

Council
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Imperial College Union
President's Report
A note by ICU President – Scott Heath

Written Updates:

NSS Response

Albeit a little late, we finally completed the NSS Response to great reviews from college ranging from the Rector, Pro-Rectors and Faculty Principals to Heads of Departments and Students.

We are now working on formulating a method to ensure recommendations are listened to and we can track progress; as well as meeting with Faculty Committees and receptive Departments to see where we can help directly.

Aldwych Meetings

Both myself and Jason attended the Liverpool meeting of Aldwych at the weekend of 22/23 October. The topic of discussion was Post-Graduates and we finally began the process of putting together a proposal supporting a PG loan system.

Elections

We successfully elected the majority of UG Year Reps using the online election system. It went without any major issues, which is impressive considering the scale of the election. Details should be online soon so everyone will be able to find out who their Year Rep is and current discussions are underway as to how we can deliver wider acknowledgement of the Representation System.

Charity Registration

We are moving closer towards formalising the Charity Registration after a meeting of the solicitors with the Trustees. This process will require a dramatic change of the constitution and Council may be asked to indicate its support of this process (Note: the only other alternative is to become a Department of the University!).

Meeting other Institutes

I recently met with Heythrop, RCA and RCM as part of my continuing plan to build a better network with the neighbouring institutes.

With the RCA and RCM we are hoping to start a new tradition of 'Union Tours' where the Art students shall perform at the RCM, the Musicians visit us and we take Clubs/Societies to the RCA.

Rectors Away Day

This was the first time the student union and members of the student body have been invited to attend the Away Day. The topic was 'The Student Experience'.

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What was most surprising (and nice to see) was the number of people highlighting that the need to discuss issues with students more frequently. We hope this is not the only time we are asked to participate in such activities.

Graduation

The Commemoration Day ceremony was a very fun (and tiring) experience.
The Union had a very successful day, taking its highest recorded bar takings.

Cash Machine

The bank we had hoped to receive a cash machine from has pulled out and we are now hoping to find an external company to provide a machine ASAP.
The biggest challenge we have encountered is ensuring the facility is free for all users.

General Manager

On Tuesday the new General Manager, Joe Cooper, will be starting.
I believe the Council, as well as the Union as a whole, should warmly welcome Joe to his new role and also thank the Acting-GM Alex McKee for his invaluable service during the summer.

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Appendix 1 – Meetings Attending by ICU President

Date	Location	Title	Discussion
11 th Oct	College	Scholarship Campaign Board	
12 th	College	NSS Discussion	Meeting with Dean of Students to discuss a paper going to the SEC.
13 th	South Ken	Heythrop Meeting	Met up with counterpart from Heythrop
14 th	Oxford	Student Hubs Visit	
17 th	College	Catch up with Julia	
18 th	College	Undergraduate Admissions Committee	Rather interesting discussions concerning UCAS data, potential changes to English Language Standards, etc.
19 th	College	Commemoration Day	
20 th	College	NSS Response Meeting	Spoke with Pro-Rector (Education) and the Dean of Students about the NSS Response.
21 st	British Academy	Rectors Away Day	
22 nd / 23 rd	Liverpool	Aldwych Group Meeting	Topic: PGs
24 th	College	Library Meeting	
26 th	College	Equality and Diversity Committee	
		Health, Safety and Environment Committee	
27 th	RCA	Tri-Union Meeting	Meeting with myself, the RCA and RCM.
	College	Olympic Strategy Committee	Discussions about the planning for the Olympic Games
	Physics	UG Rep Training	
28 th	College	DUGs Lunch	Opportunity for myself and Jason to meet with DUGs in a casual setting