

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION TRUSTEE BOARD  
Council Chair's Report – A note by Afonso Campos

**GENERAL**

Two Council meetings have been held with what is mostly new a membership. Ordinary Members were not present at either meeting as they had not yet been voted in at the time. Results of these positions have now been announced and they shall be attending the third and consequent meetings of Council.

**FIRST Council – October 13th 2008**

As this was my first official Council meeting, I thought it would be appropriate to let the members what my expectations are for the coming year. They are mostly commonsense and aim to create a pleasant environment for everyone involved in these meetings. These include things like promptness to meetings, no drinking of alcohol and deadlines for papers/reports.

The main logistical difference this year is that papers will no longer be printed for all members as they are expected to have read them in advance. Papers can be printed however, if requested to Rebecca Coxhead with enough time and they will be made available on the day.

Except for the Sabbatical Reports, there were no items on the agenda. These mostly outlined efforts and activities taken place over the summer and were all received as tabled.

**SECOND Council – November 3rd 2008**

Given the late hour Council usually starts on and can often go into, we have began offering tea, coffee and cookies. This move was very well received by members and observers alike. Apart from Sabbatical Reports (minus Felix who needs report only once a term) there were several items on the agenda.

**Appointments to the Executive Committee:**

The RWB and CSB have put forward the following people for representation in the Executive Committee:

Adam Baldwin – RSM Chair (Appointed by CSB)  
Sam Furse – ACC Chair (Appointed by CSB)  
Kathryn Wright – ICSMSU Welfare Officer (Appointed by RWB)  
Tim Barrett – ICU Welfare Campaigns Officer (Appointed by RWB)

These were accepted unanimously and have therefore been instated into the position.

**Changes to Environmental Policy:**

The DPFS informed Council of the changes made to the Environmental Policy of the Union.

**Campaign to Let Zohair Abu-Shaban Study at Imperial:**

The day the paper was to be presented information came to light that made it less relevant. I decided therefore that this paper would not be moved to a vote due to its nature, decreased relevance and raised questions of *ultra vires*. As such, I suggested that the writers of this paper reformulate it, increase its relevancy and submit it for the next Council. The paper proposer, Salman Walqar, commenced a motion to overrule the Chair's decision to not move to a vote, but there were no seconders. Let it be noted that there was ample opportunity for debate and explanation of the situation at hand by both the DPEW and President.

**Introduction of International Student Officer Role and Postgraduate Representation:**

The DPEW brought to Council two papers that would involve amendments of constitutions (both Union and FUs).

The first paper creates the role of an International Student Officer with a voting place on Council. It was noted that close to half the student population is now international and this position is of much importance. The second paper seeks to improve the status of postgraduate representation within the union and proposed to eliminate some Council positions as well as introducing several new ones in their place and reshuffling of roles.

Both papers were debated fruitfully and suggestions made to the DPEW were accepted. Both papers were not voted upon formally because they were not laid out properly and the FU constitutions it made allusions to were unavailable. As such, sentiment votes were taken with a vast majority of Council giving them support. The DPEW will now formally write these papers and they will be presented at the next Council for full approval.