

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2018/19 session, to be held on Tuesday 11 December in RSM G01, at 18:30.

## **Present**

Name	Role	Yes/No
Alistair Ludley	Academic Chair (ICSMSU)	N
Adrian Lamoury	Natural Sciences - Undergraduate	N
Aisha Chaudry	WELFARE OFFICER (ICSMSU)	N
Alejandro Luy	DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)	Υ
Alex Chippy Compton	Council Chair	N
Amy Tall	ACADEMIC LIASION OFFICER (RSM)	N
Andrew Hill	CGCU PRESIDENT	N
Ansh Bhatnagar	Natural Sciences - Undergraduate	N
Charlotte Griaud	Environmental Officer	N
Chimdi Igwe	CT CHAIR	N
Chloe Lewis	WELFARE OFFICER (RSM)	N
Claudia Caravello	DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE &	
	SERVICES)	N
Danai Paidousi	Engineering - Postgraduate	N
Daniel Faehndrich	ICSMSU PRESIDENT	Υ
Daniel Wigh	KN CHAIR	Υ
David Tyoember	BME Officer	N
Deraj Wilson-	SILWOOD PRESIDENT	
Aggarwal		Υ
Hilary Guite	Non-Faculty	Υ
Hoi-Ming Yau	C&F CHAIR	N
Iman Ahmadi	Natural Sciences - Undergraduate	
Moghaddam		Υ
Jack Hall	Medicine - Undergraduate	Υ
James Medler	DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS &	
	SOCIETIES)	Υ
Jehna Devraj	LGBT+ Officer	N
Joel Bilsdorfer	Vice President Education (CGCU)	N
Joseph O'Connell-	A&E CHAIR	
Danes		N
Laura Chen	International Officer	N
Lloyd James	Natural Sciences - Postgraduate	Υ
Marta Wolinska	RSM PRESIDENT	Υ
Mary Thi	Natural Sciences - Postgraduate	Υ
Maurice Yap	Engineering - Undergraduate	N
Michael McGill	RCSU PRESIDENT	Υ
Michaela Flegrova	RCSU VICE PRESIDENT	
	(EDUCATION)	N

Milia Hasbani	Engineering - Postgraduate	Υ
Miroslav Gasparek	Engineering - Undergraduate	N
Ottilie Liu	Gender Equality Officer	N
Owen Heaney	Engineering - Undergraduate	Υ
Becky Neil	DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)	Υ
Robert Tomkies	UNION PRESIDENT	Υ
Ross Hunter	Vice President Wellbeing (CGCU)	N
Salma El-Gharby	Interfaith Officer	N
Sam Haselgrove	Disabilities Officer	N
Sarah Sayers	Medicine - Postgraduate	N
Shervin Sabeghi	WELFARE OFFICER (RCSU)	N
Simran Kukran	Engineering - Undergraduate	N
Tasneem Mahmud	Mental Health Officer	N
Raya El Laham	Welfare (GSU)	Υ
Jenny Kim	Academic (GSU)	N
TBC	Welfare (Silwood)	N
TBC	Academic (Silwood)	N
Thomas Fernandez	Sports Sector Chair	
Debets		Υ
Thomas Pleece	RE CHAIR	N
Ute Thiermann	GSU PRESIDENT	Υ
Waseem Hasan	Medicine - Undergraduate	Υ
Zixiao Wang	Engineering - Postgraduate	Υ
Ashely Brooks	GSU Deputy President (A+W)	

# **Apologies**

Amy Tall	
Thomas Pleece	
Hoi-Ming Yau	
Sarah Sayers	
Charlotte Griaud	
Aisha Chaudry	
Simran Kukran	
Alex Chippy Compton	
Claudia Caravello	
David Tyoember	
Miroslav Gasparek	
Chloe Lewis	

# **Minutes**

Abbreviations/Acronyms that may not be common and are used in this document are:

CU = Constituent Union

OT = Officer Trustee

PG = Postgraduate

UG = Undergraduate

U/C = Union Council

SABBs = Sabbatical Officers

MRes = Master of Research

SK = South Kensington

Item 1- Chairs business	The Chair welcomed the Committee to the	
Item 2	fourth ordinary meeting of the Council for the	
Item 3	2018/19 session.	
item 5	<ul> <li>I. Due to an inquorate meeting members were permitted to vote indicatively and ratify the vote by email because the final decision couldn't be made</li> <li>II. The minutes from the last meeting could not be presented</li> </ul>	
Item 4	<ul> <li>I. Union President have chased up the answers regarding votes of registration in the Union service that was raised last year and again this year. The idea was not particularly taken warmly as this was a pressure for systems resources and the progress remains slow.</li> <li>II. Lloyd/Milia action to work with PG reps for PG reps to get feedback and for paper to come back to Council is in progress</li> <li>III. PG reps are trying to organise a meeting with more reps and is in progress</li> </ul>	
	Questions/Comments	
	IV. GSU would like a channel of communication between GSU and PGs	
Item 5	The paper was presented by Silwood President	
	I. The paper was described II. Test Motion	
	Questions/Comments	
	It was suggested that Union Council should consider formatting Union Council as a webinar     It was mentioned that how the constitutions and bye-laws stand it couldn't provide Silwood a vote even if	

- they were to be engaged via a live streaming service
- III. It was explained that the issue raised in the paper also negatively affected medical students from being engaged in Council meetings this year
- IV. It was said that most issues discussed at Union Council are South Kensington focused, therefore, Silwood should not necessarily need to vote unless it is an issue that is affecting all Imperial College sites and not only SK

#### Response

- V. It was suggested that Silwood could perhaps pilot this scheme and if it is effective then it could be rolled out further to support other groups affected. However, it was said that this would be for the purpose of another paper proposed to Council
- VI. The Union President suggested looking into webinars, however, it was suggested that this could propose a logistical issue
- VII. It was explained that one of the barriers for more diverse and robust papers (that are not South Kensington faced) being submitted to Council is because members must physically attend the meeting in order to participate

**Resolved:** to accept the paper as written—PASSED

#### Item 6

The paper was summarised by Zixiao Wang

I. The paper was described

### **Question/Comments**

- It was mentioned that from the perspective of an international student, 'Grad Pad' can seem like accommodation of preference because it appears to be promoted by the College.
- II. It was explained that the College doesn't make it clear that the 'Grad Pad' accommodation is private

- accommodation separate to the College.
- III. It was raised that the paper as it stood seemed to have two different strands, first being buses and the second being accommodation. Therefore, the issue on buses and accommodation seemed like it should be two separate papers
- IV. It was emphasised that the issues regarding transportation only affected a minority of students, thus, it didn't seem like a priority to provide a bus for a small proportion of students.
- V. It was mentioned that students at Imperial should expect to travel around campuses
- VI. It was emphasised that Imperial had falsely advertised regarding 'Grad Pad's'
- VII. It was explained that White City campus was a new building, therefore, many were moving to White City, consequently, there was a demand for a shuttle bus
- VIII. There was a suggestion for the Union to lobby College to give a comprehensive offer when accommodation is advertised
- IX. There was a concern that if accommodation was provided for students at 'Grad Pad' transportation should be provided at another/other student accommodation
- X. There was an amendment offered to change the paper to ask for there to be a lobby at College rather than the Union

#### Response

 The amendment to change the paper to ask for there to be a lobby at College rather than the Union was accepted

#### **Action**

I. DPW to provide more information regarding 'Grad Pad'

	Resolved: to defer paper to next Council –	
	PASSED	
	Accept: 100%	
Item 7	The paper was presented by Daniel Faehndrich  I. The paper was described as tabled  II. Background was provided	
	Question/Comments	
	<ul> <li>I. A point was raised regarding alcohol, in specific alcohol for cultural or festive periods such as mulled wine and whether College catering needed to be on site at events that is unlikely to result in drunkenness</li> <li>II. It was mentioned that the expense, quality and advertisement of College catering was an issue for students as well as to staff</li> </ul>	
	Response	
	I. It was stated that anything regarding alcohol covers the remit of licensing	
	Actions:	
	I. DPCS to work on College catering experience for student and staff as part of the remit of Clubs Societies and Projects	
	<b>Resolved:</b> to accept the paper as written–PASSED	
	Accept: 100%	
Item 8	The paper was presented by Daniel Wigh	
	I. The paper was described	
	Questions/Comments	
	<ul> <li>It was mentioned that there should be more detail on how people have been disqualified/offended</li> <li>It was stated that it was uncertain as to how long people are disqualified for in an election</li> </ul>	
	Response	

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	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the amount of time of a disqualification should be discussed further as there are many election cycles</li> <li>There was a comment concerning how this paper might influence the bye elections</li> </ul>	
Item 9	The paper was not presented due to absence	
Item 10	The paper was presented by GSU President	
	<ol> <li>The paper was described</li> <li>There was an ask for a show of hands of people in the room undertaking a PHD/Masters</li> <li>GSU President shared experience in being in the role</li> <li>It was mentioned that there was discussion regarding the constitutional structure change; improving the team and increasing the roles as the role is intensive particularly PHD/Masters</li> </ol>	
	Questions/Comments	
	<ol> <li>It was stated that there are pressures for other CU's too and not only GSU</li> </ol>	
	Response	
	<ul> <li>It was explained that PG pressures are different to UG pressures, as PG are very detached from the college</li> <li>It was mentioned that there are more UGs therefore there is more focus on UGs</li> </ul>	
	Resolved: to accept the paper as written – PASSED Accept: 100%	
Item 11	The paper was not presented due to absence	
Item 12	The paper was presented by DPW	
	I. The paper was described as tabled  Resolved: to accept the DPW report – PASSED	
	Accept: 100%	
Item 13	The paper was presented by DPE	

The achievement regarding the highest ١. member of academic reps was highlighted II. The achievement regarding highest member of master students was highlighted III. Feedback and assessment were explained and although lot of work is being done it was said that progress is still to be made in this area **Questions/Comments** There was an ask if there was a department choice for the student choice awards Response II. It was explained that new categories for the student choice awards have been considered but regarding the department it has not yet been thought-about III. The DPE agreed to feedback regarding department choices for the student choice awards although it was explained that the time for this to be implemented is limited **Resolved**: to accept the DPE report – PASSED Item 14 The paper was not presented due to absence Item 15 The paper was presented by DPCS The paper was described as tabled **Questions/Comments** There was an ask for the progress on the CSP portal II. There was an ask for a calendar release so students can receive a confirmation that their room has been booked III. A concern was raised on the time the Union takes to confirm if a room is available or not IV. It was asked if all room bookings should be prioritised to the job fair ٧. It was suggested if the room bookings can be split into bands as opposed to having to request for a specific room's availability Response It was mentioned that the CSP portal had been scrapped and instead there

	was a review and an attem	pt to build a
	ticketed system	
	II. The plan for a ticketed syst	em is for
	approximately March	
	III. It was explained that there	
	for room bookings to be a p	
	College timetabling conseq	· ·
	a student signs up to a club	•
	the club and societies activ	
	reflect in a student's perso	
	VI. It was illustrated that there	
	11'000 requests for rooms	throughout
	the year and there is only o	ne staff
	member doing the job, con	sequently,
	there is a time delay on the	
	taking to confirm if a room	is available
	or not	
	IV. The main issue is the 9000	annual
	bookings, as a result, the U	
	planning to remove and set	t up the
	annual bookings	
	V. All room bookings are first	come first
	serve to be fair	
	<b>Resolved</b> : to accept the DPCS report – PASSED	
	Accept: 94% Reject: 0% Abstain: 6%	6
Item 16	The paper was presented by Unior	n President
	<ol> <li>The paper was described</li> </ol>	
	Resolved: to accept the Union Pres	ident report
	– PASSED	
	Accept: 94% Reject: 0% Abstain: 6%	
Item 17	<ol> <li>The KN Chair mentioned th</li> </ol>	at the sexual
	misconduct working group	was to be
	held next week	
	II. The KN Chair encouraged n	
	sign up to be a part of the v	working
	group	
Chair	Meeting closed.	

Minutes: Harriet Williams, Democracy Coordinator