

Imperial College Union

MOVING FORWARDS WITH THE GSA ELECTIONS

A note by the President

Background

Council will be aware of the considerable problems that the Graduate Students' Association has faced this year which resulted in the elections for committee positions being suspended by the November meeting of the Trustee Board. A Postgraduate and Faculty Union Coordinator has now started work and following discussions with Postgraduate Representatives it was felt that with the staff support in place (which has been missing since the start of October) we were now in a position to move forward with electing a committee.

It is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission....

I am aware that it is Council's decision and not mine to take the decision to move ahead with these elections but the more observant amongst you might have noticed that nominations are currently open for GSA committee positions. If anyone has any strong objections to these elections taking place then Council is free to stop them in their tracks but I cannot see any valid reason why this would be anything other than detrimental to the current situation and the PG reps I have spoken to were in favour of them taking place at the earliest possible opportunity. My decision to start these elections before this meeting was also influenced by a desire not to have too much of a clash with the sabbatical elections which are detailed in a separate paper.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To lift the suspension previously imposed on the GSA Elections.