

Constituent Union Partnership Agreement

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Decision(s): To note

1. Union Notes

Imperial College London was founded in 1907 through the merger of a number of smaller scientific and engineering teaching institutions. When these institutions united, their students' unions also came together to become Imperial College Union (ICU). Decades later, after absorbing several medical schools, their students' unions were also merged into ICU.

Today, there are five Constituent Faculty Unions:

- City and Guilds College Union (CGCU)
- Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union (ICSMSU)
- Royal College of Science Union (RCSU)
- Royal School of Mines Union (RSMU)
- Dean's Student Advisory Council (DSAC)

There are also two Constituent Campus Unions according to our Bye-Laws:

- Silwood Park
- Hammersmith and White City

ICU's Democracy Review last academic year resulted in several recommendations regarding Constituent Unions, including for ICU and CU Presidents to co-develop a partnership agreement, which would be reviewed annually.

DSAC was approved as a de-facto Constituent Union in the December 2025 Union Council meeting, so the agreement will not apply to it for this Academic Year whilst the operational processes are established. Additionally, the Hammersmith and White City Constituent Union has never been active, so this will also be exempt for now whilst the need for it is reviewed.

The attached agreement was developed through:

- A workshop hosted in early October by the Representation Manager, with CGCU, ICSMSU, RCSU, and RSMU Presidents to inform the objectives, purpose, and key needs for the agreement
- A feedback opportunity for the ICU Director of Membership Services, and Activities Managers, who will be operationalising some of the work outlined
- Feedback opportunities via email and through meetings for CU Presidents

Council members are asked to note the attached agreement and share any questions for clarification.