

Council Report

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Two meetings of Council (and one extra-ordinary meeting) have passed since the last Trustee Board meeting. Below are some quick highlights.

Interest in the Democracy Review

Individual meetings have been held, but no meaningful group discussion has yet occurred other than the project kick off at the first Council. I am a little afraid that this is slipping behind and the Union will not be able to complete this to schedule.

First year Hall rents

The Union was invited to alter the proposed models for Hall rents, and did so successfully, changing it so that students in North Acton aren't unfairly disadvantaged on price (as was arguably being proposed in the College model). This is a positive step for the Union to have a say in this issue, and more opportunities like this need nurturing with College.

Weeks Hall

Weeks Residents were unhappy with one Council motions after it was passed and called for the extra-ordinary meeting to revoke the motion "not to fight the closure of Weeks Hall". In the future, I think it has been accepted by the Officer Trustee team that we need to not presume that College has engaged with all the parties that they should have, else, when the news comes from the Union instead of the College on the proposed closure, the Union takes much of the blame, instead of the other-way round.

Three papers from non-Council members

One of these motions was unfortunately not appropriate for Council (CSPB was more appropriate first). Other two were interesting and engaging papers that we need to encourage more of and work towards using as a Metric in the Democracy Review outputs.

Ratification of Trustees

I am pleased to report that the proposed appointments of all new Trustees were accepted by Council.

Reports on Trustee Board to Council

I have written two of these now (one on the last meeting, and one on the Away day) and seem to be well received, though not questioned at Council.