

GSU President Council Report
GSU President Nida Mahmud

Committee

GSU President – Nida Mahmud
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GSU Secretary – Daniel Benstock
GSU Treasurer – Frank Niu
GSU Marketing and Publicity Officer – Michael Barclay
GSU Events Officer – Alex Bond
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GSU Physical Sciences – Stuart Haylock
GSU AWO Engineering – Ethan Butler
GSU AWO Business School – Alex Derrick
GSU AWO Life Sciences – Rachel Vaux

Note: The Secretary, Treasurer, Business AWO were not in place till 24th October 2014 which made put more pressure on committee members to carry out tasks.

GSU Goal

This year the goal of the GSU is to increase its visibility among the postgraduate student (PG) population, strengthen the PG student community and ensure that the PG voice is heard.

GSU Committee

The GEC has had 3 meetings so far to discuss events, actions, PG related issues on campus that need to be addressed. PG restructure has also be discussed, particularly due to the high workload that the GSU President's role has, as well as the fact over 45% of all Imperial Students are PGs.

Provost College Strategy 2015-2020

Tom Wheeler and I are on the Community Stream of the Provost's College Strategy. We have had regular meetings with our stream members. My role has been to represent the PG student views.

Union PG Strategy

Pascal Loose and I have met with Joe Cooper to put together a plan for the Union PG Strategy. We have presented to the Union Leadership Team as well as some College Staff members. The plan is currently being completed and a working group will meet the planning stage is complete.

Research Office

I have chaired an event where EPSRC have attended to speak students, as well as attended other EPSRC events as a student representative.

International Office

This year the GSU has been working closely with the International Office. I joined the Student Panel on 1st Oct alongside Chris Kaye and Pascal Loose to answer questions that students on the International Orientation had. This was attended by over 300 new students.

I have also attended the Cosmopolitan Café event the International Office had earlier on in the month that was aimed at PG students.

Graduate School and College

Myself and the committee are working closely with the Graduate School. I meet with Professor Sue Gibson and Caroline Hargreaves regularly.

PTES Data

I have analysed the data produced from the 2014 PTES and contributed to the document that is being completed by the Uno

PG Welcome Day and Welcome Talks

On Monday 30th October, Andreas Thomik gave a short speech to the various groups of new PG students starting their year as MSc/MRes or PhD at Imperial College. At the following welcome reception, Boshuo Guo and Ollie Dean were present to welcome the new students and have an informal chat about life at Imperial College.

GSU Events

The activities in this function of the GSU are primarily organised and undertaken by Natalie Andrews and Alex Bond. However, other committee members have also helped to ensure events run smoothly on the day. The Events Officer, Alex Bond is also looking into external sponsorship too.

The following events has been undertaken to date:

- GSU Boat Party: This happened on the 29th of September 2014, which was for PG students across all Imperial Campuses. Tickets were sold at £30 and over 130 students attended. Not as many tickets as hoped were sold, yet the feedback from attendees was positive and attendees enjoyed this event.
- GSU Picnic in the secret Garden on the 1st August.
- Free London bus tours were organised for 11th Oct. As a first ever #helloicu volunteers from the Union were used to help on the tours. The tour is scheduled to start at 11 am and end at Imperial College at 3 pm, thus leaving participants plenty of time to be ready for the PG Mingle on the night. This event was also very successful and was well attended by International Students.
 - o The only cost incurred by participants is the cost of taking the buses on some parts of the trip. However, the spend is capped automatically if travelling with an Oyster card.
- PG Mingle: The GSU Events Officer, Alex Bond was present at the PG Mingle to welcome new PG students.
- Heavily discounted tickets for Lion King were ordered and sold out in an hour and a half
- Alex Bond and Mike Barclay have been running the pub quiz in the hbar on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. This event has proven to be very successful
- There have been regular meetings with the Union Commercial services team to work out the best way to collaborate on PG events.