Imperial College Union
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Removal of DPFS from Bye-Law F

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Decision(s): To approve

Union Notes

1. The ICU Democracy Review has now concluded, with its recommendations to be passed at Union Council on 24th June 2025.
2. The review has found the Deputy President (Finance & Services) (DPFS) role to no longer be clear and relevant to the current ICU context and requires consideration within a new structure.
3. The review recommends that:
    a. ICU does not elect a fifth Officer Trustee for 2025/26 academic year (recommendation 2.3)
    b. ICU further considers the need for a fifth officer portfolio (recommendation 2.5)
4. The ICU Constitution outlines that "not more than five Officer Trustees" are to be elected as Trustees of ICU.
5. Bye-Law B outlines that "Up to five Officer Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot by the Members of the Union at an election to be held in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The Officer Trustees shall be elected to posts set out in the Bye-Laws.""
6. Bye-Law F currently outlines the five Officer Trustees positions and job descriptions, including the DPFS..

Union Believes

1. In line with the ICU Democracy Review findings and recommendations, the resources dedicated to the DPFS role can be better utilised in other ways to improve student representation.
2. Proper student representation is crucial to ICU's effectiveness, and the DPFS in its current format fails to serve the student body adequately.
3. Further consultation with students would allow for the exploration of a more suitable fifth Officer Trustee position and a portfolio that is reflective of the current needs of the student body, in line with the review recommendation 2.5.
4. In recognition of the student voice, the maximum number of Officer Trustees should remain the same (five) in the ICU Constitution and Bye-Law B until further consultation is completed, in line with the review recommendation 2.5.

Union Resolves

1. To remove the position of DPFS and job descriptions relating to the DPFS from Bye-Law F (Appendix 1)
2. To review the addition of a fifth officer trustee position into Bye-Law F, in line with the further consultation to be conducted regarding its portfolio, by end of the 2025/26 academic year.