

## Constituent Union Management Group Officers' Membership of Union Council

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### Union notes:

1. Constituent Unions (CUs) perform the role of Management Group (MG) for departmental societies and other clubs and societies, as recognised by the Union Council via the [Management Group Restructure paper passed on 24/1/16](#).
2. Officially, the Chair of the MG aspect of the CU is the CU President.
3. CU Presidents have several responsibilities including maintaining alumni relationships, organising events, representing the students of the faculty to both Imperial College and Imperial College Union in terms of welfare and academics, and managing the clubs and societies in the management group. They are ultimately responsible for all CU related activity.
4. CU Presidents attend CWB, ERB, and CSPB, accompanied by the CU Welfare Officer, Academics Affairs Officer, and MG officer, respectively.
5. That the CU Welfare Officer and the CU Academics Affairs Officer are ex-officio members of Union Council.
6. The MG restructure paper states in the "Union notes" clause 9:  
*9. That the Constituent Unions will be amending their constitutions to and will be proposing that their respective Vice Presidents (Clubs & Societies) should have seats on Council, ultimately growing club representation by 2 seats if approved.*
7. Constituent Unions have the following Clubs and Society officers:  
CGCU: Vice President (Finance and Societies)  
ICSMSU: Clubs & Societies Officer  
RSMU: Vice President (Clubs & Societies)  
RCSU: None
8. Other MGs have an MG Chair as well as a MG treasurer to fairly distribute the workload of running a Management group.
9. All MG Chairs are ex-officio members of Union Council.
10. Having the CU President holding the position of MG and CU Chair can create a "black hole" in eActivities where claims can only be approved by DPCS due to the lack of volunteers with higher financial responsibility in the CU.
11. All the proposed changes in this paper have been discussed with the relevant CU officers and are the result of agreement and consensus.

### Union believes:

### *Division of labour*

1. Though the CU President is officially the Management Group chair, the MG officers often take on responsibilities similar to those of Management Group Chairs.
2. That this unofficial transfer of responsibility is due to the overbearing workload of CU Presidents.
3. That for CUs where there is only one MG officer this leaves such officer with two effective roles: MG Chair and MG treasurer.
4. That this duality of the role of CU MG officer leads to excessive workload and therefore a worse performance of the CU as an MG, affecting the clubs and societies under it.

### *Fair representation of CU clubs*

5. Currently some CU clubs are underrepresented in Union Council due to the excessive workload of the CU President and the lack of voting rights of the CU MG officer.
6. The representation of all students in any given Faculty and the representation of Clubs and Societies are different enough to warrant two separate representatives.
7. That given the much closer contact between clubs and the CU MG officer, this officer is better prepared to represent Clubs and Societies than the CU President.
8. That allowing the CU MG officer to represent the CU Clubs and Societies will allow the CU President to focus on representing the CU as a whole as well as all students in their respective Faculty.
9. That this change will bring CU MG representation through voting rights in line with the Academic and Welfare representation, as well as with other MGs.

### *eActivities*

10. The proposed changes to the CU structure in the "Union resolves" section will fix the aforementioned "black hole", making the claim approval process within a CU more streamlined.

### **Union resolves:**

1. To remove the role of MG Chair from the respective CU Presidents, and transfer it to the MG officers. Presidents will maintain their financial responsibility in the Exec as established for Club Chairs.
2. To make all CU MG officers ex-officio members of Union Council in the role of MG Chairs in line with Union [Bye-Laws](#) clause A.1.4. This will leave the CU MG officer with the task to represent Clubs and Societies, and the CU President with the duty of representing all students.
3. To mandate all CUs to create (if they don't exist) roles akin "Junior Treasurer" and "Vice President of Clubs and Societies" with the aim of performing the roles of MG treasurer (and Exec treasurer) and MG Chair, respectively. The MG officer ("Vice President of Clubs and Societies") will retain financial responsibility in the Exec. If any of the roles are missing, the President will fulfill such role until the position is created in accordance with respective CU constitutions.