

Imperial College Union

AWNING FOR BEIT QUADRANGLE

A note by Stephen Brown

Background

In the previous meeting of the Executive it was proposed that £12,500 should be allocated from the Executive Committee reserves to part finance a new awning for the Beit Quadrangle.

Although supportive in principle, the Committee were concerned that using Executive Committee in this way may not be legal. The previous President was asked to consult the College Secretary.

The College Secretary made the following comments

"If this [Exec reserve money] really is HEFCE money, I think the answer must be 'No'. However, I presume you are referring to the annual subvention the ICU gets from the College. If so, this comes from the College's general funds, not direct via the College from HEFCE. Therefore, you can, I believe, use it for this project."

Comments were also sought on the College's long term plans for smoking on campus. The College Secretary replied:

"The NHS has already banned smoking on the medical campuses and there is considerable support in the College Centre for the College to ban smoking on the other campuses as well. We came fairly close to this recently when the new College policy on smoking was being discussed by the Management Board. In the event it was decided that we should not take that step just yet, but it is certainly very much on the cards for "the near future". Whether if/when it comes, the ban is applied to the whole of the Beit Quad, or some concession is made, I cannot, of course, predict."

Proposal

In light of the College Secretary's comments above, it is proposed that Executive allocates £12,500 towards this project. Any further funding should be sought from the Trading reserves.

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