

Motion to Create a Technology Societies Management Group

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Notes:

1. There are at least 2000 ICU members interested in programming.
2. There is demand from students interested in technologies for more initiatives.
3. Sponsors and students approach DoCSoc to reach out to technology students, however Computing students are just a small fraction of tech-inclined people in Imperial. DoCSoc is unable to accommodate all of the requests, and a conservative estimate of £15,000 in sponsorship is unclaimed each year.
4. DoCSoc regularly run technology events, which see significant attendance from non-Computing students, however its main priority should be the welfare of Computing students.
5. There is no central point to promote all technology events and initiatives occurring in the College or in the London area to Imperial Students.
6. There is an absence of encouragement and support for technology oriented side projects worked on across the College.
7. Current technology related societies, clubs and projects at Imperial (potential societies that could join the management group are in bold):
 - o Advanced Hack Space
 - o AppSoc (not ICU)
 - o CoderDojo (Imperial Hub)
 - o DoCSoc
 - o EESoc
 - o **GameDev Society** (DoCSoc)
 - o **Full Stack** (DoCSoc)
 - o LinkAge IT Support Group (Imperial Hub)
 - o **Linux Users Society**
 - o RoboGirls
 - o **Robotics Society**
 - o **Software Society**
 - o Women in Computing (ACM)
8. Imperial Entrepreneurs and IC Create Lab are actively looking to collaborate with technology related societies.

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9. Attempts have been made in previous years to create such an initiative. However, it was hard for volunteers to keep up with running their societies as well as running this initiative, so having a separate committee to focus on this would be more realistic.
10. Technology is not just more and more important, it's also far more accessible to first year students with the programming being brought into the national curriculum
11. King's College and UCL both have TechSocs in addition to computer science societies, however they act as individual societies rather than a society connecting several societies with different focuses.

Union Believes:

1. That creating Technology Societies Management Group will
 - 1.1 Benefit students interested in technology.
 - 1.2 Improve students awareness of technology related events and initiatives happening in College and outside.
 - 1.3 Increase number of technology related events and initiatives around the college.
 - 1.4 Build a community of students interested in technology around college.
 - 1.5 Provide a more focused support and encourage students to start new technology societies, initiatives, meet-ups etc.
 - 1.6 Increase funding for the existing technology oriented societies (from external sponsors).
- 2 That Technology Societies Management Group will not compete with CGCU, DoCSoc, EESoc or other existing technology societies but will provide necessary support to improve and benefit the tech community at Imperial College.

Union Resolves:

1. To create a new management group.
2. To run an election for a new management group in the summer term.
3. To give an option to GameDev, Linux Users, Robotics and Software society to join the management group.
4. To invite DoCSoc and EESoc committees to vote on registering their current and future members as member of the new management group in addition to their existing membership of the CGCU.