

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Council for the 2018/19 session, to be held on Tuesday 12 February in RSM G01, at 18:30.

## **Present**

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

| Milia Hasbani     | Engineering - Postgraduate      | Υ |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Miroslav Gasparek | Engineering - Undergraduate     | N |
| Ottilie Liu       | Gender Equality Officer         | Υ |
| Owen Heaney       | Engineering - Undergraduate     | N |
| Becky Neil        | DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)      | Υ |
| Robert Tomkies    | UNION PRESIDENT                 | Υ |
| Ross Hunter       | Vice President Wellbeing (CGCU) | Υ |
| Salma El-Gharby   | Interfaith Officer              | N |
| Sam Haselgrove    | Disabilities Officer            | Υ |
| 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)                  | Υ |
| TBC               | Welfare (Silwood)               | N |
| TBC               | Academic (Silwood)              | N |
| Thomas Fernandez  | Sports Sector Chair             | Υ |
| Debets            |                                 |   |
| Thomas Pleece     | RE CHAIR                        | N |
| Ute Thiermann     | GSU PRESIDENT                   | N |
| Waseem Hasan      | Medicine - Undergraduate        | N |
| Zixiao Wang       | Engineering - Postgraduate      | Υ |
| Ashely Brooks     | GSU Deputy President (A+W)      | Υ |
|                   |                                 |   |

| Anthonia Alao    | Observers |
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| Harriet Williams |           |
| Fran Hyatt       |           |

# **Apologies**

| Miroslav Gasparek      |
|------------------------|
| Aisha Chaudry          |
| Waseem Hasan           |
| Simran Kukran          |
| Ute Thiermann          |
| Chloe Lewis            |
| Charlotte Griaud       |
| Joseph O'Connell-Danes |
| Hilary Guite           |
| Thomas Pleece          |
| Sarah Sayers           |
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# **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  |
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| Itan 2 Analasia fanakana             | sixth ordinary meeting of the Council for the                                  |
| Item 2 – Apologies for absence       | 2018/19 session.   |
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|                                      | I. Welcomes  |
|                                      | II. Apologies  |
| Item 3 – Minutes of previous meeting | Minutes of the previous meeting were   |
|                                      | accepted   |
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|                                      | <b>Resolved:</b> To accept minutes of previous                                 |
|                                      | meeting – <b>PASSED</b>  |
|                                      | Accepted: 90% Rejected: 10%  |
| Item 4 – Action tracker              | The paper was presented by The Chair   |
|                                      | Discussion overview:   |
|                                      | I. There was an update on non-faculty  |
|                                      | representation following previous  |
|                                      | discussion but will need to be a   |
|                                      | constitution change  |
|                                      | Action   |
|                                      | II. The sheir is leading to being a negative                                   |
|                                      | II. The chair is looking to bring a paper to Council about a motion to censure |
|                                      | III. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE &   |
|                                      | SERVICES) asked for the action on the  |
|                                      | tracker to be removed  |
|                                      | IV. The President is looking at how to   |
|                                      | facilitate the petition system as it is  |
|                                      | delayed, but has emphasised that the   |
|                                      | petition system will happen  |
|                                      | V. The Chair will email the Council when                                       |
|                                      | board is happening for future  |
|                                      | references.  |
|                                      | VI. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS &  |
|                                      | SOCIETIES) was not present but the   |
|                                      | actions will be updated  |
|                                      | VII. Becky provided an update on Grad Pad                                      |

|   | VIII. Lloyd and Milia are still in the progress  |
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|   | VIII. Lloyd and Milia are still in the progress of the PG representation                       |
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|   | plans is ongoing, but a kettle and coffee will be provided at the next Council                 |
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|   | meeting as an interim solution  X. The President explains that non faculty                     |
|   | <ol> <li>The President explains that non faculty rep has been taken on and changed,</li> </ol> |
|   | but there will be a constitution change  |
| Item 5 – 11 December Paper Ratification | The paper was presented by The Chair   |
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|   | Discussion overview:   |
|   | The chair asked to vote to accept all 9 papers   |
|   | on a whole   |
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|   | Resolved: To Accept the paper – PASSED   |
|   | Accept: 93% Rejected:7%  |
| Item 6 – ICSMSU Constitution changes    | The paper was presented by ICSMSU  |
|   | PRESIDENT  |
|   | Discussion overview:   |
|   | Paper described  |
|   | I. It was explained that there were not  |
|   | many changes apart from mainly   |
|   | aesthetic changes  |
|   | Action   |
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|   | II. It was requested to remove one   |
|   | amendment to remove BMS  |
|   | representation because it doesn't exist <b>Resolved:</b> To accept the paper – <b>PASSED</b>   |
|   | Resolved. To accept the paper – PASSED   |
| Item 7 – Union Restructure              | The paper was presented by Ansh Bhatnagar  |
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|   | Union Restructure  |
|   | Discussion overview:   |
|   | I. The presenter expresses that were   |
|   | factual inaccuracy in email sent out   |
|   | 15mins prior to the meeting  |
|   | II. The presenter emphasises that U/C  |
|   | is very much bureaucratic. It was  |
|   | explained that although  |
|   | suggestions are made to improve  |
|   | U/C very few are enacted.  |
|   | III. It was reiterated that a working  |
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|   | group will be the best solution to   |
|   | group will be the best solution to ensure inclusion for everyone to                            |
|   | group will be the best solution to   |

IV. The presenter explains that the working group will be open to all Union members and non-Union members. The aim of the working group would be to scrutinise the current U/C structure and provide union reforms.

## **Question/Comment**

- There was a comment made in regards to social mobility officers that OTs are meant to come up with a timeline of consultations at the end of last year which did not happen.
- II. Union council should be holding SABBs to account
- III. Becky expresses she is willing to do consultations
- IV. There seemed to be a confusion to whether everyone was made aware of meetings. It was mentioned that the Swim and Waterpolo Chair had not been informed about the meeting.
- V. It was emphasised that there is a strong support from students especially PG students who are willing volunteer and commit to the notion of a work group
- VI. Deputy President (Finance & Service) clarifies Union note 4 that not all schemes need to be approved by council as they are not all schemes. It was explained that Meat Free Monday's project was a trial campaign that was championed by 3 groups UG/PG/staff members and over 750 engaged responses were received through surveys and popup stalls in January.
- VII. It was mentioned that student campaigns do not seem to be supported by the Union and there is a lack of communication
- VIII. Council should constantly reexamine their practices
  - IX. To swap Union believes 5 to say OT's rather than SABBs.
  - X. Union council should be more accessible for students and not just

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|                       | members at Council who attend<br>meetings this will ensure a full<br>representation<br>Response  |
|                       | I. Apologies made for late distribution of email on 12   |
|                       | February  II. It was frequently mentioned that   |
|                       | there is lack of resources to carry out the working group as it is a   |
|                       | lengthy process for student volunteers to commit to – it does  |
|                       | not seem practical.  |
|                       | III. Working group should be organised by volunteers and look and review the democratic structures   |
|                       | IV. Union resolves 3 seems to be too tight of a timeline thus, perhaps   |
|                       | extending the deadline   |
|                       | participatory democracy could be   |
|                       | adopted in the Union. As other unions across the UK use working  |
|                       | group structures and petition system Action  |
|                       | Action   |
|                       | I. It was accepted by Union Council majority to amend Union 1A resolve to focus the working groups on specific areas such as Transparency, |
|                       | Empowerment & Publicity in U/C   |
|                       | II. It was requested that Union notes 4 removes the words Meat Free  |
|                       | Mondays.   |
|                       | Resolved: To Accept the paper– PASSED  |
|                       | Accept: 53 % Rejected: 33 % Abstained: 13 %  |
| Item 8 – Hall Seniors | The paper was presented by Becky Neil  |
|                       | Discussion overview:   |
|                       | I. Paper Described   |
|                       | II. Explained what hall seniors were   |
|                       | III. Provided detail to how many hall seniors there is   |
|                       | Question/Comment   |
|                       | There was a question asked if it was     useful to tell someone to attend  |
|                       |  |

**Provost Board** 

II.

It was asked if there could be more

than one hall senior per section

III. It was suggested to look at solution into spaces around College, such as reducing offers or building a new halls.

## Response

- I. It was explained that although it would be useful to attend Provost Board, Provost Board only by invitation but people could request to attend; however, they couldn't be permanent members of Provost Board
- II. It was stated that some faculties didn't have the lecture space
- III. Becky clarifies that new halls are being built and will be ready in the next academic year

### Action

I. To swap Union resolves believes with Union resolves notes

Resolved: To Accept the paper-PASSED

Accept: 97% Rejected: 3%

### Item 9 – Union President report

The paper was presented by Union President

#### Discussion overview:

I. Paper described

### **Question/Comment**

- I. It was asked if each group called have some sort of self-identification
- II. A question was raised in regards to the process of Union awards
- III. There was an ask for Chinese student to automatically be a voting member of the Chinese society
- IV. It was stated that the Chinese society was used like a Union because there is direct connection to the embassy
- V. There was a question asked for further clarity in regards to the new disciplinary action for suspension of campaigning
- VI. It was asked if there could be awareness of how people engage with the way the voting system is meant to work

#### Response

- Union Awards process are being reviewed and updated will be given when there has been progression
- II. It was emphasised that a Chinese national student as well as a non-

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|   | Chinese student should be able to  |
|   | join the Chinese society   |
|   | III. Members were informed that the  |
|   | Union didn't hold characteristics of   |
|   | students   |
|   | IV. It was stated that the Chinese   |
|   | society can't have preferential  |
|   | treatment with automatic   |
|   | membership especially as there are   |
|   | 4 Chinese societies as Imperial  |
|   | V. The process of the disciplinary   |
|   | action for suspension of   |
|   | campaigning was clarified  |
|   | VI. Voting ballots have emphasises the   |
|   | importance of the procedure of   |
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|   | voting   |
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|   | Resolved: To accept the report– PASSED   |
|   | Accept: 93% Rejected:7%  |
| Item 10 – Deputy President (Education) report | The paper was presented by Deputy President  |
|   | Education  |
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|   | Discussion overview:   |
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| ne paper was presented by Deputy President<br>Velfare)  |
| iscussion overview:   |
| aper described  |
| I. There was explanation and reason   |
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|     | regarding the connection between gender neutral toilets and inappropriate behavior  Response   |
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|     | <ul> <li>It was further explained that if people were going to abuse the toilets they would regardless of gender sign on the toilet</li> <li>Resolved: To Accept the report – PASSED</li> <li>Accept: 97% Rejected: 3%</li> </ul>  |
| AOB | II. There was an ask if the reports could be voted on without OTs being present  III. There was a suggestion if OTs reports could be brought at the start of the meeting at every other meeting  IV. There was an offer received on how OT reports were brought to council and |
|     | how members hold OTs to account  |

Minutes: Anthonia Alao, Administrator Coordinator