

Imperial College Union
Minutes of The first ordinary Meeting of Union Council 21/22
30th September 2021 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Present

Role	Name
Union Council Chair	Michaela Flegrova (MF/Chair)
Union President	Lloyd James (LJ)
Deputy President (Welfare)	Nathalie Podder (NP)
Deputy President (Education)	Daniel Lo (DL)
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	India Marsden (IM)
Deputy President (Finance and Services)	Sam Lee (SL)
Arts and Entertainment Sector Chair	Niamh McAuley (NM)
CGCU President	Hayley Wong (HW)
CGCU Vice President (Education)	Tianxiao Wang (TW)
Disabilities Officer	Awais Seyyad (AS)
Ethics and Environment Officer	Camilla Billari (CB)
Gender Equality Officer	Malinda Davies (MD)
GSU PGR Academic & Welfare Officer (NS)	Ceire Wincott (CW)
ICSMSU Academic Chair	Julia Komor (JK)
ICSMSU President	Samuel Hammond (SH)
International Officer	Anvesh Rajeshirke (AR)
Knowledge Sector Chair	Matthew Hamer (MH)
Mental Health Officer	Charlotte Barot (CB)
RCSU President	Aparna Pillai (AP)
RSMSU President	Jasmine Crocker (JC)
RSMSU Vice President (Education)	George Morgan (GM)
RSMSU Vice President (Welfare)	Emily Li (EL)
Sports Sector Chair	Beckett Marshall (BM)

Observers:

Governance Officer	Victoria Agbontaen (VA)
Student	Alex Auyang (AAu)
Felix Editor	Samuel Lovatt (SLo)

Apologies:

BME Officer	Rebekah Christie (RC)
LGBT Officer	Calyste Revel (CR)
Working Class Officer	Grace Fisher (GF)

Absent:

CGCU Vice President (Wellbeing)	Aisha Azlin (AAz)
Community and Faith Sector Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Culture Sector Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
GSU President	<i>Vacant</i>
GSU Vice President (Representation)	<i>Vacant</i>

Interfaith Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
ICSMSU Welfare Officer	Mabel Prendergast (MP)
PG FoE Council Rep	<i>Vacant</i>
PG FoM Council Rep	<i>Vacant</i>
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PG NF Council Rep	<i>Vacant</i>
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Recreation Sector Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
RCSU Vice President (Education)	Nicolas Barykin Pankevich (NP)
RCSU Vice President (Welfare)	Tianyu Wen (TWe)
Silwood Park President	<i>Vacant</i>

Item	Actions
<p>1. Chair's welcome and Chair's business</p> <p>1.1. Chair welcomed the Council to the first 2020-21 Council Meeting and gave a brief presentation of Council including an introduction to the governing documents, Council structure and overview of Council 'rules'.</p> <p>1.2. Chair confirmed that there would be an opportunity for members of Council to attend more in-depth thorough training in late October.</p> <p>1.3. AS and the Chair suggested it would be useful for all members of Council to introduce themselves.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies:</p> <p>2.1. Apologies from: Rebekah Christie (RC) Calyste Revel (CR) Grace Fisher (GF)</p>	
<p>3. Action Tracker</p> <p>3.1. SL stated that all allergens have been labelled on the app in the Union bars. However, due to the legal responsibility of kitchen staff, it has been noted that if any individuals have allergens they should speak to staff to discuss specifics.</p> <p>3.2. SL also met with the Head of Campus Services to discuss unification of allergens across all campuses and the Union.</p>	
Matters for Decision	
<p>4. Standing Orders</p> <p>4.1. MF explained that standing orders come to the first meeting of every Council of the year and they were discussed in more detail during the Union Council training that took place last week.</p> <p>4.2. MF stated that the Standing orders will be kept online where Council members will be able to refer to them at any point.</p>	
<p>5. Associate and Life Membership Policy Motion</p> <p>5.1. LJ gave a brief overview of the paper stating it is a policy that is formally owned by the Board of Trustees but requires input from Council before it goes to the Board.</p> <p>5.2. LJ explained the differences between the types of membership offered by the Union as outlined in the paper.</p> <p>5.3. NP questioned the association between the medical school and the University of Singapore. Council were informed that we have a jointly operated Medical school with that university.</p> <p>5.4. Chair put the paper to members of Council to vote on with the results as follows: 18 approve.</p>	
<p>6. CSPB Restructure</p> <p>6.1. IM said this paper is an outline of a restructure of what CSPB was changed to last year which was previously split in to the societies and projects Board (SPB) and the sports hub exec (SHE) Board. IM explained that this was a result of set up of Imperial athletes.</p> <p>6.2. However, in practice members of SHE almost always came to SPB so IM proposed putting CSPB back together and define a formal SHE which will ensure equal oversight of sports and other societies.</p> <p>6.3. HW questioned whether CSPB will be responsible for sports budgets. Council were informed Sports will be responsible for their own budgets but will come to CSPB with a proposal for approval.</p>	

<p>6.4. Chair put the paper to members of Council to vote pending the amendments. The results are as follows: 17 approve 1 abstain Paper was passed by Council.</p>	
<p>7. Extending VONC and Censure Powers</p> <p>7.1. LJ expressed that Union Council has always been able to enact motions of censures and votes of no confidence.</p> <p>7.2. LJ stated there are cases where a member of a society is not being responsive or participating in their role, the only way to relieve an individual of their duties is to bring that to Union Council who will then decide if the individual is fit to still be on the committee.</p> <p>7.3. LJ explained that within the CSP space, we should use Management Groups and CU's so these societies would go to the Recreation Management group and ask that committee to consider a VoNC.</p> <p>7.4. This provides a route for the individual to appeal the case without it coming to Council for approval.</p> <p>7.5. AAu stated that it would be sensible to ask CU's to bring a list of positions they would want to be on this committee to Council so Council can ratify which positions are a part of this committee.</p> <p>7.6. LJ stated that the general committees are most appropriate despite them not having expertise in Clubs and Socs. However, what matters is there is a broad group of engaged volunteers who are relatively impartial and can make a decision of a VoNC and we should therefore stick with the original motion in the paper.</p> <p>7.7. The amendments of the papers are as follows: The Council chair will be required to inform Union Council of any successful motions of no confidence, the Felix Editor can only be VoNC'd by Union Council, 5.7 refers to committees not hearing VoNC's of their own voting member two seconders are required from which the motion is being submitted and its only full members of the Union who can propose or second a VoNC.</p> <p>7.8. Chair put the paper to members of Council to vote on pending the amendments confirmed. The results were as follows: 17 approve 1 reject 3 abstain Paper was passed by Council.</p>	<p>LJ to add standardisation of CU governing documents to be added into the democracy review.</p>
<p>8. Council Briefing September 2021</p>	
<p>8.1. LJ expressed that the Union has not always kept Council aware of what is happening within the Union as an organisation so the brief will provide an update and more information on the strategy.</p> <p>8.2. LJ provided an update on the 'back to basics' strategy for 2021-2023 with a brief PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>8.3. MF questioned who students should contact if they are unhappy with something within the Union. Council was informed the best way to do that is dependent upon what the issue is but the first point of call would be an Officer Trustee who will direct them to the appropriate individual.</p>	
<p>Matters for Report</p>	
<p>9. DPE Report</p> <p>9.1. DL explained that the NSS Report was submitted to the provost Board this week and the majority of his time has been spent going to numerous College meetings to discuss certain concerns and building relationships with Senior College staff.</p> <p>9.2. HW questioned whether mums and dads will be taking place this year. Council were informed that the mums and dads initiative is taking place this year, however the value of the scheme is under review to determine how many students are actually benefitting from it.</p>	<p>DL to provide an updated set of detailed objectives for the next Council meeting.</p>

<p>9.3. AAu said DL's report was not detailed enough in comparison to the other reports and more detail should be provided in future.</p> <p>9.4. GS questioned when the ACO is coming out to clubs and societies. RU confirmed it would be tomorrow, but he would provide an update to all Committee Officers by the end of the day.</p>	
<p>10. DPW Report</p> <p>10.1. NP noted she has done undertaken work on community reintegration and safeguarding disciplinary prior to the start of term and stated that the 'Ask for Angela' scheme will be in place in the bars and venues from the start of term.</p> <p>10.2. NP added that active bystander training have been sent out for Hall Seniors in 11/13 halls and she has liaised with each warden independently and they have agreed to send their hall seniors to this training.</p> <p>10.3. NP added she had written a blog post regarding the stay safe 2021 campaign which will be released on Monday.</p> <p>10.4. NP stated that the upcoming projects she is working on include the analysis of the sexual misconduct survey and liaising with and forming an Imperial College working group to review the Union and College disciplinary processes and using this to write an operational procedures policy for the Union.</p>	
<p>11. DPCS Report</p> <p>11.1. IM explained that her time in the role so far has been spent on working on welcome week, admin and setting up clubs.</p> <p>11.2. IM added she has also been focusing on a project on women focused departmental groups and how that structure fits into the Union.</p> <p>11.3. Upcoming tasks for IM include working on and improving processes for risk assessments and all admin that impacts CSP's.</p>	
<p>12. DPFS Report</p> <p>12.1. SL highlighted that two of his main objectives are sustainability focused as it is important to get this right internally as well as in the College.</p> <p>12.2. SL added there have been several meetings with Campus services and estates to ensure student voices are strategically involved with discussions in that area.</p> <p>12.3. MF questioned how SL will decide who is going to be on the events committee. Council was informed that it will be a subcommittee of SSB SL explained the purpose of the events committee as specified in the report. SL requested for any Council members who are interested to get in touch with him directly to discuss it in more detail.</p>	
<p>13. Union President Report</p> <p>13.1. LJ highlighted the appendices that were included in his report including the annual measuring round and the detail of the surveys that are intended to take place to obtain that information.</p> <p>13.2. LJ requested Council members to get in touch with him if they are interested in the 'beautification of the Chemistry building'.</p> <p>13.3. AAu asked whether there was an update on the renaming of Beit. Council were informed there is a report that summarises the recommendations of the College's history group and these recommendations will be published in October.</p>	<p>LJ to share the recommendations of the College's history group with Council members once published in October.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>MF requested Council members to contact her if they are interested in joining a working group to discuss how Officer Trustees are held accountable. Alex Auyang, Hayley Wong, Lloyd James and George Morgan volunteered to join.</p>	