

Imperial College Union

NUS REFERENDUM

Proposed by the President. Seconded by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)

Introduction

As has previously been stated the DPEW and I along with the majority of our NUS delegates are in favour of NUS disaffiliation. Since Conference we have been collecting signatures whenever we had spare time but unfortunately we have fallen short of the required number. Our workloads have been quite considerable recently and have included many lunchtime meetings hence it has been difficult to go out and get nearly 600 signatures without neglecting countless other tasks and projects that we have been working on. We still have over 250 students who have expressed a wish for this referendum to take place thus we are asking Council to vote by 2/3rds majority to let the debate unfold and let the student body re-evaluate our relationship with the National Union of Students. Postponing this decision until autumn will cost the Union another years affiliation fee which amounts to just over £46,000 plus associated costs.

Decision Required

1. To call a referendum with the question being "Should Imperial College Union disaffiliate from the NUS?"