**ACTION:**

1. **The President and Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) to lobby College to disclose how the funds made on the sale of Teddington was used, or is being planned to be used and seek assurance that the funds are being used for the furtherance of sport for Imperial College students.**

**5. STUDENT CONSULTATION RELATED TO DECISIONS AFFECTING THE STUDENT BODY**

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Michael Edwards

**NOTED:**

- a) It was highlighted that the title of 'President, Imperial Hub' needs to be removed from the proposer of the paper as this role does not exist.
- b) The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) clarified the following points:
  - i. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Union and Hubs stated that Hubs may not pursue the same funding sources, i.e. College and this was breached when Hubs approached College for funding. This action, as well as going against the MoU, damaged the working relationship between the Union and Hubs.
  - ii. It is understood that Hubs were seeking funding due to their sources being cut.
- c) The Deputy President (Education) stated that the decision was not made flippantly and that once the trust was broken, the working relationship severely impaired.
  - i. The Deputy President (Education) is, and will continue to, work with Student Development to ensure that students are able to access the opportunities that they wish to.
- d) It was suggested that the situation could have been communicated better to the students.
- e) Council moved to a vote on passing the paper and the vote is as follows:

FOR	0
AGAINST	24
ABSTAIN	10

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**6. SOLVING COUNCIL'S QUORUM CRISIS**

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Owen Heaney

**NOTED:**

- a) The questions to ask are why Council members aren't showing up in the first instance and engaging.
- b) Ultimately a reduced Council membership make be a solution but an interim measure needs to be agreed so that decisions can be taken.
- c) The reduction of quorum then reduces the mandate that Council has.
- d) Executive Committee was disbanded as it was felt that it was not required however reinstating this could be a solution to ensure that decisions could be taken.
  - i. It was reminded that the committee was disbanded due to Council feeling that this was not providing representative oversight.
- e) It was reminded that the democracy review that was initiated previously was supposed to consider Council as part of its remit.
- f) Email votes allow decisions to occur outside of a physical meeting and discussions can take place outside of a full Council meeting.
  - i. Some members felt that email votes should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

- g) The current proposal opens up the possibility for the Council Chair to manipulate the system however it was highlighted that there are measure to stop the Chair from becoming dictatorial.
- h) As it is a change to the Bye Laws, any change will come in to practice realistically in the second half of the summer term which may be too late.
- i) An amendment was made to the paper which is as follows:  
3.2 – only 50 % of ex-officio members can be affected.
- j) It was highlighted that the bureaucracy and filibustering which has occurred during this debate is the reason why students don't want to engage with Council.
- k) At this point the paper was withdrawn from being considered.
- l) The Council Chair will set up a working group that will consider options as to how the quorum crisis can be addressed and bring back the options to the next meeting of Council.

**ACTION:**

1. **The Council Chair to set up a working group that will consider options as to how the quorum crisis can be addressed and bring back the options to the next meeting of Council.**

**7. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was as tabled.

NOTED:

- a) Council expressed that they were of the opinion that rents for Evelyn Gardens are unacceptably high and the President was requested to report back as to how College came to this pricing.

**ACTION:**

1. **The President to update Council on the process for College setting the rents for Evelyn Gardens.**
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES)**

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

NOTED:

- a) It was requested that the LGBT+ Officer be invited to the meetings of the Sports Strategy working group.

**ACTION:**

1. **The DPCS to ensure the LGBT+ Officer is invited to the meetings of the Sports Strategy working group.**
- b) Decisions on Harlington grant applications have been delayed.
- c) Small clubs, specifically within the SCC and OSC have been affected by cuts made in the budgeting process.
  - i. The next meeting of Clubs, Societies & Projects Board is to consider budget appeals and it was highlighted that clubs are able to apply to the Activites Development Board.

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

**RESOLVED:**

**1. To accept the report.**

**9. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)**

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

NOTED:

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

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the report.**

**10. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES)**

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

NOTED:

- a) The lack of candidates for the role of Deputy President (Finance & Services) will give an opportunity for the role to be reflected upon.
- b) Council moved to a vote on accepting the report and it passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the report.**

**11. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was as tabled.

NOTED:

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

**RESOLVED:**

**1) To accept the report.**

Meeting closed 19.50

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on \_\_\_\_\_ 2015/16

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Meeting