

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

Written Updates:

**Strategic Education Committee**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January the Union attended its first meeting of SEC, as members, for 7 years. This is a great success for student representation and a clear sign that the student voice is valued.

**Departmental Plans**

Both the DPE and I attended a meeting with the Principle of the Faculty of Natural Sciences to discuss the Departmental plans to improve the student experience. It was humbling to hear many Departments adopting suggestions from our NSS Response.

**Post Qualification Admissions**

On behalf of the Union I submitted our response to UCAS about the proposed changes to the Universities Admissions System.

**GSA PG Forum**

At 6pm on Thursday, SAF G34 I will be part of an open forum where I will present information about the potential Clayponds closure and proposed plans for Level 0 of Sherfield [The Holland Club and surrounding area]. This will be during Rep Week which I feel is rather fitting as this meeting is designed to gain constructive feedback from PG students.

**ICT Presentation**

Following the Presentation I gave to the Senior Management team from ICT, I have been asked to do a similar style talk to all ICT staff. This will be a great opportunity to inform them of what the clubs, societies and projects do as well as provide a platform to inform them of the systems we wish to see in place.

**Staff Day**

We are intending to hold a small "Open Day" for College staff over the Easter vacation period. It is hoped that this will be a good platform to inform them of what facilities we have in Beit, the services that we offer and to provide Q&A.

**Undergraduate Open Day**

Requests will be going out soon to see whether people wish to assist with the UG Open Day. Volunteers will be required to assist with tours, demonstrations and Q&A. The event is on 20 June.

**Imperial Festival**

There will also be a request for participation in the Imperial Festival, a campus-wide activity with interactive stalls, street performance and much more. Beit Quad will also be part of the festivities. This will happen on Saturday 12 May.

**6 Month Review**

As part of a review of staffing requirements and as preparations for forming the Unions long-term strategy, I performed a '6 month review' with each Sabbatical Officer. This has been highly beneficial and the results of this will be formed into an internal document over the next few weeks.

**The Review**

As part of my aims to introduce an Impact Report, the Union will be creating a one-off magazine called 'The Review.' It is expected to contain details of the Unions successes from all branches (Representation, CSP, Member achievements, etc) and provide a visit for the next 5 months of this year's Sabbatical Team.

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### **Annual Report**

The Union's Annual Report was compiled, signed off and submitted to College Council.

### **Sandwich Courses**

I recently blogged about a potential threat to Industrial-placement Sandwich Courses, seen in the form of the 50% (£4,500) fee. I shall be working hard to see how much scope there is to reduce this levy and will be preparing a paper for the next Union Council about this matter.

### **Bursaries Survey**

The bursaries survey was completed by a record number of participants: 885 compared to the 460 last year. The data will be analysed soon, forming a report for the Fees, Financial Aid and Access Agreement Working Group as well as a written response from the Union.

### **Elections**

By the time of this meeting, nominations will be open for the Sabbatical/Big Elections 2012. I ask all members of Council to encourage people to vote as the higher the participation, the more legitimate the Union is as a voice of the students.

### Verbal Updates:

-College Council and Clayponds

-Aldwych

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Date	Location	Title	Discussion
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	College	Student Recruitment and Admissions Strategy and Operations Committee	UG and PG Open Days Student Focus Groups Prospectus
		Meeting with Denis Wright	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Julia Buckingham	Representation Week
		Prevent Workshop	
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	College	<b>Strategic Education Committee</b>	Formation of a blended learning working group; SEC Away Day; Potential new courses.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Off-Site	Pres/GM Away Day	Morning and Afternoon of discussions and strategy with the General Manager
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Union	CSB – Tours	
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	College	Disciplinary Hearing	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Jenny Higham	Issues relating to medical PG students
		Library Meeting	
		FoNS Departmental Plans	The Departmental Plans which are aimed to enhance the student experience as requested by the Rector.
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Union	Executive Committee	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	FIE	Meeting with Rachel Alcock	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick	Higher Education Summit	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	No significant meetings		
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	College	Meeting with Jane Neary	Clayponds SRASOC plans
		Meeting with John Shermilt	Presentation to ICT Staff in late February
	Victoria	Parliamentary Roundtable Dinner	How to drive economic growth in the UK through technology and manufacturing.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	College	UG Open Day Planning	How to involve Clubs, Soc and Projects in the UG Open Day and how to attract volunteers
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	College	Student Charter Communications	The methods of communicating the “student charter”-esque document.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	College	Undergraduate Admissions Committee	UCAS student numbers plans for the UG open day 2012 Entry to Mathematics
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	College	Olympic Strategy Committee	Plans for involving the College in the Olympics, etc.
		Pre-PRB Holland Club discussion	The potential alternative floor-plan of the Holland Club space. Attended by JN, SR and the Holland Club Committee.
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Simon Buckle	First official meeting with the Pro-Rector (International)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	College	Meeting with Jane Neary	Monthly Sabbatical catch up: Wilson house, Sherfield Level 0, Open day plans.
	Union	GSA Catch up	Clayponds and Holland Club
	College	Meeting with John Cash	Future Alumni Strategy
		Imperial Festival Planning Group	The activities going on in Level 1 of the Union relating to student enterprise.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	College	Council Pre-Dinner Presentation	Future Alumni Strategy
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	College	Council	
	Bristol	Aldwych	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol	Aldwych	