

Postgraduate Representation

Proposed by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)

Seconded by the Representation and Welfare Board

Imperial College Union Notes:

1. All Postgraduate Students belong to one of either of the Graduate Schools (GSLSM or GSEPS). Issues relating to their courses are discussed at both of these Committees, which both have student representatives.
2. Undergraduates belong to one of three faculties.
3. At present, Postgraduates are represented through their Faculty in the form of a Research Representative (taught masters students via a taught education/ academic affairs officer or masters rep or not at all).

Imperial College Union Further Notes:

4. All Postgraduate Students are also currently members of the Union's Graduate Schools Association which is designed to facilitate social events and representation for Postgraduate students.

Imperial College Union Believes:

1. The current postgraduate representation system is flawed because Postgraduates are ultimately represented by an Undergraduate student on issues such as research funding and supervision.
2. The GSA's representation role is currently inadequate that it does not fill the representation role effectively because there is inadequate instruction for the Research Representatives to report to the GSA Chair.
3. All Postgraduate Student Representation should be under the GSA, from department level upwards.

Imperial College Union Resolves:

1. To amend the GSA Constitution to:
 - 1.1. Include the following positions:
 - 1.1.1. Engineering Postgraduate Rep
 - 1.1.2. Physical Sciences Postgraduate Rep
 - 1.1.3. Business School Postgraduate Rep
 - 1.1.4. Life Sciences Postgraduate Rep
 - 1.1.5. School of Medicine Postgraduate Rep
 - 1.2. Detail the role of the Departmental Representatives as part of the GSA
 - 1.3. Make any other relevant changes as necessary
2. To amend the CGCU Constitution to:
 - 2.1. Remove the following positions:
 - 2.1.1. Academic Affairs Officer (Research)
 - 2.1.2. Department Representatives (Research Students)
 - 2.1.3. Masters Rep
 - 2.2. Change the role of Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) to Education Rep (Undergraduate)
 - 2.3. Make any other relevant changes as necessary

3. To amend the RCSU Constitution to:
 - 3.1. Remove the following positions:
 - 3.1.1. Research Rep (Life Sciences)
 - 3.1.2. Research Rep (Physical Sciences)
 - 3.1.3. Masters Rep
 - 3.1.4. Postgraduate Masters Students' Course Representative
 - 3.1.5. Divisional Research Students Representatives
 - 3.2. Change the role of Academic Affairs Officer (Taught) to Education Rep (Undergraduate)
 - 3.3. Make any other relevant changes as necessary
4. To amend the ICSMSU Constitution as necessary.
5. To amend Council membership to:
 - 5.1. Remove the following positions:
 - 5.1.1. CGCU Research rep
 - 5.1.2. RCSU Research Rep
 - 5.1.3. ICSMSU Research Rep
 - 5.1.4. CGCU Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.1.5. RCSU Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.1.6. ICSMSU Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.2. To include the following positions:
 - 5.2.1. GSEPS Postgraduate Rep
 - 5.2.2. GSLSM Postgraduate Rep
 - 5.2.3. GSEPS Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.2.4. GSEPS Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.2.5. GSLSM Postgraduate Ordinary Member
 - 5.2.6. GSLSM Postgraduate Ordinary Member

Appendix:
Revised GSA Representation Structure

