

Council  
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**End of Year Council Report**  
*A note by the Union President – Paul Beaumont*

Our last Council was only just over a week ago, but in that time I've:

- Been writing the PRES Response and analysing the raw data of the survey
- Written the Bye-Law proposals based on the discussions had at Council
- Attended a BWB LLP presentation on Charitable Incorporated Organisations to see if it would be a suitable charitable form for the Union to register as (I don't believe it is!)
- Organised the Summer Ball Dinner venue
- Travelled to Silwood to discuss their gym, tennis courts, squash and trim trail facilities and working with Sport Imperial to bid for money to upgrade the equipment
- Worked on the Union's Impact Report 2012/13 presentation
- Worked with Union staff and the DPFS to agree a budget to go to the Exec and Trustee Board for 2013/14.

As my last Council Report of the year, I would firstly like to thank each and every one of you who has attended, voiced opinions, represented their constituents and been a part of the success that this year's Council has been.

We've discussed Higher Education policy, issues around College, Government proposals and passed stances, and Reports on issues varying from what would benefit our students most on a local and national level – we've been "political" without being "party-political". For this, I thank you. I'm not aware of an Imperial College Union Council ever before being so engaged in these wider issues; I think it was an important shift to take and will lead to even more relevant and engaging discussions in the future – I'd urge next year's Council to keep this up.

It is my firm (yet probably a bit contentious) belief that the Union Council is the voice of the student body, not Felix. This year, I've written papers, other Members have written papers, and together we have amended, adjusted and approved a common stance on issues. If that isn't a democratic representation of students', I don't know what is.

I would like to formally report my best wishes to next year's sabbatical team and those of you who will be returning to Council next year.

Good luck everyone!

Paul