

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the ninth ordinary meeting of  
the  
**Council**  
of the  
Imperial College Union  
in the 2007-08 Session

The meeting of Union Council was held in the Union Building on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 6.40pm  
in the Union Dining Hall.

**Present:**

Council Chair	Mark Mearing – Smith
President	Stephen Brown
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Alistair Cott
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Chris Larvin
ICSMSU President	Tim Wills
RCSU President	Jennifer Morgan
GSA Chair	Killian Frensch
A&E Chair	Andy Mason
ACC Chair	Luke Taylor
RCC Chair	Eugene Chang
SCC Chair	Lily Topham
RAG Chair	Karandeep Dhanoa
RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught)	Andreas Esau
Academic Affairs Officer (Research)	Eirini Spentza
CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate)	John James
CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate)	Matthew Taylor
CGCU ordinary member (Postgraduate)	Ashley Brown
RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)	Jose Videria
RCSU ordinary member (Postgraduate)	Amar Joshi
ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)	Mark Chamberlain
ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate)	Olivia Kenyon
<b>Permanent observers</b>	
Governance and Administration Coordinator	Rebecca Coxhead

**Observers:** Felix Editor Tom Roberts, Mark Flower, Afonso Campos Kadhim Shubber, Jennifer Wilson (RCC Chair elect), Nadia Dzigal, Matthew Taylor

**Apologies:** Deputy President (Education & Welfare) Kirsty Patterson – proxy John James, RSM President Danny Hill, Welfare Campaigns Officer Hannah Theodorou – proxy CGCU Postgraduate Representative, ICSMSU Welfare Officer Mo Khaki WCUS President Leila Serrao, RCSU Welfare Officer Inger Eriksson – proxy RCSU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught), RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Shray Amar, RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Ryan Dee, ICSMSU Education Rep (4 and PG) Laura Thomas – proxy Mark Chamberlain, ICSMSU Education Rep (123) Sukhpreet Dubb, CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Owen Connick, ICSMSU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Alexander Walls, Union Manager Peter Haldane

**Not present:** OSC Chair Marie-Louisa Awolaja, Media Group Chair Karl Bonney Equal Opportunities Officer Chiraush Patel, CAG Chair Radha Gadhok, CGCU Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) Alexander Grisman, CGCU Welfare Officer Sam Piper, CGCU ordinary member (Undergraduate) John O'Neil, RCSU ordinary member (Undergraduate) Mark Saleme, ICSMSU Education Rep (56) Hannah Dixon

## 1. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

### NOTED:

- a) The Chair thanked Council for the successful year and wished members all the best for their future.
- b) The Council Chair is unable to be present at the last meeting and will ask that the Council Chair elect Chair the meeting.
- c) The Returning Officer (the President) read the results for the CGCU elections which are as follows:

President	Mark Mearing-Smith
VP Finance	John James
VP Activities	Matt Taylor
AAO Taught	Alex Grisman
Welfare Officer	Kirsty Patterson

## 2. COURT APPOINTMENTS AND RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### NOTED:

- a) The President was the Returning Officer for these elections.
- b) Voting was undertaken by STV by those present.
- c) Those candidates present were able to speak for 1 minute and hustings took place.
- d) In regards to the election of the Faculty of Natural Science representative, Nadia Dzigal and Scott Heath stood as candidates.
  - i. Scott Heath was not present and thus the President read out his manifesto.
- e) In regards to the election of the Faculty of Medicine, Katherine Hanan stood as the only candidate as was not present and thus the President read out her manifesto.
- f) In regards to the election for the Faculty of Engineering representative, Mark Flower and Spencer Ching Kong Lai stood as candidates.
  - i. Mark Flower tabled his manifesto and the President read out Spencer Ching Kong Lai's manifesto as he was not present.
- g) Council moved to a vote to ratify the nominations of the Executive Committee for Court members. There were no objections.
- h) Results for Court places were given as the following:
  - i. Faculty of Natural Sciences – Naida Dzigal
  - ii. Faculty of Engineering – Mark Flower
  - iii. Faculty of Medicine – Katherine Hanan

### RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratify the appointments of Elly Jay, Alex Guite and Jarlath Molloy to the Union Court. Their terms of office begin immediately and will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.**
- 2) **To appoint for the Faculty of Natural Science Naida Dzigal, Faculty of Engineering, Mark Flower and Faculty of Medicine Katherine Hanan**

## 3. COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS

### NOTED:

- a) Due to the standing down of Rosie Smithells as a CGCU Undergraduate representative to Union Council, a by election took place.
  - i. Mathew Taylor stood as the only candidate.
  - ii. There were no objections and he was duly elected.

## 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008

### RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the minutes**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING – none

## 6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The Beit redevelopment Working Group is meeting with the Architects on the 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm.
- b) There have been many internal meetings to discuss improving Union finance systems.
  - i. Solutions are currently being worked on.
- c) Recently met with Professor Morley to discuss the SEC presentation.
- d) The Constitutional amendments will be circulated well in advance of the next meeting of Council.
- e) Colours nominations close shortly. Details are on the Union website.
- f) The President thanked the Council Chair for his dedication and commitment to the role of Council Chair during this year.
- g) Council moved to a vote to accept his report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

## 7. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

NOTED:

- a) Council moved to a vote to accept the report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

## 8. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION & WELFARE) REPORT

RECEIVED: The report was presented by John James

NOTED:

- a) Officer Training will occur on the 2-3<sup>rd</sup> July and will most probably take place at Silwood Campus.
- b) It was reminded not to take notes in to exams.
- c) Council moved to a vote to accept his report and it was accepted unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the report

***At this point the agenda was reordered to consider AOB I as the next item of business then agenda item 9 and then AOB II***

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1 STUDENT MEDIA REGULATIONS CHANGES.

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the CGCU Postgraduate Representative

NOTED:

- a) Trustee Board will be meeting after next Council and the CGCU Postgraduate Representative expressed concern that the paper will be discarded by Trustee Board and Council will not have a chance to comment on this action.
- b) The Council Chair stated that the Trustee Board was hesitant to pass the change to SSP without seeing the whole Staff Student Protocol document.
  - i. This document has now been circulated to the members.

- c) The President suggested that the paper be withdrawn until the Trustee Board sub committee has met.
  - i. The CGCU Postgraduate Representative agreed to withdraw the paper with the intention to represent if nothing is heard from the Trustee Board

**PAPER WITHDRAWN**

**9. DEPUTY PRESIDENT (FINANCE & SERVICES) REPORT**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

NOTED:

- a) The Deputy President (Finance & Services) apologised for the lateness of his report.
- b) There will be a short term change in some of the finance systems to make life easier for CSC's.
  - i. CSC's will be notified of these improvements.
- c) The Trustee Board expressed concern that College would not kept to their pledge of providing the services for the Summer Ball.
  - i. That risk has been mitigated.
- d) Council moved to a vote to accept he report and it was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To accept the report**

**11.2 NUS DISAFFILIATION**

RECEIVED: The report was presented by the President

NOTED:

- a) The President and Deputy President (Education & Welfare) have realised that signature collection to call a referendum is not the best use of their time.
- b) To put off the referendum would cost the Union approximately £50k in affiliation fees due to paying the affiliation for 08-09.
- c) Quorum is 15% of the student body so about 1800 votes will be require to make the referendum valid.
- d) Voting will take place in the second to last week of term.
- e) College have informally indicated that they will not 'not fund' if the referendum shows that the student body do wish to disaffiliate i.e. the subvention will not be cut.
- f) It was reminded that the decision needs to be ratified by Union Court.
- g) Council moved to a vote on holding a referendum. The results are as follows:

FOR	24
AGAINST	1
ABSTAIN	1
Passes	

**RESOLVED:**

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

**Meeting closed 7.15pm**

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of Union Council

on \_\_\_\_\_ 2007/08

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Meeting