

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
of the emergency meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Imperial College Union  
in the 2012-2013 session

The meeting of the Executive Committee was held in meeting room 6 of the  
Union Building on 18 February 2013 at 12.05pm

Present:

President - Chair	Paul Beaumont (PB)
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Henry Whittaker (HW)
Deputy President (Education)	Doug Hunt (DH)
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Stefan Nubert (SN)
Deputy President (Welfare)	Becky Lane (BL)
GSA President	Maryam Habibzay (MH)
Council Representative	James Bannock (JB)
Council Representative	Shrawan Patel (SP)
CSB Representative	Jake Woods (JW)
<b>Permanent Observer:</b>	
Governance and Administration Coordinator	Rebecca Coxhead (RC)

**Apologies:** ICSMSU President Shiv Vohra (SV), RSMU President Lewis Ryan (LR), CGCU President Temi Ladega (TL) Silwood President Isabel Fenton (IF) Council Representative Joe Gibbs (JG) RCSU President James Tsim, Honorary Senior Treasurer Colin Kerr, General Manager Joe Cooper (JC)

### 1. Response to new student accommodation in W3

RECEIVED: The paper was tabled by the President

NOTED:

- a) It was clarified that the paper is asking for this to form the Executive Committee official response.
- b) Imperial West will be a predominately PG campus which doesn't fit in to the housing of UG in proximity to this location.
- c) It was clarified that this is a decision taken by the College's Management Board (MB) and is not a College wide decision.
- d) It was accepted that the lease on Evelyn Gardens is expiring and that there is a risk carried with waiting to see if the law will change and allow this to be expired.
- e) Students will be segregated with those who can afford to live in South Kensington Halls of Residence and those that cant creating a equality issue.
- f) This contradicts the widening participation movement and will affect students who aren't able to access bursaries or funding but cannot afford to live in halls.
- g) MB has stated that consolidating the accommodation will be much more efficient.
- h) The first year experience will be compromised and extremely diminished.
- i) Concerns were raised over the safety of students in the North Acton area.
- j) Prices will have increased both in transport costs as well as the cost of the accommodation by the time students move in.
- k) As it stands, the maintenance loan will only just cover accommodation
- l) Campus Services are planning to put in facilities such as a gym, bar etc but these will be run by them directly.
- m) Concern has been expressed over the time lost in commuting – potentially 1.5 hours.
- n) The Union are investigating the option of growing accommodation support offered to students, both current and potential.
- o) A website with the Unions stance is currently being set up.
- p) Concern over the pastoral care of students massively being impacted on was raised.
- q) It may perpetrate the perception of students on South Kensington having an unfair advantage to other students.

- r) Garden is the most oversubscribed Hall
- s) It makes no sense to have the Unions funding linked to KPI's that will be unable to be delivered if this redevelopment goes ahead.
- t) The committee moved to a vote and it was passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **That Imperial College Union will be actively campaigning for the College to seek out alternative, better solutions to Evelyn's ending lease and will actively campaign to save Garden Hall**

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm

Approved as a correct record at a meeting of the Executive Committee on

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