

**Imperial College Union
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Amendments to Bye-Law L – Constituent Unions

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Decision(s): To approve

Union Notes

1. Bye-Law L sets out the constitutional framework governing the role, remit, and accountability of Constituent Unions within Imperial College Union.
2. This includes the definition of Constituent Faculty Unions and Constituent Campus Unions, their membership, officer roles, governance structures, and relationship with the wider Union.
3. Union Council approved the current version of Bye-Law L in December 2025.
4. Since implementation, and alongside the outcomes of the Democracy Review, several areas have been identified where greater clarity and stronger alignment with current practice would improve governance and consistency across Constituent Unions.
5. One of the proposed amendments removes the reference to a Hammersmith and White City Constituent Union.
6. The addition of this Constituent Union was originally suggested in the 2021 Democratic Structures Review led by the then Union President.
7. The need for this will continue to be kept under review in future years, particularly as White City continues to develop.

Union Believes

1. Bye-Law L should clearly reflect the constitutional relationship between Imperial College Union and its Constituent Unions.
2. It was subsequently felt that this review was not based on sufficiently broad student feedback, having consulted only Union Council members.
3. Since then, the proposed Constituent Union has not been pursued active, as there has not been a clear benefit to establishing it given the number of students currently based on those campuses, the other ways in which those students are already represented, and the Union's current capacity to support an additional Constituent Campus Union.
4. Greater clarity within the Bye-Law would strengthen governance, improve consistency across faculties and campuses, and support clearer expectations for officers and members.
5. The relationship between Imperial College Union and its Constituent Unions should be reflected through a partnership model with clear expectations around governance, Standing Orders, accountability, delegation, and committee responsibilities.
6. There is not currently a clear benefit in operationalizing the Hammersmith and White City Constituent Union.
7. Removing the reference to a Hammersmith and White City Constituent Union is appropriate at this stage.
8. It is appropriate that the Union continually reviews the need for additional Constituent Campus Unions, particularly as the White City campus continues to develop.

Union Resolves

1. To approve the proposed amendments to Bye-Law L as outlined in the appendix.