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## **Council Report**

David Goldsmith- Union President

### **Student Consultation Framework**

I have finished the final version of the document, which will be branded before going through Union Council for final approval. I will be taking the document to Senate, Provost's Board and College Council. I am now working on how to implement the document into training for student representatives. Training reps in the use of this document will be one of the Union's strategic objectives for the coming year as well as committing to reviewing the document every year.

### **Our representatives**

I have been overwhelmed with representatives: Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the European Parliament (MEP), London Assembly Members and councillors, keen to visit Imperial College Union following my invitation to them. I met with Mark Field, MP for Cities of London and Westminster, to discuss the group he has formed 'Conservatives for Managed Migration', which is looking to oppose policy which discourages students and academics, from outside the EU, from attending UK Universities. <https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/news/union-yesterday-welcomed-mark-field-mp>

### **Letter of Complaint to Hammersmith and Fulham Council**

I have written an open letter of complaint to H+F Council, regarding the service offered to students when applying for Council Tax exemption.

<https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/news/open-letter-complaint-hammersmith-and-fulham-council>

I wrote this after having been informed by the Union's Student Advisor that many students have complained to him about this. I have received a great deal of response regarding this matter. I will soon be meeting with a few councillors from the borough as well as Andy Slaughter, MP for Hammersmith, who is very interested in working with us on this issue.

### **Shaping the Future of Exhibition Road Cultural Quarter**

Nat and I attended the above meeting, along with representatives from the other institutions in South Kensington, to discuss a strategy for collaborative projects and ways to elevate the reputation of South Kensington.

### **Department of Mechanical Engineering Periodic review**

I sat on the panel, which reviewed the Department of Mechanical Engineering undergraduate courses. I gave recommendations, which mostly reflected the points of view of the students from the department, with whom we met.

### **Education Foresight**

Nat and I attended Education Foresight, which ran over two days. It was an opportunity to consider the Education proposition to students for the 2020 undergraduate intake.

### **Trustee Board Away Day**

All the trustees of the Union [https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/13-14/Board\\_of\\_Trustees](https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/13-14/Board_of_Trustees) attended an away day. We welcomed the newly elected and appointed trustees and discussed the outlook of the Union for the future.