

Postgraduate Representation in Constituent Unions

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1. The Union Notes

- a. In the last couple of years, Postgraduate Students (PGs) have not been classified as Full Members or allowed to stand or vote in RCSU, CGCU or ICSMU elections. PGs are however members of their corresponding Departmental Societies (DepSocs) which these Constituent Unions (CUs) oversee.
- b. Historically, PGs of FoE and FoNS have been members of the CGCU and RCSU.
- c. The RCSU and CGCU often invite PGs to our events, however as they are no longer Full Members there are no official direct communication channels and no PGs on either committee.
- d. The membership composition of the CGCU and RCSU is mentioned in Parts A.21.1 and A21.4 of the Union Bye-Laws and these do not preclude PGs from becoming Full Members of either CU. It states:
 - i. "21.1 The City & Guilds College Union for the undergraduate students of the Faculty of Engineering, excluding students of the Earth Science Engineering and Materials Departments."
 - ii. "21.4. The Royal College of Science Union for the undergraduate students of the Faculty of Natural Sciences."
- e. The RCSU Constitution (Appendix A – attached separately) defines membership of the RCSU in section 4.2.1 as:
 - i. "4.2.1 All registered students of the Imperial College Faculty of Natural Sciences are automatically Full Members of the Union."
- f. The CGCU Constitution (Appendix B – attached separately) defines membership of the CGCU in section 4.2.1 as:
 - i. "4.2.1 All full-time students of the Imperial College Faculty of Engineering are automatically Full Members of the Union."

2. The Union Believes

- a. The exclusion of PGs from their Faculty CUs has no benefit to those students and only reduces the opportunities and range of events they receive and membership would only serve to augment the student experience.
- b. PGs should be allowed to fully participate in the social and political activities of their Faculty CUs as well as the GSU. This will also result in better communication and co-ordination, as well as access to more resources for events.
- c. One year Masters Students (PGTs) can be difficult to engage with and only stand to benefit from the opportunity to engage and socialise with Undergraduate Masters

Students (and indeed other UGs). The proposed change would lead to a broader range of events tailored to their life and interests.

- d. The academic representation and welfare system should primarily remain within the GSU during its continued existence; the Faculty CUs would serve only to augment this.

3. The Union Resolves

- a. To recognise PGs in the Faculty of Natural Sciences as Full Members of the RCSU
- b. To recognise PGs in the Faculty of Engineering except those in the Departments of Earth Science & Engineering and Materials as Full Members of the CGCU.