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20 May 2014

**Council Report**  
David Goldsmith- Union President

**Student Consultation Framework**

I have taken the framework to College Council, Provost's Board and Senate where it was widely commended. I will now be working with the College's Communications team to spread the document across the College. We will be printing copies of the document for departments and including it in the training handbooks for all academic reps. Reps will also receive a presentation on the framework during their training at the beginning of the next academic year. I am currently working with the Union's Central Services Manager to produce a page on the Union website which would detail current and completed consultations, as requested by Union Council. Current consultations, which are piloting the document, are:

- The library redevelopment
- W3 hall design
- Starfish personal tutor logging system pilot

**Our representatives**

I recently met with labour Councillors Stephen Cowan and Michael Cartwright from Hammersmith Broadway ward. We discussed the service provided to students when applying for Council tax exemption, which I had complained about to the council in an open letter <https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/news/open-letter-complaint-hammersmith-and-fulham-council>

**Councillor and European Parliament Elections Drive**

As part of our drive to get students voting in the upcoming elections on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we will be alerting students to the elections via our mailing list. We are in the process of completing a page on the Union website which will tell a student which councillors are running for positions in their ward, along with their manifesto. We have asked councillors to send us student-facing manifestos that we can upload.

**Postgraduate Graduation**

I was the Student Orator at the Postgraduate Graduation ceremony on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**College Court**

The College Court

<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/secretariat/collegegovernance/governancestructure/court>, of which Marissa, Nat and I are members, met on the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Most of the discussions centred on Imperial West (the new Imperial College campus in White City).

**Union Budgeting**

I am currently in the process, alongside Kieron, of reviewing the Union budget for next year. I have spent the majority of the past week listening to presentations by respective budget holders.

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### **Council Report David Goldsmith- 29 April 2014**

#### **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.