

## Imperial College Union

### **CONSTITUTIONAL TIDY UP - second reading**

*A note by John Collins, IC Union President*

#### **Constitutional tidying up**

We have spotted a small error in the constitution that could cause a constitutional crisis if we don't remove it. Following recent governance changes, all disciplinary matters must now flow through the Court (and in some cases Council), but not the Executive. This means that we need to remove references to disciplinary matters from the following section of the constitution:

#### ***Paragraph 10***

*4. The Executive Committee shall:*

- a. Advance the aims and objects of the Union,*
- b. Implement Union policy,*
- c. Set operational policy in line with Union policy,*
- d. Oversee the day-to-day running of the Union and the co-ordination of its activities,*
- e. Establish policy on staffing issues and oversee staffing matters,*
- f. Establish policy on health and safety issues and oversee health and safety matters,*
- g. ~~Deal with disciplinary matters in accordance with policy,~~*
- h. Establish principles for the fair allocation of the resources available to the Union,*
- i. Monitor financial performance against budget,*
- j. Receive the audited annual accounts of the Union and report their findings to the Council,*
- k. Monitor the performance of the trading outlets, services and retail facilities of the Union, and*
- l. Act as trustees of the Union.*

#### **Faculty Union titles**

I have been informed by reliable sources (namely the College Secretary, Rector and Chairman) that they will not block any proposals to reintroduce the "correct" Faculty Union titles into our regulations now that all references to our Faculty Unions have been deregulated to Regulations One and Three.

Therefore I suggest we made the following constitutional amendments:

References to Faculty Unions in Regulation One and Regulation Three should be changes accordingly:

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- From “*Imperial College Faculty of Engineering Students’ Union*” to “*City and Guilds College Union*”.
- From “*Imperial College Faculty of Medicine Students’ Union*” to “*Imperial College School of Medicine Students’ Union*”.
- From “*Imperial College Faculty of Natural Sciences Students’ Union*” to “*Royal College of Science Union*”.

Additionally, the following section of Regulation Three should be amended accordingly:

66. *The Faculty Unions shall consider welfare and academic affairs issues relating to students at those respective faculties and shall provide for the co-ordination of student activities within their Faculty.*
67. *The Faculty Unions are the governing committees of their clubs and societies, and their decisions are binding upon clubs and societies administered by them.*
68. *The Faculty Unions are:*
  - a. *~~The Imperial College Faculty of Engineering Students’ Union~~ City and Guilds College Union, for the Faculty of Engineering.*
  - b. *~~The Imperial College Faculty School of Medicine Students’ Union~~, for the Faculty of Medicine.*
  - c. *~~The Imperial College Faculty of Natural Sciences Students’ Union~~ Royal College of Science Union, for the Faculty of Natural Sciences.*

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