

**Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting
Tuesday 24 March 2009 5pm
UCL Bloomsbury**

Present		
Name	PRN	Department
Adam David Samways	809939	UCL Medical School
Adam Douglas Alan Moore	60572956	Mathematics
Adam James Hawken	40134934	Physics and Astronomy
Adam Sawyer	50188222	UCL Medical School
Agnieszka Anna Fraszczak	727642	Mathematics
Aleksandra Maria Grzebalska	806289	Bartlett School of Planning
Alexander James Dominic Nesbitt	700808	UCL Medical School
Alexander Karski	50268557	Greek and Latin
Alexander Popov	60579	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Alexander Smith	702122	History
Alexandra Mudd	828881	Laws
Alice Charlotte Clotilde Seabright	700082	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Alice Clare Tyler	804460	UCL Medical School
Alina Jakubova	718564	Spanish and Latin American Studies
Alison Evans	704177	UCL Medical School
Aliya Syeda Abidi	60640	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Amanda Smith	50052794	UCL Medical School
Amy Victoria Lindsay	819429	Institute of Archaeology
Andrew Caddy	50719875	History of Art
Andrew Pitcher	710388	UCL Medical School
Andrew Tranter	806434	Chemistry
Andrew William Weir	832110	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Ang Li	702454	UCL Medical School
Anna Elizabeth Le Poidevin	706446	History
Anna Natalie Fawdry	708345	European Social and Political Studies Office
Anna Rose Thornton	60546	Greek and Latin
Anna Rygielska	62576972	Faculty of Life Sciences
Anna Theresia Schultze	829789	Faculty of Life Sciences
Ashley Joy	715839	Physics and Astronomy
Asif MacHhada	704908	UCL Medical School
Athene Fay Carr	61140161	Chemistry
Avni Hindocha	702737	UCL Medical School
Ben Lawrence	807394	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Benedict Hugo Scott McNulty	60488	Economics
Benjamin Canning	60487	UCL Medical School

Benjamin Holter	803893	UCL Medical School
Benjamin Matthew Dowsing	702161	UCL Medical School
Bethany Jane Sampson	703741	UCL Medical School
Billy Street	52200900	SSEES History Affiliate
Bronwen Olivia O'Donnell	728744	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Brooke Calvert	800507	UCL Medical School
Camilla Elizabeth Royle	841769	Geography
Catherine Ann Cox	40058928	Division of Biosciences
Catherine Robinson	803908	UCL Medical School
Ceri Ann Middleton	734032	Earth Sciences
Charlie Clinton	50082506	Laws Affiliate
Charlie Cox	50223660	UCL Medical School
Charlotte Alice Jackson	806362	UCL Medical School
Chee Yeen Fung	709031	UCL Medical School
Chelsea Doreen Martin	800490	Laws
Cherriss Vevey Firbank	703893	History
Chinyere Chinwe Adaugo Eseonu	50311185	UCL Medical School
Christopher Alexander Bullock	809104	UCL Medical School
Christopher Charles Khoo	701885	UCL Medical School
Christopher John Booth	60131085	Geography
Clare Shepperd	50049185	UCL Medical School
Corinna Most	60085052	Faculty of Life Sciences
Damian Andrew David Bruce-Hickman	800555	UCL Medical School
Dani Al-Zraikat	718324	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Daniel Hawkins	805117	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Daniel Ian Swerdlow	30052273	Division of Population Health
Daniel Sommer	60045661	Division of Biosciences
Danil Tokmin	823958	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
David James Reynolds	705109	UCL Medical School
David Lawrence Chapman	820258	Greek and Latin
Dominic James William O'Hanlon	702106	English Language and Literature
Dongliang Liu	43314650	Economics
Ed Steward	40135263	History Affiliate
Edward Fincham	815094	Institute of Archaeology
Edward James Healy Taylor	706775	Natural Sciences Office
Edward Malnick	711974	English Language and Literature
Eleanor Fletcher	20341631	UCL Medical School
Eleanor Rose Keeler	706715	History
Elena Ferran	710285	UCL Medical School
Elizabeth Fiona Mary Van Der Lande	50255638	English Language and Literature
Elizabeth Jayne Aspinall	50094141	Mathematics

Elliot Peter Richard Nichols	807107	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Emily Joanna Lucas	40289762	UCL Medical School
Emma Collinson	703238	UCL Medical School
Emma Wroe	807355	Physics and Astronomy
Eoin Dore	804202	UCL Medical School
Esme Rose Jones	702641	English Language and Literature
Eu Jet Seow	50352993	UCL Medical School
Ewa Agnieszka Bartczak	60359243	Anthropology
Fei Mei	804944	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Felix Crispin Allen	700195	UCL Medical School
Fergus Martin	51286680	Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering
Franciscus Xaverius Prins	702645	Physics and Astronomy
Friederike Gehrman	800966	Division of Biosciences
Gabriella Hughes	61426870	Statistical Science
George Alexander Grevett	60459439	Economics
George Patrick Stoye	703211	Economics
George Wilfrid Edmondson	706403	UCL Medical School
Giovanna Amorosi	60225133	Natural Sciences Office
Grace Ellen Mary Barnett	60073553	Geography
Greg Brown	826884	German
Gregory Wyatt	50288658	Mathematics
Gulrays Shafi Jamie	60840590	UCL Medical School
Hannah Jane Barrett-Duckett	825433	Anthropology
Hannah Jones	60173096	Mathematics
Harry Jan Gee Yong	800582	UCL Medical School
Helen Clarkson	727482	History
Helen Teague	701641	German
Henry Arthur James Stanley	802134	Division of Biosciences
Henry Collier	60146137	Division of Biosciences
Ieuan Lewis	807478	UCL Medical School
Isabel Gladwin	706495	Italian
Iwan Thomas Roberts	42710022	Biochemical Engineering
Jack Denison	61554818	Biochemical Engineering
Jack Marjot	700716	UCL Medical School
Jack Stonehouse	713557	Mathematics
James Arthur Geddes	60223092	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
James Christopher Liu Yin	60096647	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
James Christopher Nathan	707982	UCL Medical School
James Michael Pocock	702163	UCL Medical School
James Skuse	800701	Chemistry
James Vale	809083	Chemistry
James William Albert Streetley	60407854	Division of Biosciences
James William John	60101402	Geography

Hodgson		
Jamie Hone	725229	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Jane Fiona Crutchfield	701616	UCL Medical School
Jaskiran Chohan	801668	History
Jason Shipp	814213	Earth Sciences
Jeffrey Edward Rowley	804420	Economics
Jen Currigan	20266356	UCL Medical School Affiliate
Jennifer Louise Hulse	60884653	History
Jennifer Pierpoint	814918	Institute of Archaeology
Jessica Ball	801168	UCL Medical School
Jihad Adnan	60490650	Division of Biosciences
Jihua Xue	704798	UCL Medical School
John Alexander Maynard	60470353	Division of Biosciences
Jonathan Chandler	60795843	History
Jonathan Henry Moses	703309	History
Jonathan Kay	61586727	Chemistry
Jonathan Michael Ashley	809358	UCL Medical School
Jonathan Timothy Laybourn	806606	French
Jonathan Tipper	706020	Bartlett School of Architecture
Joseph Michael Tossell	804600	Physics and Astronomy
Joseph Michael Wellman	60395414	Mathematics
Josephine Helena Casserly	713027	European Social and Political Studies Office
Joshua Karl Blacker	60121134	English Language and Literature
Judith Tesfaye Kiros	808616	English Language and Literature
Juliet Flynn	50790966	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Karandeep Singh Garcha	60710008	German
Kate Olivia Elizabeth Huckle	704285	History of Art
Kate Rowley	40668255	Archaeology Affiliate
Katherine Street	60372633	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Kesson Shane Magid	39045892	Anthropology
Kim Ashworth	802121	French
Kim Thanh Tran	60379621	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Kirby Jane Stebbing	50752780	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Leah Alexandra Rosenbaum	800305	UCL Medical School
Lei Rachel Zhou	703900	Economics
Leo Alexander Nicholas	726244	Division of Biosciences
Leslie Schumann Kiddoo	702394	English Language and Literature
Liam Patrick Watson	808877	UCL Medical School
Liberty Arabella Kathro	60096119	Faculty of Life Sciences
Lorena Chavez	806090	UCL Medical School
Louie Dartmoor Corpe	727899	Mathematics
Louise Jottrand	40370602	Mathematics

Lucy Catherine Keer	50471364	Mathematics
Lucy Jane Ellis	61254066	Greek and Latin
Lucy Waterfield	60074608	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Maada Jamnel Kailondo	817534	Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering
Malcolm Andras Lesley	41964275	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Mariana Lucila Gimpelewicz	720087	Economics
Marisa Cannon	711832	Italian
Mark Gibson	702714	UCL Medical School
Mark Hoffman	701461	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Mark James Remedios	60125925	Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine
Mary Helen Williamson	60069131	Mathematics
Matthew Appleby	803786	UCL Medical School
Matthew John Pickin	51920577	Division of Biosciences
Matthew Richard Thompson	804836	History
Max Salisbury	50051591	UCL Medical School
Meera Madhavan	702828	UCL Medical School
Megan Whewell	700760	Natural Sciences Office
Michael Davis	60752363	Physics and Astronomy
Miles Robert Bogle	60033140	Institute of Child Health
Miranda Grace Townsend	710415	History of Art
Mishank Jain	701342	UCL Medical School
Mohammed Kaosar Rasul Bari	717217	Mathematics
Myles Simpson	708792	UCL Medical School
Naomi Victoria Russell	810559	Institute of Archaeology
Nathanael Macdonald	51885911	Physiology Affiliate
Niall Philip Carroll Gibson	60677479	Mathematics
Nicola Jayne Challenger	50462395	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Nina Yordanova	812592	German
Oliver Thomas Newman Cook	50319446	UCL Medical School
Omar Rauf	711371	Geography
Patrick John Frings	50500826	Geography
Patrik Bachtiger	800783	UCL Medical School
Paul Kenneth Gordon Gallagher	50161524	UCL Medical School
Paul William Coulter	707896	History
Peter Henry Waddingham	40283265	UCL Medical School
Rachel Proctor	60504	UCL Medical School
Rachel Sim Yu Juan	800130	Economics
Ravi Aggarwal	50565098	UCL Medical School
Ravi Bains	60121204	UCL Medical School
Rebecca Odedun	50059140	Anthropology
Richard Jay Lipson	20277248	Bartlett School of Architecture

Richard Thomas Ovens	705293	UCL Medical School
Rishikesh Patel	713279	Economics
Rita Galuzo	709255	History of Art
Robin David Anthony Tyler	50278660	Geography
Robin Owain Gash	718122	Physics and Astronomy
Rochelle Teixeira De Oliveira	50689969	Biochemical Engineering
Rupert Pang Juin Yeoh	60078488	UCL Medical School
Saishreejith Shreenivas	708557	UCL Medical School
Sam Rixon	808093	Institute of Archaeology
Samuel David Price	802021	History
Samuel Hsiang Lim	60114734	Division of Biosciences
Samuel Yves Crews	703131	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Sarah Hedberg	729761	Biochemical Engineering
Sayed Adil	823734	Division of Biosciences
Scarlet Nazarian	801372	UCL Medical School
Sean Gasper Bye	50673991	Scandinavian Studies
Sebastian James Helliard	804002	UCL Medical School
Sebastian Sahla	710120	History
Serenia Hiu Lam Yip	60738987	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Shawn Sherwin Williams	723889	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Shazma Roshan	717980	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Sian Culley	60119968	Natural Sciences Office
Simon Charles Brears	51268550	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies
Simon Tysoe	804263	Laws
Siobhan Bailey	702786	UCL Medical School
Sol Joseph Pickvance Gamsu	60692	European Social and Political Studies Office
Soraia Tabatabai	34386756	History
Stephanie Clark	702939	UCL Medical School
Susanna Berkouwer	719267	Statistical Science
Sven Schindele	731896	European Social and Political Studies Office
Takae Diana Ishii	60384924	Economics
Thomas Fletcher	60500	Division of Biosciences
Thomas George Bance	709820	Physics and Astronomy
Thomas Lees	711728	Physics and Astronomy
Thomas Webb	809766	Laws
Timothy John Martin	700210	UCL Medical School
Tom Harvey	60646	Division of Biosciences
Tom Peter Allen	710078	English Language and Literature
Toni Natasha Simms	819051	Institute of Archaeology
Tristram Hubbard - Miles	814462	Physics and Astronomy
Upayan Palchaudhuri	803167	UCL Medical School
Varun Manthri	701467	Physics and Astronomy

Victoria Kathleen Joan Stone	702231	UCL Medical School
Vincent Karyadinata	700946	UCL Medical School
Warren Luk	707006	Statistical Science
Will Chambers	810148	UCL Medical School
Will Jenkins	719182	Geography
William Tanner	704455	History
Yajur Vedendra Samaroo	710178	UCL Medical School
Yin Mei Joanne Tan	703593	Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Zoe Samer	833445	SSEES - School of Slavonic & East European Studies

The Chair opened the meeting at 17:10. The Chair introduced members of the Executive Committee. He outlined housekeeping points for the meeting and ran a test vote using the electronic voting technology.

EGM08/1/1 Announcements

EGM08/1/1.1 Debating Society Annual Dinner: this evening from 8:30pm at the Imperial Hotel in Russell Square. Tickets are £5 for the pre-dinner drinks.

NOTED

EGM08/1/1.2 Referendum: "*Should your Union refrain from making a statement that condemns or supports either side of the Israel/Gaza conflict?*". Voting closes at 12 noon tomorrow on the Union website.

NOTED.

EGM08/1/2 Data Protection Act

EGM08/1/2.1 There were no objections to names or initials being published on the internet.

EGM08/1/3 Acceptance of the Agenda

The Chair advised that there were four emergency motions submitted and that each of these would require members to accept them on to the agenda should members feel that they are emergent matters.

EGM08/1/3.1 Emergency motion: to support increased access to medicines and medical technologies developed at UCL in the developing world

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on accepting the emergency motion under Any Other Business on the agenda and the following votes were recorded:

For: 105

Against: 72

Abstentions: 50

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency motion: to support increased access to medicines and medical technologies developed at UCL in the developing world* was

ACCEPTED

on the agenda under Any Other Business.

EGM08/1/3.2 Emergency motion for further action on the campaign against tuition fees

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on accepting the emergency motion under Any Other Business on the agenda and the following votes were recorded:

For: 134

Against: 60

Abstentions: 29

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency motion for further action on the campaign against tuition fees* was

ACCEPTED

on the agenda under Any Other Business.

EGM08/1/3.3 Emergency motion to elect Professor John Foreman Honorary President

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on accepting the emergency motion under Any Other Business on the agenda and the following votes were recorded:

For: 106

Against: 63

Abstentions: 58

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency motion to elect Professor John Foreman Honorary President* was

ACCEPTED

on the agenda under Any Other Business.

EGM08/1/3.4 Emergency motion to campaign to save the medic's bar and other facilities at Huntley Street

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on accepting the emergency motion under Any Other Business on the agenda and the following votes were recorded:

For: 195

Against: 22
Abstentions: 15

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency motion to campaign to save the medic's bar and other facilities at Huntley Street* was

ACCEPTED

on the agenda under Any Other Business.

EGM08/1/3.5 The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on accepting the agenda and the following votes were recorded:

For: 192
Against: 13
Abstentions: 23

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the agenda with the four emergency amendments was

ACCEPTED.

EGM08/1/4 Special Resolutions / Motions

EGM08/1/4.1 Special Resolution for the PGA to be commensurate with RUMS and SSEES in UCL Union's Constitution. [Second Reading]

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer provided a speech proposing the second reading of the Special Resolution.

There was no speech against.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the Special Resolution and the following votes were recorded:

For: 205
Against: 10
Abstentions: 18

The Chair declared that as there was a clear two-thirds majority, the *Special Resolution for the PGA to be commensurate with RUMS and SSEES in UCL Union's Constitution* was

CARRIED.

Special Resolution for the PGA to be commensurate with RUMS and SSEES in UCL Union's Constitution

This Union notes:

- 1. There are approximately 8000 postgraduate students at UCL.*
- 2. That the RUMS and SSEES Student Societies are mentioned in the Union's Standing Orders and that each has a Constitution.*
- 3. That the Postgraduate Association is mentioned in the Union's Standing Orders.*

This Union believes:

- 1. That the Postgraduate Association has an important role in representing the views of postgraduate students to the rest of the Union and to College.*
- 2. That the Postgraduate Association should have equal status within UCL Union's Constitution and Standing Orders, to the RUMS and SSEES Student Societies.*

This Union resolves:

- 1. To amend Section XV.D of UCL Union's Constitution to read:
"The Postgraduate Association (PGA), Royal Free and UCL Medical Students (RUMS) and students of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) shall be Societies of University College London Union and are therefore bound under XV. A, B and C above."*
- 2. To put this Special Resolution onto the agenda of the next General Meeting.*

Proposed by:

Billy Street, 52200900, SSEES History Affiliate

Seconded by:

Sean Clothier, 40086035, English Affiliate

Jim Hunkin, 721944, Public Policy MSc

Olivia Alford, 30512548, SSEES Affiliate

James O'Dwyer, 517, 04092, Physics II

Markus Krumins, 51640871, Physics III

Eu Jet Seow, 50352993, Medicine III

Chris Lagen, 69013087, Archaeology PhD II

Primal Fernando, 40425845, Physics Affiliate

Steve Whittle, 40222057, Maths Affiliate

Alex Karski, 50268557, Classics III

EGM08/1/4.2 Special Resolution to Accept the New Constitution

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer provided a speech proposing the Special Resolution.

Samuel Crews provided a speech against the Special Resolution.

The Chair invited a further round of speeches.

The Finance & Democracy Officer provided a speech for the Special Resolution.

Sol Gamsu provided a speech against the Special Resolution.

Samuel Crews requested a point of information asking the proposer to explain the proposed make up of the Union's trustees and how the provision for two trustees being members of UCL staff makes the Union more independent.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that the make up of the trustees was drawn from the student

consultation and had been considered at Union Council. He further advised that the proposed composition was made up of six student sabbatical officers, six student members and five non-student members (two UCL alumni, two UCL staff members and one professional lay member).

Jo Casserley requested a point of information on why the proposed trustees were not all students, when UCL Union was a students' union.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer stated that his earlier response answered this question.

Gregory Wyatt requested a point of information as to what the Charity Commission's threat to the Union would be.

The Finance & Democracy Officer responded that when legal advice was sought about this point, the legal advice was that UCL Union would need to make the necessary changes in order to register with the Charity Commission otherwise the Commission would make the changes as they saw fit.

The Promotions & Entertainments Officer requested a point of information as to whether it was true that further changes to the Constitution could be considered at a later date.

The Finance & Democracy Officer responded that this was indeed the case and further changes could be proposed to future general meetings.

James Skuse requested a point of information asking why the outcome of the student consultation was not publicised.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that the outcome of the student consultation was reported to Union Council and their minutes were available through the Union's website.

Amanda Smith requested a point of information from the speaker against asking whether the speaker believes that the Constitution has to be a compromise.

Sol Gamsu responded that it has to be a compromise but the question is whether the proposed model is a good one.

Franciscus Prins requested a point of information from the proposer about why no confidence in a trustee required a quorum of 20%.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that the student consultation wanted the quorum level to be set high to differentiate the process and severity of no confidence in a trustee.

Samuel Crews requested a point of information asking if the quorum level for rescinding the Constitution was set at 10%, why this is considered to be insufficient for the removal of a trustee.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that the removal of trustees was not a political point and should be distinct from political processes.

The Finance & Democracy Officer added that trustees could also be removed by a resolution of the other trustees.

Samuel Crews requested a point of information asking why non-student trustees were appointed by the Executive and could hold office for eight years in total.

The Finance & Democracy Officer responded that all members of UCL Union vote in the Union's elections to ensure they hold the Executive to account.

Andrew Tranter requested a point of information about whether the Charity Commission had issued a deadline to register and why the Executive would appoint the non-student trustees.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that the deadline was likely to be for the period of one year from when registrations began. He further responded that the proposal for the Executive to appoint the non-student trustees was because general meetings in the past have frequently been inquorate and Union Council would not meet until further into the first term.

Asif MacHhada raised the point of order to move to the vote on the special resolution.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the procedural motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 172

Against: 41

Abstentions: 19

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the procedural motion to move to the vote was

CARRIED.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the special resolution and the following votes were recorded:

For: 147

Against: 53

Abstentions: 29

The Chair declared that as there was a clear two-thirds majority, the Special Resolution to Accept the New Constitution was

CARRIED.

Special Resolution to Accept the New Constitution

This Union Notes:

- 1. The 2006 Charities Act.*
- 2. This new law dictates that student unions must register with the Charities Commission to become independent of their 'parent institutions'.*

3. *At the moment, the Union is not registered as it enjoys protection from its 'parent institution' which is UCL.*
4. *When the Charities Act comes into force, the Union will automatically no longer have the protection of UCL.*
5. *Council's policy to define a trustee board and a mission statement after consultation with the student body.*
6. *Council's advice on the make-up and nature of the trustee board and mission statement.*

This Union Believes:

1. *The attached appendix is the best representation of collated student feedback from the survey and focus groups, Council's collective view, and the legal advice that the Sabbatical Officers sought.*
2. *The attached appendix will place the Union in a position to register with the Charities Commission.*
3. *The new trustee board will only have power to veto Union activities based on financial and legal considerations, leaving the policy making, management, and strategic direction of the Union in the hands of the student body.*
4. *The new TrusteeBoard's actions are strictly controlled in the attached appendix.*
5. *The Trustee Board will be accountable to the student body through Referenda or through representation on the board itself.*
6. *The new constitution gives powers to the Union which are a legal necessity but will not change the way the Union is run or managed.*
7. *The constitution is otherwise unchanged.*

This Union Resolves:

1. *To accept the attached appendix as the Union's new Constitution¹.*
2. *To operate under the new constitution from the beginning of the academic year 2009-2010.*
3. *To mandate Council to agree on the necessary additions to the Standing Orders by the end of this academic year.*
4. *To appoint and elect the trustees in the upcoming October Elections for an inaugural board meeting in the first term of 2009-2010.*

Proposer:

Billy Street

SSEES History Affiliate

52200900

Seconders:

¹ Appendix 1 - Constitution

<i>Ed Steward</i>	<i>History Affiliate</i>	40135263
<i>Kate Rowley</i>	<i>Archaeology Affiliate</i>	40668255
<i>Jen Currigan</i>	<i>Medicine Affiliate</i>	20266356
<i>Charlie Clinton</i>	<i>Laws Affiliate</i>	50082506
<i>Nathanael Macdonald</i>	<i>Physiology Affiliate</i>	51885911
<i>Amanda Smith</i>	<i>Medicine</i>	50052794
<i>David Edwards</i>	<i>SSEES Social Sciences</i>	50098138
<i>Jesse Panthagani</i>	<i>Medicine</i>	700521
<i>James Hodgson</i>	<i>Geography</i>	60101402
<i>W. Y. Sam</i>	<i>Physics</i>	702488

EGM08/1/5 Any Other Business

EGM08/1/5.1 Emergency Motion to Support Increased Access to Medicines and Medical Technologies Developed at UCL in the Developing World

Beth Sampson provided a speech proposing the emergency motion.

There were no amendments.

There was no speech against.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the emergency motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 185

Against: 19

Abstentions: 17

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency Motion to Support Increased Access to Medicines and Medical Technologies Developed at UCL in the Developing World* was

CARRIED.

Emergency Motion: To Support Increased Access to Medicines and Medical Technologies Developed at UCL in the Developing World

This Union Notes:

- 1. That UCL is one of the biggest research institutions in the UK, is ranked 7th in the world (The Times:QS World University Rankings) and shows increasing concern for a positive global impact and social responsibility in it's activities (UCL's mission statement).*
- 2. UCL does research into medicines and medical technologies (for an example see Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise).*
- 3. Patents that result from this research are licensed to companies for development and production.*

EGM08/1/5.2 Emergency Motion for further action on the campaign against tuition fees

Sol Gamsu provided a speech proposing the emergency motion.

There were no amendments.

Amanda Smith provided a speech against the emergency motion.

Sol Gamsu requested a point of information on whether the speaker was aware of the relevant parts of the Standing Orders which relate to the delegation voting at NUS Conferences.

Amanda Smith responded that she was aware of the relevant parts of the Standing Orders.

Sol Gamsu requested a point of information as to whether the speaker would consider that the NUS President was acting undemocratically as he was proposing an alternative to the NUS Conference policy for free education.

The Education Officer requested a point of information on whether the speaker felt that free education could be a future vision.

Amanda Smith responded that she felt it was fine to have free education as a future vision, but we had to be realistic within the current political climate.

Adam Hawken requested a point of information asking the speaker whether she thought that we would need to compromise and if we were to ask for free education the compromise might be that we keep the cap on tuition fees.

Edward Malnick requested a point of information asking the proposer how many billions of pounds will the cost of free education be to the state and whether the proposer had contacted the Chancellor of Exchequer.

Sol Gamsu responded that there are other countries, such as Scotland which can offer free education so saw no problems with the state financing this when others do. He advised the floor that he had not been in contact with the Chancellor of Exchequer.

James Hodgson requested a point of information asking whether other campaigns have a stall at Freshers Fayre.

Sol Gamsu responded that the DisarmUCL campaign had a stall last year.

The Welfare Officer also advised that the student campaign bids for next year were offered the opportunity for stall space at the Freshers Fayre.

Eoin Dore raised the point of order to move to the vote.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the procedural motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 184

Against: 29

Abstentions: 6

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the procedural motion to move to the vote was

CARRIED.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 119

Against: 78

Abstentions: 23

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency Motion for further action on the campaign against tuition fees* was

CARRIED.

Emergency Motion for further action on the campaign against tuition fees

This union notes:

- 1. That the "Motion on the state of higher education (HE) and the future of HE finance", which states UCLU's support for free, state-funded higher education, was passed by a majority of more than 3 to 1 at the AGM of the 27th February.*
- 2. That the NUS document "Five Foundations for an Alternative Funding System" accepts the need for student contributions to university funding, provides no concrete proposals for an alternative funding system and implicitly rules out the possibility of free, state-funded HE .*
- 3. That the NUS leadership, in particular Wes Streeting, openly opposes campaigning for free, state-funded university study and will likely bring motions proposing a system of graduate taxation as an alternative to the current system.*
- 4. That the NUS' current policy does in theory support free education though this will lapse at the next conference (31st-2nd April 2009).*
- 5. That in line with point G, part III "NUS Conference Delegates", Section 12 "NUS Conference" of the standing orders, all NUS delegates shall submit a report to Union Council recording their voting for motions and amendments as well as their voting preferences in NUS National Executive Committee elections.*
- 6. That following previous conferences the above reports were not submitted or were submitted incorrectly.*
- 7. That in line with points B and C, part V "Voting", Section 12 "NUS Conference" of the standing orders all delegates must vote according to UCLU policy, instructions from a General Meeting or Union Council. They may abstain on matters of principle.*
- 8. That students from across Europe will come together in Louvain Belgium on the 28th and 29th April, outside a meeting of EU education ministers, to*

protest against reforms to their education system which are being implemented as part of the Bologna Process .

9. *That Fresher's Fayre will take place in the first term of the next academic year.*
10. *That unless exceptional arrangements are made (as with Disarm campaign in previous years) campaigns do not have stalls at Fresher's or Re-Fresher's Fayre.*
11. *That the report, Changing landscapes: future scenarios for variable tuition fees commissioned by Universities UK (UUK) describes a number of potential outcomes if HE finance is adjusted in various different ways, all of which include an increase in the financial burden on students. The claims of this report about the impact of tuition fees on student intake and experience are the subject of academic debate.*
12. *That in response to the UUK Report a facebook group was created last week opposing higher fees and implicitly supporting free education. It now has over 100,000 members.*
13. *That, as stated in previous motions, many vice-chancellors support an increase in fees.*
14. *That vice-chancellors' pay increased by an average of 9% in 2007-2008 on the previous year .*
15. *That UCL's Provost Malcolm Grant earned E29S621 the sixth highest wage of any university vice-chancellor an increase of 10.1% on 2006-2007 and that this is greater than the wage of the prime minister (£187,000)*

This union believes:

1. *That unless NUS should fight for the interests of its members and act in line with its policy mandates rather than ignoring them because of careerism or personal politics of the leadership.*
2. *That the NUS should commit to fighting in the long term for free education as the funding system which best serves students' interests.*
3. *That NUS Delegates are UCL students elected for and by students and should therefore be accountable and open about their actions whilst at NUS conference.*
4. *That engaging with student issues nationally and internationally is a key function of a student's union.*
5. *That students, and UCL students represented through UCLU, should have a voice in international decisions which affect our education, such as the meeting at Leuven in Belgium this April.*
6. *That campaigning and making links with students internationally is an important element to successfully campaigning on issues such as education.*
7. *That as many UCL students as possible should be kept informed of current relevant developments in Education policy, whether that be on tuition fees and issues of HE funding or other areas of reform such as visa restrictions, job cuts to academic staff and so on.*

8. *That it is a disgrace that university leaders such as our own should be calling for higher fees from students on national television (see BBC interview with the Provost) whilst enjoying massive salaries.*
9. *That the UUK report is a vulgar statement of self-interest by University Chancellors, who ask for higher fees when students are facing a harsher economic situation both during and after their studies.*
10. *That universities such as UCL should not be increasing fees for international or postgraduate students or calling for increased undergraduate fees at a time of economic crisis. This amounts to the exploitation of increased demand for places by students attempting to escape the recession.*
11. *That UUK's report finds exactly what its commissioners (i.e. vice-chancellors) wanted -justification for higher fees for students.*

This Union resolves:

1. *To mandate all NUS delegates to vote in line with UCLU policy on HE finance - to vote for any motions supporting free, state-funded higher education and against any motions presenting alternative funding models.*
2. *To re-state the requirement that all delegates submit a report on the NUS conference in line with the Standing Orders.*
3. *To mandate the Education Officer to ensure that every delegate does so and to ensure that all such reports are posted on the UCLU noticeboard on the website.*
4. *To offer financial assistance from UCLU's campaign budget towards travel costs for a UCL delegation of up to five students who wish to attend the demonstrations in Leuven on the 28th April 2009 on condition that they submit a report to Union Council before the end of term 3. Students should nominate themselves and if necessary be voted through at a meeting of the Sabbatical Executive or Union Council, whichever is soonest.*
5. *To provide a stall at Freshers' Fayre and Re-Fresher's Fayre in the next academic year 2009-10 to free education campaigners. This stall should be situated in the societies section and be subject to the same conditions.*
6. *To provide a button on the UCLU website frontpage providing a link to all events and news items of relevance relating to HE Funding and UCL's stance of free education. The Education Officer is responsible for updating this though any students may submit news items to the Education Officer who will then ensure the item is posted.*

Proposer:

Sol Gamsu, ESPS II, 60692

Seconders:

Jo Casserly, ESPS 2, 713027

Richard Shepherd, History 2, 706939

Sean Rymell, ESPS 2, 721958

G Ward, ESPS 2, 701910

Robert Young, ESPS 4, 51459206

Philippa Owen ESPS 2, 702937
Alex Constantinou, SSEES History, 716148
Pardaad Chamsaz, Modern Languages, 707087
Nisar Pazei, Chemistry,
Miriam Davey, Linguistics, 61948176
Jack Carlyle, Astrophysics, 60597
Radhika Patel, Physics, 701609

**EGM08/1/5.3 Emergency Motion to elect Professor John Foreman
Honorary President**

The Communications & Services Officer provided a speech proposing the emergency motion.

There were no amendments.

There was no speech against.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 163

Against: 10

Abstentions: 33

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority, the *Emergency Motion to elect Professor John Foreman Honorary President* was

CARRIED.

Emergency Motion to elect Professor John Foreman Honorary President

This Union Notes:

- 1. That UCLU has no President, and currently no Honorary President.*
- 2. Section I. X. A-D of the Standing Orders, allowing us to elect an Honorary President at a General Meeting for the duration of the following academic year.*
- 3. That the Honorary President has no actual power, but is required to further the aims of the Union however they can according to their particular qualifications (Section I. X. C).*
- 4. That Professor John Foreman is the ex-dean of students, having served in the position for many years.*
- 5. That Union Colours committee has the job of recognising those who have made contributions to the Union,*
- 6. That the Union Colours Committee recommended that we put Professor Foreman up for election to be Honorary President.*

This Union Believes:

- 1. That as Dean of Students Professor Foreman provided both material and emotional support to the Union and its students*

1. *That it is important to recognise individuals who have supported our Union and its students.*
2. *That Professor Foreman is one such individual.*
3. *That Professor Foreman would be an ideal candidate for Honorary President on the grounds of his long running experience of and dedication to the Union and its students.*

This Union Resolves

1. *To elect Professor John Foreman to be our Honorary President for the Academic Year 2009/10.*

Proposers:

Charlie Clinton, Laws, Affil., 50082506

Seconders:

Nathanael Macdonald, Biomedical Sciences Afil., 5188911

Jen Currigan, Medicine Afil., 20266356

Giovanna Amorosi, MAPS, 60225133

Billy Street, SSEES Afil., 52200960

Kate Rowley, Archaeology Afil., 40668255

Tom Harvey, Biosciences, 60646

Meg Kobza, History, 838055

Guy Woodward, EE., 50802203

Lucy Emmerson, History, 704639

Elizabeth Aspinall, Mathematics, 50094141

EGM08/1/5.4 Emergency Motion to Campaign to Save the Medics' Bar and Other Facilities at Huntley Street

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer provided a speech proposing the emergency motion.

Gregory Wyatt requested a point of information asking whether the proposer was aware of any plans that indicated UCL would demolish the Huntely Street building.

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer responded that he was aware of talks about this eventuality and it cast a dark shadow over the future of the facility.

Liz Aspinall proposed an amendment to strike the word "medical" in point 2 of Union resolves and replace it with "all".

The Medical & Postgraduate Students' Officer, as the proposer accepted the amendment.

There was no speech against.

The Chair moved the meeting to a recorded vote on the motion and the following votes were recorded:

For: 191

Against: 8

Abstentions: 5

The Chair declared that as there was a clear majority,
*Emergency Motion to Campaign to Save the Medics' Bar and
Other Facilities at Huntley Street* was

CARRIED.

***Emergency Motion to Campaign to Save the Medics' Bar and Other
Facilities at Huntley Street***

This Union Notes:

- 1. The existence of wide-ranging facilities at Huntley Street.*
- 2. That there are roughly 2,000 medical students at UCL, almost all of which study for five years.*
- 3. The active medical student social community through RUMS.*
- 4. The motion to campaign Huntley Street's facilities did not get heard at the Union Annual General Meeting on February 27th.*

This Union Believes:

- 1. Huntley Street is a great asset to UCL Union.*
- 2. Medical students have a strong and vibrant social scene, in which tradition, a successful history, and unique events are embedded.*
- 3. Medical students make up the overwhelming majority of the members of the RUMS Sports Teams and Societies.*
- 4. The sports teams need a medics' bar in order to hold their Sports' Night. This must be clearly distinct to the bars which house UCLU's teams, as the bars at 25 Gordon Street do not have the capacity to accommodate this large body of students.*
- 5. Medical Students require social facilities for a much greater percentage of the year than ordinary undergraduate students.*
- 6. The Union must have a medic-orientated bar in order to accommodate the medical student social life.*
- 7. If the medics' bar is simply moved to 25 Gordon Street, a large part of the RUMS identity will be lost.*
- 8. Other societies make full use of the facilities at Huntley Street, such as the Dent Room (Masaryk Society, Francophonia, ect), Media Offices (Pi, Rare FM), the photography studios, the stage, and the music practice rooms.*
- 9. The space and facilities make Huntley Street is an asset to both medical students and the wider UCLU student community.*
- 10. The uncertain nature of Huntley Street's future is becoming more apparent, and UCLU needs to act soon to protect the medics' bar and the other facilities at Huntley Street.*
- 11. The time sensitive nature of this campaign necessitates that this should be considered as an Emergency Motion.*

This Union Resolves:

1. *That the Medical and Postgraduate Officer will lead a campaign with the aim of ensuring the facilities provided by Huntley Street are saved.*
2. *That the Medical and Postgraduate Officer will report on this progress to Council and to all students.*

Proposers:

Billy Street, SSEES History, Afil., 52200900

Seconders:

Ed Steward, History Afil., 40135263

Kate Rowley, Archaeology Afil., 40668255

Jen Currigan, Medicine Afil., 20266356

Charlie Clinton, Laws Afil., 50082506

Nathanael Macdonlad. Physiology Afil., 51885911

Giovanna Amorosi, MAPS, 60225133

Andrew Caddy, History of Art, 50719875

Nicki Challinger, SSEES, 50462395

Dave Edwards, SSEES, 50098138

Elizabeth Aspinall, Mathematics, 50094141

As there was no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 6:05pm.

Appendix 1

CONSTITUTION OF UCL UNION

This Constitution applies to the joint functions and activities of University College London Men's Union Society and University College London Women's Union Society (the "**Component Unions**"), under the provisions of the Federation Agreement of 1954, and independent of the rules of each Society in relation to matters outside the scope of the Federation Agreement. Nothing in this Constitution shall contravene the provisions of the Trust Deeds dated respectively 10th August, 1910 and 17th April, 1911 referred to in the said Federation Agreement, or Charter, Statutes and Regulations for management of UCL (the "**College**").

The Union's mission statement is:

UCL Union: Supporting, serving and empowering UCL students.

I. Name

- A. The Union being a constituent part of UCL shall be called "UCL Union" (the "**Union**").

II. Objects

- A. The objects of the Union (the "**Objects**") are the advancement of education of students of the College for the public benefit by:
1. providing for the intellectual, cultural, social and physical recreation of members;
 2. representing students of the College on any matter that has a legitimate student interest;
 3. fostering and encouraging the freedom of speech, expression, assembly and association amongst members;
 4. providing equality and opportunity for all its members;
 5. remaining a democratic, student lead organisation independent of any political party or religious body;
 6. implementing these Objects in a socially and environmentally responsible manner;
 7. providing welfare support for the membership.

III. Powers

- A. To further its objects, but not otherwise, the Union may:
1. provide services and facilities (including licensed facilities) for members;
 2. establish, support, promote and operate a network of student activities for members;
 3. alone or with other organisations carry out campaigning activities in relation to the development and implementation of appropriate policies;
 4. purchase lease, hire or receive property including land, buildings and equipment and equip it for use;
 5. sell, manage, lease, mortgage, exchange, dispose of or deal with all or any of its property (subject to any consent required by law);

6. borrow and raise money on such terms and security as the Union may think suitable (subject to any consent required by law);
7. raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person(s) provided that the Union shall not undertake any taxable trading activities in raising funds;
8. invest and deal with the Union's money not immediately required for its objects in or upon any investments, securities, or property;
9. delegate the management of investments to an appropriately experienced and qualified financial expert;
10. open and operate banking accounts; and
11. do all such other lawful things as shall further the Union's objects.

IV. Membership: Eligibility

- A. All registered students at the College shall automatically be ordinary members of the Union.
- B. Students who do not wish to be members of the Union or any of its Clubs or Societies may opt out according to the procedures set out in the Standing Orders and shall not be unfairly disadvantaged, with regard to the provision of services or otherwise, by reason of their having done so.
- C. Associate membership of the Union shall be open to all members of the College staff (including honorary members of the academic staff), Union staff, Fellows of the College, past students of the College and those who are employed by the College upon payment of the relevant membership fee, as laid down by Union Council.
- D. Honorary Life Membership of the Union may be granted by a Special Resolution of Union Council.
- E. Visiting membership of the Union may be granted by the Council to members of Students' Unions or equivalent societies in other Colleges or Universities for a period not exceeding twelve months, upon payment of a membership fee as defined in Standing Orders for membership of the Union.

V. Membership: Privileges

- A. Every member of the Union shall be entitled to the privileges as shown below:
 1. to use the rooms and facilities of the Union in accordance with regulations approved by Union Council;
 2. to attend and bring visitors to functions in accordance with regulations approved by Union Council;
 3. to membership of any or all Clubs and Societies subject to their regulations;
 4. to membership in the case of male members of the Men's Union Society and in the case of female members of the Women's Union Society.
- B. In addition only those members who are registered students of the College shall be entitled:
 1. to represent the Union in athletic or other activities if selected by the appropriate authority;

2. to serve as officers or in leadership roles in any or all Clubs and Societies subject to their regulations;
3. to participate in Union General Meetings, to vote in elections or to seek office in the Union or any of its Societies, subject to the Standing Orders;
4. to membership privileges of the National Union of Students in respect of the capitation fee paid by the Union.

VI. Discipline

- A. Any member whose conduct is considered prejudicial to the reputation or administration of the Union may be disciplined as outlined in the Standing Orders subject to the right of appeal to a General Meeting.
- B. If the member is not satisfied by the decision of the General Meeting, they may appeal to an external panel convened by the College. This panel may overturn the decision of the General Meeting.

VII. Government of the Union

- A. The Union, its Trustees, and its officers shall at all times act within the general law and this Constitution.

IX. Government: Appointment of Trustees

- A. The charity trustees of the Union (the "**Trustees**") shall be made up of the following persons:-
 1. the six sabbatical officers of the Union (the "**Sabbatical Trustees**");
 2. not more than six students of the College elected in accordance with Paragraph D of this Clause IX (the "**Student Trustees**");
 3. not more than five individuals appointed in accordance with Paragraph E of this Clause IX (the "**External Trustees**").
- B. Prior to their appointment, each Trustee must sign a declaration confirming that they understand the duties imposed on charity trustees and is willing to act as a trustee of the Union.
- C. Sabbatical Trustees are elected for a term of 12 months.
- D. Up to six Student Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the Union at an election to be held in accordance with the Standing Orders and shall remain in office for a term of 12 months.
- E. The Executive shall appoint by a simple majority of those present and voting:-
 - two members of College staff;
 - two individuals who are alumni of the College and graduated from the College at least five years previously;
 - one individual who is not a student, alumni or staff member of the College,as they consider suitable to be charity trustees (having regard to their skills and experience), as External Trustees. Names of suitable candidates shall be proposed to the Executive by a panel which will be formed in accordance with and act within with the Union's Human Resources policies. Unless their appointment is terminated in accordance with Clause XV, External Trustees shall

remain in office for terms of up to four years calculated from the date of appointment. The first External Trustees shall draw lots to decide which two External Trustees shall retire two years after the date of their appointment. The remaining first External Trustees shall retire four years after the date of their appointment.

X. Government: Trustees' powers and duties

- A. The Trustees shall be responsible for overseeing the management and administration of the Union. The Trustees shall have ultimate responsibility for:-
the governance of the Union; and
the budget of the Union.
- B. The Trustees shall provide the Union Council with a regular update of their meetings and decisions either orally or in writing.

XI. Government: Trustee delegation

- A. The Trustees may delegate any of their powers or the implementation of any of their resolutions to any committee which may comprise of such of their number (if any) as the resolution may specify. The meetings and proceedings of any committee shall be governed by this Constitution and the Standing Orders regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Trustees.
- B. The committee shall report regularly to the Trustees, and any resolution passed or decision taken by any such committee shall be reported as soon as possible to the Trustees.

XII. Government: Trustee payments

- A. The Trustees may be paid all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of Trustees, committees of Trustees, or General Meetings of the Union or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.
- B. Sabbatical Trustees may receive a reasonable and proper payment for their work but:
 - 1. only if the procedure described in Clause XVI of the Constitution is followed in relation to the Sabbatical Trustee; and
 - 2. subject always to the provisions of section 22 of the Education Act 1994 (as amended, revoked, consolidated or re-enacted in any form)except that at no time shall a majority of the Trustees benefit under this provision and provided that any such Trustee shall withdraw from any meeting at which their appointment or payment or that of his or her partner is under discussion.

XIII. Government: Trustee Chair

- A. The chair of the Trustees (the "**Trustee Chair**") shall be a Sabbatical Trustee and shall preside at Trustee meetings. The Sabbatical Trustees shall agree a rotation of the role of Trustee Chair between the Sabbatical Trustees so it is clear which Sabbatical Trustee shall act as the Trustee Chair of each Trustee meeting. If the Sabbatical Trustee nominated to act as Trustee Chair is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes

after the time appointed for the meeting, the Trustees present may appoint another Sabbatical Trustee to chair the meeting.

XIV. Government: Trustee meetings

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Standing Orders, the Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit.
- B. Any three Trustees may call a meeting of the Trustees. Notice of every meeting of the Trustees stating the general particulars of all business to be considered at such meeting shall be sent by post or by electronic communication to each Trustee at least five working days before such meeting unless urgent circumstances arise and a simple majority of the Trustees agree in writing to a meeting being called with two or more working days notice. The proceedings of any meeting shall not be deemed invalid due to any irregularity in respect of such notice of by reason of any business being considered which is not specified in such general particulars.
- C. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Trustee Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- D. No business may be dealt with at a meeting of the Trustees unless at least nine Trustees are present including at least one External Trustee and at least one Sabbatical Trustee (to act as Trustee Chair).
- E. The Trustees may continue to act despite any vacancies in their number but, if and so long as the number of Trustees is less than the number fixed as a quorum in Paragraph D of this Clause XIV, the Trustees may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Trustees to that number or of arranging an election but for no other purpose.
- F. All acts done by a meeting of Trustees, or of a committee of Trustees, or by a person acting as a Trustee shall, even if afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any Trustee (apart from the selection or election procedure), that any of them were disqualified from holding office, had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Trustee and had been entitled to vote.
- G. A meeting of the Trustees may be held either in person or by teleconference or by other suitable electronic means agreed between the Trustees in which all participants may communicate simultaneously with all other participants.
- H. The Trustees shall hold a minimum of one meeting in each College term.

XV. Government: Disqualification and Removal of Trustees

- A. The office of Trustee shall be vacated if:-
 1. they become prohibited by law from being a charity trustee;
 2. they become bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with their creditors generally;
 3. they are or may be suffering from mental ill health and the other Trustees believe that they have become incapable of

fulfilling their duties as a Trustee and as a result the Union is put at risk;

4. they resign their office by three months' notice to the Union (but only if at least two Trustees remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect); or
5. they are absent from three consecutive meetings of the Trustees without good cause.

B. The office of Trustee shall be vacated if:-

1. a petition for a Referendum on the motion of no confidence in the Trustee is signed by at least 5% of the members of the Union or such a motion for a Referendum is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Union Council and the motion of no confidence is passed by Referendum held in accordance with the Standing Orders requiring a simple two-thirds majority of members voting on the motion provided that 20% or more of the total membership votes; or
2. they are removed by a resolution by three-quarters of those Trustees present and voting for failing to act in the best interests of the Union.

C.

1. A resolution to remove a Trustee in accordance with this Clause XV shall not take effect unless the Trustee concerned has been given at least 14 clear days' notice in writing that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify removal from office, and has been forwarded a reasonable opportunity of being heard or making written representations to the other Trustees.
2. A Trustee removed from office in accordance with Paragraph B of this Clause XV only shall be entitled to appeal the decision to remove them to an appeal body (the "**Appeal Body**") within 14 days of the resolution. The Appeal Body shall be a sub-committee of the College Council as nominated by the College Council.

D.

1. If a Sabbatical Trustee or a Student Trustee retires, is disqualified or is removed from office, the Union may hold a By-Election to appoint a replacement in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the Standing Orders of the Union.
2. If an External Trustee retires, is disqualified, or is removed from office, the Executive may appoint a replacement in accordance with Paragraph E of Clause IX.

XVI. Government: Trustees' conflict of interest

- A. Whenever a Trustee has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting and whenever a Trustee has an interest in another organisation whose interests are reasonably likely to conflict with those of the Union in relation to a matter to be discussed at a meeting, they must:-
1. declare an interest before discussion begins on the matter;
 2. withdraw from that part of the meeting unless expressly invited to remain;

3. in the case of personal interests not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and
4. in the case of personal interests withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

VIII. Government: Referenda

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the appropriate Standing Orders, a Referendum shall override decisions of any General Meeting, Union Council or any Union Committee except for Establishment Committee whose business shall not be discussed in any Referendum.
- B. A Referendum may consider any matter that is raised correctly according to the Standing Orders for Referenda. The notice of a Referendum and the quorum and procedure for Referenda shall be as laid out in the Standing Orders for Referenda.
- C. Decisions made by a Referendum shall be subject to the approval of the Trustees on the following grounds only:
 1. financial considerations;
 2. charity law or other legal requirements (including ultra vires).

XVIII. Government: General Meetings

- A. Every student member of the Union shall be entitled to attend General Meetings.
- B. There shall be three types of General Meeting: an Annual General Meeting (AGM), a Welcome General Meeting (WGM), and an Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).
- C. An AGM shall be held once per annum in the first or second term and the WGM shall be held once per annum in the first term.
- D. Decisions made at any General Meeting of the members shall override those made at Union Council or any Union Committee subject to the standing orders for General Meetings.
- E. A General Meeting may consider any matter, except an establishment matter, that is raised correctly according to the Standing Orders for General Meetings. The quorum of General Meetings shall be as laid out in the Standing Orders for General Meetings. Notice and procedure for General Meetings shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders for General Meetings.
- F. Decisions made by a General Meeting shall be subject to the approval of the Trustees on the following grounds only:
 1. financial considerations; and
 2. charity law or other legal requirements (including ultra vires).

XIX. Government: Sectional Meetings

- A. A Sectional meeting of men or of women may be called to deal with matters affecting them differently. The quorum for a Sectional Meeting shall be 100 voting members.

XVII. Government: Union Council

- A. Union Council (the "**Council**") shall be the policy making body of the Union and shall be responsible for the formulation of Union policy, except when policy is determined by Referendum or General Meeting as outlined in this Constitution. Council shall

exercise the powers of the Union, save those required to be exercised by the Trustees, a General Meeting or Referendum, or in some other manner under the terms of the Federation Agreement.

- B. Decisions made at Council override those made at any Union Committee or Associated Society Committee subject to the Standing Orders.
- C. Decisions made by Council shall only be subject to the approval of the Trustees on the following grounds:
 - 1. financial considerations; and
 - 2. charity law or other legal requirements (including ultra vires).
- D. In an emergency, in the event of Union Council not being readily available, the Executive shall exercise plenary powers subject to report to Union Council. Before exercising such plenary powers members of the Executive shall so far as practicable consult the other members of the Executive.
- E. Council shall consist of the following members:
 - 1. the Executive as outlined in the Standing Orders for the Executive. When necessary, one of the Sabbatical officers will assume ultimate responsibility according to the terms of reference of their posts.
 - 2. General Secretary.
 - 3. Hall Reps as outlined by, and as elected in such a manner as the Standing Orders may determine.
 - 4. Council Members as outlined by, and as elected in such a manner as the Standing Orders may determine.
 - 5. Co-opted between 1 April and 31 July each year, the Sabbatical Officers-Elect whose term of office starts on 1 August following.
 - 6. Four Senior Treasurers, appointed by Union Council, whose duties shall be defined in Standing Orders, provided that at least two of the Senior Treasurers shall normally be members of the academic or academically related staff of the College.
- F. All members of Union Council must be student members of the Union except for the Senior Treasurers. No member of Council may hold more than one of these positions at a time. No Sabbatical Officer may stand for election to a Sabbatical post at the end of their term of office or on any subsequent occasion.

XX. Government: Executive

- A. The Executive shall consist of the Officers of the Union designated in the Standing Orders. The Executive shall function as a means of continuity and co-ordination between Union Council meetings.
- B. Within five days of the Declaration of Nominations for Sabbatical posts each candidate must sign the Contract for Sabbatical Officers as laid out in the Standing Orders by which they will be bound should they be elected.
- C. A member of the Executive may be removed from office if a vote of no confidence is passed in accordance with the Standing Orders in force at the time of their election.

XXI. Government: Union Committees

- A. Union Council may appoint Standing Committees to which may be delegated responsibility for any aspect of the activities of the Union.
- B. In addition any committee of the Union may appoint working parties or sub-committees to which may be delegated any aspect of work of the Committee in question.

XXII. Government: Standing Orders

- A. Union activities shall be regulated by the Standing Orders framed in conformity with the Union Constitution.
- B. Only Union Council, a General Meeting or a Referendum may by Special Resolution make, rescind or amend the Standing Orders subject to the approval of the Trustees on the following grounds:
 - 1. financial considerations; and
 - 2. charity law or other legal requirements (including ultra vires).
- C. Individual Standing Orders may be suspended with the consent of two-thirds of those present and voting at Union Council or a General Meeting, provided that this power is not used to suspend the standing orders relating to quorum or to introduce a substantive motion to the Agenda unless notice in writing has been given to the Finance and Democracy Officer, or if unavailable, another member of Governance committee and the motion has been displayed on the official notice board for not less than three hours immediately preceding the time of the meeting.

XXIII. Elections

- A. The terms of office for all Union posts shall be as laid out in the Standing Orders.
- B. Powers of organisation and discipline of Union elections shall be vested in the Elections Committee and shall be exercised in accordance with the Standing Orders for Elections, provided that any action by Elections Committee in a matter of discipline shall be reported to Union Council and may be varied or rescinded by a Special Resolution of Union Council.
- C. Elections to all Union posts shall be by a secret ballot in which all students of the College who are eligible to vote as determined by the Standing Orders may do so.
- D. All students of the College who are Union members shall be entitled to vote in elections to sabbatical posts.
- E. The College Council shall satisfy itself that elections are fairly and properly conducted.

XXIV. Clubs and Societies

- A. Clubs and Societies shall be those Societies which are answerable to Union Council and whose finances are administered by the Union. The Activities Board may by simple majority admit or exclude such Societies, taking into account the recommendations of the Finance Committee.
- B. The constitution of a Club or Society shall require the approval of the Governance Committee, who shall ensure that all such constitutions comply with the Union's Constitution and Standing Orders. Any changes to existing Club or Society constitutions

must be verified by the Governance Committee, who shall ensure that the proposed changes are introduced under the rules of the old constitution. Societies and Clubs whose constitutions are deemed invalid by Governance Committee shall be required to make the necessary changes.

- C. The constitution of a Club or Society shall also require the approval of the Activities Board, who shall ensure that the objects of the Club or Society do not duplicate those of any existing Club or Society. Any changes to existing Club or Society constitutions must be verified by the Activities Board. Societies and Clubs whose constitutions are not approved by Activities Board shall be required to make the necessary changes.
- D. The procedure to fairly allocate resources to Clubs and Societies is contained in the Standing Orders.
- E. The Royal Free, University College, and Middlesex Medical Students' Society (RUMS), the Postgraduate Association (PGA), and the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (SSEES) Executive Committee shall be Societies of the Union and therefore bound under paragraphs A, B, and C of this clause XXIV.

XXV. Finance

- A. Financial year
The Union financial year shall be from August 1 to July 31 following.
- B. Estimates
 - 1. Estimates for the forthcoming financial year and revised estimates for the current financial year shall be submitted by the Union Finance Committee to the Union Council for presentation to the College as a report, with such explanations, and at such time annually or more frequently as shall be agreed between the College and the Union. This report shall be subject to the approval of the College Council. The College Council shall monitor the Union's expenditure.
 - 2. Detailed allocations within the estimates so submitted shall include such sums as may in the view of the Union, confirmed by the College, be required for the amortisation of debt, the replacement of assets and to meet any other long-term commitments.
- C. Income
 - 1. The financial income of the Union shall include:
 - a. An annual sum payable to the Union by the College, of such amount as shall be determined by the College Council after presentation of the report by the Union and after consultation between the College authorities and the Union.
 - b. A subscription payable by members other than registered students of the College, which shall be fixed by Union Council.
 - c. Such surpluses from Union concerns, functions, and other income receipts as from time to time may accrue.
- D. Expenditure

1. The expenditure of the Union shall be in accordance with the Objects and Powers of the Union as specified in Clause II, and in conformity with the purposes for which grants or subventions are made by the College as shown in the report submitted under paragraph B of this Clause XXV and approved by the College Council, subject, in this latter respect, to a reasonable tolerance to be agreed from time to time with the College.
 2. This report, which shall contain a list of the external organisations to which the Union has made donations in the period to which the report relates and details of those donations, shall be available to any student on request.
- E. Auditors and Accounts
1. The annual account of the Union shall be prepared in such forms as may be agreed from time to time by the College and shall be audited by professional auditors duly appointed by the Union with the approval of the College. The audited accounts, a report by the Union thereon and the auditors report shall be submitted by the Union Finance Committee to Union Council and sent to the College at such a time as may be required by the College.
- F. Financial Regulations
1. The Union shall make regulations for the control and management of Union finances. Changes to these regulations shall require the approval of the College Finance Committee prior to those changes taking effect.

XXVI. Affiliation to Outside Bodies

- A. The Union may not affiliate to any religious, political or other sectarian organisations, other than the NUS and the University of London Union. The Union must comply with the procedure for affiliations set out in the Standing Orders.
- B. A referendum shall be held on affiliation to the NUS and the University of London Union no less than once every three years.

XXVII. Complaints

- A. The Union's complaints procedure is set out in the Standing Orders. Students who are dissatisfied in their dealings with the Union or claim to have been unfairly disadvantaged by reason of their having exercised the right in Clause IV, Paragraph B shall be able to make a complaint under the procedure.

XXVIII. Amendments and Alterations

- A. The Constitution may be added to, amended, or rescinded by a Special Resolution of a General Meeting subject to ratification by a Special Resolution at the following General Meeting.
- B. As required by the Education Act 1994, the College Council has approved this Constitution and all changes to this Constitution shall be forwarded to College Council for their approval prior to those changes taking effect. The College Council will review this Constitution at intervals of not more than five years.

- C. An Amendment to any Special Resolution (other than a drafting amendment) must be posted not later than four days before the discussion of the original resolution.

XXIX. Rider 'A'

- A. Provided that no alteration or addition to this Constitution or the Standing Orders which affects or varies the rights or privileges of the members of either Component Union without similarly affecting or varying the rights or privileges of the Component Union or which otherwise will have the effect of creating any material distinction between the rights or duties of the respective Component Unions shall be effective without written consent of two-thirds of the total members of each of the Component Unions or the sanction of a resolution passed at a separate meeting of the members of each Component Union convened and held in accordance with its rules by a majority of no less than two-thirds of the members present and voting in each of such separate meetings. In the event of any dispute as to whether the rights or privileges of the members of either of the Component Unions may have been affected or varied or whether any material distinction has been created between the rights and duties of the members of the respective Component Unions the question shall be referred to the Provost for the time being of the College.

XXX. Interpretation

- A. In this Constitution, the following shall have the meaning here assigned to them, except where the context requires otherwise:
 - 1. 'an Officer of the Union' shall mean a student elected to a Union Office;
 - 2. 'Official Notice Board' shall mean that notice board from time to time designated by Union Council for the posting of official notices. Notices thus posted shall be deemed to have been given to every member of the Union;
 - 3. 'Special Resolution' shall mean a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at any Union Council or General Meeting, provided that at least fourteen days notice of the proposed motion has been given by posting on the official notice board;
 - 4. 'Union Premises' means the accommodation in College buildings allocated from time to time by the College Council for use of the Union as listed in a schedule from time to time between the College and Union;
 - 5. all phrases and words not defined in this Constitution shall have the meanings given in the Standing Orders.