

Imperial College Union

Deputy President (Welfare) Report

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Welfare Action Plan & Welfare Survey

The Welfare Action Plan was presented at QAAC and generally well received. Since then I have also presented it at the Disabilities Action Committee and The Student Welfare Committee, both of these committees also welcomed the plan. The final version of the questions for the SES have been submitted to registry after my proposed changes were agreed with at the Survey Group Working Party. The SES is planned to run alongside November SOLE again, I am investigating the possibility of prizes for completion. I would really like to get over 50% completion rate this year.

Extended Student Support opening hours

This is part of the Welfare action plan. I am continuing to work with and lobby College to extend the opening hours of both the counselling services and the disabilities advisory service. I think at least one late opening night of both of these services would be helpful to students who are already feeling overwhelmed with work.

Buddy Scheme

At the time of writing this report the Mums and Dads event is scheduled to take place on 25th – myself or Doug can give a verbal report on the success.

TV screen strategy

I have been working on this with Doug and Denis Wright on this. The aim is to utilise the TV screens all over college to display helpful welfare information and information about academic representation. The TV screens are not centrally controlled so this makes it tough to change the information frequently. The current plan is to have info about College tutors, Disabilities and Counselling as far as the welfare side of it goes.

‘Green Week’

The Green Forum had to be postponed due to me being ill. The new date of the forum is 2nd November. I have emailed out people from all of the clubs and societies that may be interested. There will be a Felix article on 26th that I have written about green initiatives and then advertising the forum at the end. I hope to make a group empowering students who care about green issues to have access to the college staff who can help them make changes.

Unseen Imperial

I am making steps to begin the gender equality strand of the Unseen Imperial campaign. This involves getting submissions from students who feel that they have been discriminated against during their time at Imperial based on gender. Hopefully this should generate some interesting information that can be used in the campaign.

Rep Training

This will be occurring over the next 2 weeks conducted by Paul, Doug and myself. I am hoping to use some of the ideas to come up with some innovative ways to train the Welfare Officers.

Silwood Meeting

I attended a meeting about the Student Experience at Silwood. It has been suggested that a Silwood Experience Forum be held at Silwood to find out what the students want to gain and how their experience could be improved. Obviously it is important for the Union to be involved with this. After the meeting I continued to liaise with the college head of Commercial services over the possibility that there could be a second minibus purchased for Silwood.