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# Inquiry on fencing body demanded

A PUBLIC inquiry into the operations of the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation is being sought by the Students' Representative Council of U.C.D., which is supporting the banned Irish international fencer, Larry Gough.

Larry, a U.C.D. student, has publicly denounced the composition of the Irish fencing team now in Mexico, and claims that there is a bias in favour of one particular club.

He was not picked for the team, and appealed to the Irish Olympic Committee, which withdrew his international fencing licence.

In a statement, the U.C.D. Students Representatives Council said that having heard both sides, it adopted by an overwhelming majority, motions calling for Larry's reinstatement; a public enquiry into the I.A.F.F.; an urgency into Larry's suspension by the U.C.D. Fencing Club; and calling on the U.C.D. Athletic Union Council to suspend the U.C.D. Fencing Club

until such time as democratic principles shall prevail."

Larry, who lives at Upper Mount St., Dublin, has appeared in seven internationals and last year was placed sixth in the final of a competition in Turkey—and it was on this that he based his claim to a place on the international team for Mexico.

Last night, he said that he had just confirmed that only one member of the Irish team in Mexico had been placed in international competition.

"There are many more people who have left fencing in this country in the last five years than have stayed in clubs," he said. "They know what has happened, but they have not spoken about it. I lost my world licence for life because I spoke up."