

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

For those of you who read my report at last Council, I am pleased to say this report will be short.

Written Updates:

**College Working Day**

As mentioned in my last report I was rather displeased to discover that a proposal concerning the College Working Day had been passed by the Strategic Education Committee. The plan has the potential to disrupt Club and Society activity at lunch times as well as the Humanities schedule. I have now emailed the Rector, the Chair of Management Board, to highlight my disagreement with the proposal.

**NSS Response Update**

Myself and Jason are now compiling a document which shall be used to benchmark our success against the NSS Response Recommendations. However I can report:

**Strategic Education Committee (SEC)**

After an excess of 7 years of explaining why we should be part of SEC, I have got the Union 'Observer Status' at all meetings. This is a major step forward in ensuring fair representation of the members of the Union.

**Post Qualification Admissions (PQA)**

I have attended meetings with College concerning PQA and have submitted a Paper to this Council to discuss the matter.

**Student Hubs**

I am pleased to announce that the Trustee Board ratified my proposal to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the charity Student Hubs.

Recruitment is currently underway for a representative for the Union with an aim that they are in place for January.

Student Hubs will help us facilitate activities under the topic: Social Action, Social Enterprise, International Development, Ethical Careers and Environment & Sustainability.

**Council Away Day**

The College Council held their away day just over a week ago. Again another 'first' was set when three students [the Deputy President (Education) included] were invited to join the College Governors.

The topic of conversation focused on Accommodation, seeing the launch of a small task force including myself, the Director of Commercial Services, the Deputy Rector and the Chief Financial Officer and the elements of Community within Imperial. It was highly encouraging to see College Council discuss such Student-centric topics and something I am sure they would not have done a few years ago.

### **IDEA League Conference**

The Deputy President (Education), the ICSMSU President and two members of staff shall be joining me in Aachen to attend the IDEA League Conference later this week.

As Imperial will be the host of the IDEALISTIC sports event in the summer and in light of our distance with the IDEA League we felt it was important to attend this meeting.

Our transport has been funded by College and accommodation by the IDEA League.

### **Education Day**

The College held its regular event, Education Day. Discussions ranged from “Is Higher Education failing our youth” to the new Transferable Skills trial coordinated by the Pro-Rector (Education).

### **Operations Plan**

The new General Manager and Sabbaticals have agreed that, in order to provide a coherent and useful Strategy, the work of last year's Strategic Review should be developed during our Term.

Due to this an Operations Plan has been created to ensure a selection of clear aims are achieved during this year.

### **Meeting with Mark Field (MP for Westminster)**

On Tuesday I shall be meeting with our local MP at Portcullis House.

### **Verbal Updates:**

Student Charter working group

## Appendix 1 – Meetings Attending by ICU President

Date	Location	Title	Discussion
Nov 14th	College	Helping Students Adapt	The second session of the three-course series. Attended up until Council.
15 <sup>th</sup>	College	Visit by Palestinian Students	I entertained a delegation of students from Palestine who were here to experience British Higher Education and student life as part of a British Council funded visit.
17 <sup>th</sup>	College	Donors Reception	An event for the alumni donors of the College. Attended as a member of the Scholarship Campaign Board.
18 <sup>th</sup>	KCLSU	GLA Election Discussion	Continued talks about the GLA Elections and the London student campaign.
21 <sup>st</sup>	College	Meeting with the Rector	Our monthly meeting.
	Union	CSB	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Union	Trustee Board Sub Committee	Discussion on the quarterly accounts
23 <sup>rd</sup>	College	Sabbatical Lunch with the Rector	We finally had the Sabbatical handover lunch with the Rector. A chance for the Sabbs to discuss their campaigns, targets and issues.
24 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Denis Wright (Dean of students)	Our monthly meeting
	College	Undergraduate Admissions Committee	Post-Qualification Admissions and the College's perspective.
	Union	Exec	
25 <sup>th</sup>	College	Council and their Away Day	Away Day discussed the Student Experience
28 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Jane Neary (Commercial Services)	Our monthly meeting
29 <sup>th</sup>	Union	Trustee Board	
30 <sup>th</sup>	College	Education Day	The annual gathering of academically focused individuals at the college.
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Union	Second Interviews	The first of two second interviews for Commercial Services Manager
2 <sup>nd</sup>	College	Second Interviews	The second of two second interviews for Commercial Services Manager
	College	Student Charter Working Group	Second meeting of the SCWG. An initially draft of the document was amended and tasks allocated the Union.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Half day due to appointment		
7 <sup>th</sup>	White City	Visit to Imperial West	Went to the Imperial West Campus expansion to see the progress
8 <sup>th</sup>	British Council	A world of Opportunity	A conference discussing the Governments plans concerning economic growth and innovation in relation to the Higher Education experience.
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	KCLSU	Aldwych	Monthly Aldwych Meeting. Topic of discussion: Access.