



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2017/18 session, to be held on Tuesday 15th May 2018 in Pippard Lecture Theatre, Sherfield Building, at 18:30pm.

Present

Role	Name	Y/N
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	N
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	N
Recreation Sector Chair	Thomas Pleece	Y
Knowledge Sector Chair	Ellis Skinner	N
Media Chair	Andrew McLean	N

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

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

Item 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Welcome ▫ Chair's Business 	<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee to the sixth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2017/18 session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Chair stated that Council members couldn't make any decisions; pass anything due to the amount of absences II. No matters arising III. Minutes from 20th March are not yet published and are still a working in progress IV. Apologies for absences
Item 2-Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Presentation ▫ RCSU Amendment ▫ Motion on Union Penalties 	<p>The paper was presented by Union President</p> <p>Discussion overview: Presentation on Constitution and Bye-Laws</p> <p>Constitution</p> <p>Constitution Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Clarified that all places where it said trustee board had been changed to board of trustees

for sexual misconduct

- II. Explained amendment to membership, that being if a student opts out of membership the union should have to tell college
- III. Explained (Item 02 - Constitution Edited 2018 FINAL New page 11, 22.0; 23.0)
- IV. Explained associate membership and associate members
- V. Spoke on the definition of who has student status

Question: Council member queried if there was a reason Council couldn't change the current definition used to define student

Responses:

- I. HoSVC mentioned the 1994 Education Act in which universities decide who defines as a student
- II. Union president mentioned a declaration in associate membership policy that any one on interruption of studies is an associate member

Action:

- I. Honoree associate membership bye laws go back in
- II. Include a list of the 4 subcommittees
- III. Include associate membership
- IV. Consider if council members see associate membership as a separate policy or if council see this as something that sits within disciplinary procedures within the bye laws

Bye Laws Discussion:

- I. Clarified that all places where it said trustee board had been changed to board of trustees
- II. Concerns raised regarding elected council meetings who don't attend meetings
- III. Considered how many meetings is more appropriate until a member's absences are a concern, suggested 2, 3, or to scrap the notion all together
- IV. Considered the amount of days for directed responses to items, 7 days was suggested but will remain at 5 days for papers and 2 college days for direct responses
- V. Mentioned Council meetings needing to take into consideration a break every hour to make meetings more inclusive
- VI. Explained disciplining of trustees
- VII. Explained warnings or bans from premises
- VIII. Explained complaints against returning officers
- IX. Commented on decisions not being validated
- X. Stated constituent union officer role descriptions, considered whether the bye laws define this, or should if the constituent unions have the right to define this
- XI. Mentioned committees to by laws
- XII. Suggested management group chair elections
- XIII. Mentioned seconders regarding year representative nominations

Question:

- I. Council member asked how members remain represented if representative members of the council do not attend the 2/3 meetings proposed
- II. Council member asked the definition of direct response
- III. Council member noted that constituent Unions Postgraduates are mentioned as social members as opposed to full members and wondered why this was contradictory to the decisions of Council

Response:

- I. Stated a direct response is an opposing paper standing against the paper
- II. Mentioned constituent Unions committees wanted their post graduates as social members

Action:

- I. Clarify that Council members do not lose the seat that the position is attached if a representative does not attend Council meetings
- II. Insert a clause stating that a Council member is deemed to have resigned their voting rights on Council and Council have the rights to remove this if a representative does not attend Council meetings
- III. To move subject of direct response to standing orders
- IV. To create clarity on direct response, such as stating a direct response is a paper in direct response
- XIV. To seek legal advice on decisions not being validated
- V. Remove constituent union officer role descriptions from bye laws and a policy to be brought forward for next Council
- VI. To add a clause that Union Council can create and dissolve subcommittees
- VII. To include that Boards of trustees according to the constitution have some limitations on what they can do
- VIII. To include proposal to abolish seconders for elections
- IX. In the future to have a vote regarding seconders for elections
- X. To insert constituent unions should have constitutions
- XI. Clarify how constitutions get approved

Council were informed that the government documents are taken to the next meeting, while president has proposed the suggestion that Council is doodled.

The paper was summarised by Daniel Wigh

Discussion overview: Motion on Union Penalties for sexual misconduct

Discussion:

- I. Explained Union Disciplinary Board doesn't have authority to remove members that have been found guilty of sexual misconduct, the governance committee can only make recommendations, hence, this is for Council to make this decision
- II. Further explained that the official definition of sexual misconduct is a broad term even at a national level

Question:

	<p>I. Council member asked the legal implementation on how a member that has been found guilty of sexual misconduct can be removed from their position of power/authority for serious and/or repeated sexual misconduct</p> <p>Responses: Similar discussion.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>I. To consider practical and legal implementation on how Council can remove a member that has been found guilty of sexual misconduct from their position of power/authority for serious and/or repeated sexual misconduct</p> <p>V. Union president to add in the bye laws that the union disciplinary procedures have the right to bar someone from holding positions of authority and then with the</p> <p>VI. Union president to add in the disciplinary procedure that anyone charged with sexual misconduct will be bared by default</p> <p>VII. Union president to an additional clause in the proposed constitutions and bye laws stating that the governance committee has the right to remove someone from a role for any disciplinary and being removed from holding positions as a policy</p> <p>The paper was withdrawn to return to the following meeting.</p>
<p>Item 3- Felix Review</p>	<p>The paper was summarised by Felix Editor</p> <p>Discussion overview: Felix Policy</p> <p>I. Mentioned the new Felix policy is to replace the one in place</p> <p>II. Informed Council that new Felix policy will be going to the board of trustees to vote on</p> <p>III. Asked for Councils input regarding new Felix policy</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>I. Council member asked about governance regarding editorial influence on the context of Felix</p> <p>II. Council member asked about CSP content, and campaigning activities and the results of it</p> <p>III. Council member asked exact role of the CSP arm of Felix</p> <p>IV. Council member asked on clarity on funding model proposed in the paper</p> <p>Responses:</p> <p>I. HoSVC stated that Felix is part of the union and Felix editor is employed by the union</p> <p>II. Felix editor explained the exact role of the CSP arm of Felix is to organise social side responsible for the social running of the club</p> <p>III. Felix editor clarified that the funding model had been carried over and keeps editorial independence</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>I. To rework clause regarding Felix abiding by union policy in all its content</p> <p>II. To arrange for a distinction to be made between CSP and Constituent Union content and input into Felix publishing</p>
<p>Item 4- Democracy Calendar</p>	<p>The calendar was summarised by HoSVC</p> <p>Discussion overview: Democracy Calendar</p>

	<p>I. Asked for Input and feedback on Council on the calendar</p> <p>Questions: None.</p> <p>Responses:</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>I. Stated that Council should email HoSVC by June 15 if any comments arise outside of the meeting</p> <p>II. No specific actions noted.</p>
<p>Item 5- Union President Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Petitions ▫ Union Awards ▫ USA Update ▫ Local elections ▫ AST update 	<p>The paper was summarised by Union President</p> <p>Discussion overview:</p> <p>I. Mentioned working with systems to consider a feasible way to create a petition system</p> <p>II. Mentioned redeveloping officer trustees induction to also offer to senior volunteers</p> <p>III. Mentioned board creating a strategy to lobby for changes and discussions to benefit the members</p> <p>IV. Mentioned promotion on local elections</p> <p>V. Explained that the local/general elections within in London is added to the union year card and marketing radar to avoid clashes</p> <p>VI. Stated the social mobility officer consultation will be happening from October 2018</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>I. To arrange email vote to answer the questions for a governance plan that is a bit more proactive</p> <p>II. To send around the USA report once it is finalised</p> <p>III. Invite Council to submit questions online to DPW to shape policy that affect Council externally</p>
<p>Item 6- DPE Report</p>	<p>The paper was summarised by Deputy President Education</p> <p>Discussion overview: DPE Report</p> <p>I. Thanks presented to those that presented at the SACAs</p> <p>II. Stated the audit for postgrad timetabling to be presented next week</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>I. Council member asked about current stance of the core Horizons integrated part of the core curriculum</p> <p>Responses:</p> <p>I. Explained proposals of the curriculum review process is to add teaching around Horizonz etc. module that is part of the core curriculum module</p> <p>II. Stated questions will be answer and addressed at ERB</p> <p>Action: No specific actions noted.</p>
<p>Item 7-DPW Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Liberation Review ▫ Hall Senior update 	<p>The paper was presented by Deputy President Welfare</p> <p>Discussion overview: Well-being strategy</p> <p>I. Empathised the importance of College to committee to an institutional strategy</p> <p>II. Further emphasised student well-being as a primary concern</p> <p>Questions: Minimal.</p>

	<p>Responses:</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To invite Council to add their questions to college on how they would like the consultation to look II. In the further for the 9 action points in the strategy to break down individually on a more granular level <p>Discussion overview: Liberation review</p> <p>No discussion.</p> <p>Discussion overview: Hall Senior Update</p> <p>No discussion.</p>
Item 8- DPCS Report	<p>The paper was summarised by Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)</p> <p>Discussion overview:</p> <p>Minimal.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Council member asked for understanding of training mentioned in the report and if there was an option for Council members lending a hand <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Clarified that the system is not hosted on the Unions main website so requires staff access, so Council members could not support this process in its current state but there is a feedback box to use if there are any problems once it goes live <p>Action: No specific actions noted.</p>
Item 9- DPFS Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Investment Strategy 	<p>The paper was summarised by Deputy President (Finance and Services)</p> <p>Discussion overview: Investment strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Informed Council of the panel on the short listing II. Explained responses from the consultation and how it shaped the thinking going forward III. Stated that they were still at the negotiation stage with the candidate, therefore, cannot he could not make any announcements <p>Questions:</p> <p>Responses:</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To make results of combination 2 made available to Council members
Item 10-Constituent Unions	<p>The paper was summarised and presented by HoSVC</p> <p>Discussion overview:</p> <p>No content.</p>
Item 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Any other business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Accessible room bookings II. Minutes for previous meetings <p>The Council Chair thanked Council members for attending.</p>

Minutes: Harriet Williams, Democracy Coordinator