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5. Creating a new Management Group for underserved Technical Societies

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Decision: To **approve**

Union Notes

1. In this paper Technical Societies refers to societies engaged in hands-on technical projects and competitions as well as social events for their members. They are characterised by cross-disciplinary nature, need for specialised infrastructure, complex logistical needs and projects lasting multiple years.
2. Management Groups (MGs) represent and assist societies which share a common theme. They act as an intermediary between the Imperial College Union (ICU) and the societies under their management.
3. Constituent Unions (CUs) acts as a MG for their assigned societies with a sub-section of the CU fulfilling the MG responsibilities.
4. The City and Guilds College Union (CGCU) is the Constituent Union Management Group for three distinct types of societies: Departmental, Ceremonial (Vintage Motor) and Technical Societies.
5. Only 2 of 25 CGCU committee positions are for the day-to-day running of societies under their MG.
6. Across the last two leadership elections, out of the 25 people elected to the CGCU committee, only two had been elected to Technical society committees.
7. This year's wave of new societies (completing the New Activities process) fitting the definition of technical societies (AUV, Drone, Surgical Robotics, Wireless, Experimental Aero) would increase the number of societies managed by the CGCU by over 50%.
8. Technical Societies have distinct sets of needs and structure separate from Departmental Societies, namely continuous access to physical infrastructure, significant safety commitments and facilitation of large projects, often for national/international competitions.
9. All other Constituent Unions (CUs) manage only Departmental Societies, the CU-related motor clubs, for funding reasons (see CSPB 17/10/24 paper 10) and some CU-affiliated sports clubs, in the case of RSM.
10. Only Union Members in the Faculty of Engineering can stand for or vote in CGCU committee elections, including the two positions overseeing societies.
11. Over 230 members of Technical societies are ineligible to stand or vote in CGCU elections

Union Believes

1. Technical societies do not fit into any existing MG based on their unique needs
2. Many members of Technical societies have no say in the MG committee that represent their society in Union Governance and manage their society on a day-to-day basis.
3. Creation of a new Technical Management Group would be beneficial to the experience and quality of events and opportunities provided by technical societies and the experience of their committee members due to:
    a. The higher likelihood of insiders with strong knowledge of the societies being elected will lead to a more knowledgeable MG which can assist new committees.
    b. Representatives of Technical societies to Activities Forum and Union Council will be able to solely represent their societies instead of jointly representing a group of Departmental Societies.
    c. Allow for technical society queries to be answered by a committee of students reducing the workload on union staff

Union Resolves

1. Pending bye-law changes, to adopt the Technical Management Group Standing Orders (Appendix A)

2. Pending bye-law changes, to move the following societies into the TMG:

    2.1. Space Society

    2.2. Drone (pending completion of the new activities process)

    2.3. Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) (pending completion of the new activities process)

    2.4. Cybersecurity

    2.5. Prosthetics

    2.6. Prototyping and Hacking Society

    2.7. Racing

    2.8. Developer Student Club

    2.9. Surgical Robotics (pending completion of the new activities process)

    2.10. Robotics

3. To aim to fully establish this technical management group and hold elections for its 26/27 committee by the end of the academic year, with the provision that these elections can be held before and be retrospectively adopted after the bye-law change is approved by Union Council and the Board of Trustees.

Union Requests

1. That Union Council and the Board of Trustees amend Bye-Law A, clause 27 to read as follows:

27. There shall be the following Management Groups:
    27.1. Arts & Entertainments
    27.2. Community
    27.3. Culture

27.4. Knowledge
27.5. Recreation
27.6. Sport
27.7. Technical