



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2017/18 session.

The meeting of Union Council was held on 13 February 2018 in the Pippard Lecture Theatre at 18:30.

Present

Role	Name	
Council Chair	Owen Heaney	Y
ICU President	Alex 'Chippy' Compton	Y
ICU Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Tom Bacarese-Hamilton	Y
ICU Deputy President (Education)	Nick Burstow	Y
ICU Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Matt Blackett	Y
ICU Deputy President (Welfare)	Fintan O'Connor	Y
ICSMSU President	Rhys Smith	Y
RCSU President	Michael Edwards	Y
RSM President	Robert Tomkies	Y
CGCU President	Claudia Caravello	Y
GSU President	Luke McCrone	Y
Silwood Park Chair	Nils Bouillard	N
Sports Sector Chair	James Medler	Y
Arts & Entertainments Sector Chair	Peter Bridgman	Y
Community Sector Chair	Scott Redmond	N
Culture Sector Chair	Lanqing Chen	Y
Recreation Sector Chair	Thomas Pleece	Y
Knowledge Sector Chair	Ellis Skinner	

Media Chair	Andrew McLean	
CGCU Academic Affairs Officer (Undergraduate)	Alejandro Luy	Y
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Biomedical Student	Jordi Morwani	
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Clinical Years	Saniya Mediratta	
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Science Years	Sardar Ijaz	
ICSMSU Academic Officer for Early Years	Lasith Ranasinghe	
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (UG)	Abhijay Sood	Y
RSM Academic Liaison Officer	Alice Bennett	Y
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Business School	Sidrah Ahmed Pai	
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Engineering	Yasin Cotur	
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Life Sciences	Oliver Naef	
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Medicine	Anwar Sayed	
GSU Academic & Welfare Officer - Physical Sciences	Luke Delmas	
CCGU Welfare Officer	Damian Coveney	Y
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Stephen Naulls	Y
RSM Student Welfare Officer	Helen Money-Kyrle	Y
RCSU Welfare Officer	Shervin Sabeghi	Y
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Joseph El-Kadi	
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Maurice Yap	
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Paul Balaji	
Council Ordinary Member (UG Engineering)	Milia Hasbani	Y
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Brett Parkinson	
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Prateek Tripathi	
Council Ordinary Member (PG Engineering)	Xin Rong	
Council Ordinary Member (PG Medicine)	Monica Alabi	

Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Michaela Flegrova	Y
Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Ansh Bhatnagar	Y
Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences)	Rebecca Neil	Y
Council Ordinary Member (PG Natural Sciences)	Ansh	
Council Ordinary Member (UG Medicine)	Dan Faehndrich	Y
Council Ordinary Member (UG Medicine)	Azmi Rahman	
Council Ordinary Member (Non Faculty)	Peace Anyasado	Y
Black & Minority Ethnic Students Officer	Chimdi Igwe	Y
Campaigns Officer	Connor Qiu	
Ethics and Environment Officer	Rhidian Thomas	Y
Gender Equality Officer	Anna Wilson	
Disabilities Officer	Hisham Abdel Aty	Y
International Officer	Rana Khan	
LGBT+ Officer	Alessio Incitti	
Mental Health Officer	Ariana Sadr-Hashemi	Y
Observers		

1. Chair's business

- A. No significant business.

Matters for Decision

2. Motion to support UCU strike action

- A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Abhijay Sood, RSCU Academic Affairs Officer and Roddy Slorach, representative from Imperial UCU.

B. Discussion

A substantial discussion took place that touched upon:

- i. The impact of the strikes on teaching
- ii. The representation and collective bargaining role of Imperial College Union as a trade union
- iii. The long-term impact of the proposed changes on the financial means of academics
- iv. Whether material untaught during the strike would be included in examinations
- v. Striking the appropriate balance between short-term impact on members and long-term impact on the quality of teaching

C. Resolved:

Motion to make the vote on this paper a secret ballot:

Accept: **70%** Reject: **18%** Abstain: **9%** Spoiled: **3%**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept Resolves 1:

Accept: **100%** Reject: **0%** Abstain: **0%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept all other Resolves:

Accept: **76%** Reject: **18%** Abstain: **6%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

As this was a secret ballot, the votes of each member were not recorded.

D. Actions:

Officer Trustees to action the Resolves of the paper.

3. Motion on election timetables

A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Pete Bridgman, Arts and Entertainments Chair.

B. Discussion:

The proposer asked Council to express its sadness about the decision to change the election timetable, stating that Council is aware that it cannot overrule Board but that it would like to be asked in future. Discussion also touched upon the effect of a shorter campaigning period on the prospects of 'unknown' candidates against 'well-known' candidates.

Resolves 1 was updated to the effect of “Council shall approve the Trustee Board’s recommendation of an elections timetable before it is given to the Returning Officer”.

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept paper as amended:

Accept: **94%** Reject: **3%** Abstain: **3%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

4. Motion on the availability of Board of Trustees minutes

A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Pete Bridgman, Arts and Entertainments Chair.

B. Discussion:

The proposer put it to Council that a 14 day period (from the day of the meeting) for putting up minutes is reasonable. Discussion centred on the recruitment challenges and the possibility of approving minutes by email rather than waiting for the following meeting.

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the paper:

Accept: **97%** Reject: **0%** Abstain: **3%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

5. Tankards policy enforcement policy

A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Michael Edwards, RCSU President, as Andrew Hill, CGCU Vice President (Finance & Services) was not present.

B. Discussion:

Discussion touched upon bar staff glass-collection practices, the use of ‘heritage tankards’ for positions that no longer exist, and the incentives involved in fining

students for not returning tankards.

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the paper:

Accept: **70%** Reject: **15%** Abstain: **15%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

6. Motion to create an online petitions system

A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Ansh Bhatnagar, Council Ordinary Member (UG Natural Sciences).

B. Discussion

C. Resolved:

Motion to amend Resolves 1:

Accept: **76%** Reject: **15%** Abstain: **9%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept paper as amended:

Accept: **94%** Reject: **6%** Abstain: **0%** Spoiled: **0%**

MOTION PASSED

D. Actions:

Union President to form working group and consult with students, in order to bring a final proposal regarding online petitions to Council by the end of the 2017/18 academic year.

7. Motion on Union space and staff exclusivity

A. Received:

The paper was summarised and presented by Pete Bridgman, Arts and Entertainments Chair.

B. Discussion:

A presentation was given about the changes in space utilisation of selected areas within the Union Building in recent years, specifically the changing allocations and quality of space given to student groups and to Union staff. Council queried whether any review of space usage should consider all of the spaces leading off the East

Staircase, many of which are currently only used by one student group.

C. Resolved:

Motion to defer business to next meeting of Union Council:

Accept: **55%** Reject: **39%** Abstain: **6%** Spoiled: **0%**

PAPER DEFERRED

D. Actions:

Paper to return to following Union Council.

At this point there was a vote to extend the meeting.

Accept: **64%** Reject: **30%** Abstain: **6%** Spoiled: **0%**

MEETING EXTENDED

Matters for Report

8. RSMU Report

A. Received: Presented as tabled

B. Discussion: minimal

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the RSMU Report

Accept: **87%** Reject: **0%** Abstain: **10%** Spoiled: **3%**

REPORT ACCEPTED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

9. Council Chair Report

A. Received: Presented as tabled

B. Discussion: minimal

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Council Chair Report

Accept: **77%** Reject: **6%** Abstain: **13%** Spoiled: **3%**

REPORT ACCEPTED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

10. Union President Report

- A. Received: Presented as tabled
- B. Discussion: minimal
- C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Union President Report
Accept: **80%** Reject: **3%** Abstain: **13%** Spoiled: **3%**
REPORT ACCEPTED

- D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

11. Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

- A. Received: Presented as tabled
- B. Discussion:

The DPCS clarified that there had, in fact, not been any volcanic eruptions in the West Basement.

- C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report
Accept: **83%** Reject: **3%** Abstain: **7%** Spoiled: **7%**
REPORT ACCEPTED

- D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

12. Deputy President (Finance & Services) Report

- A. Received: Presented as tabled
- B. Discussion: minimal
- C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Deputy President (Finance & Services) Report
Accept: **93%** Reject: **0%** Abstain: **4%** Spoiled: **4%**
REPORT ACCEPTED

- D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

13. Deputy President (Education) Report

A. Received: Presented as tabled

B. Discussion:

The DPE explained the Student Shaper scheme.

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Deputy President (Education) Report

Accept: **93%** Reject: **3%** Abstain: **3%** Spoiled: **0%**

REPORT ACCEPTED

D. Actions: No specific actions noted.

14. Deputy President (Welfare) Report

A. Received: Presented as tabled

B. Discussion:

The DPW explained the lobbying work underway around the Wellbeing Strategy. The RCSU President expressed his disappointment in some content within the WBRN evaluation.

C. Resolved:

Motion to accept the Deputy President (Welfare) Report

Accept: **79%** Reject: **7%** Abstain: **14%** Spoiled: **0%**

REPORT ACCEPTED

D. Actions:

DPW and Stephen Naulls (ICSMSU Welfare Chair) to discuss WBRN and tracking Wellbeing Rep success .

15. Any Other Business

A. Ariana Sadr-Hashemi (Mental Health Officer) raised a complaint about printed and electronic Leadership Elections 2018 publicity containing an offensive error regarding the title of the Disabilities Officer role.