

## Report to Union Council and Education & Representation Board

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### Academic Representation Network

- The **Rep Thank You Celebration** will be taking place on May 25, 17:00-19:00. The event, which is co-hosted with the Education Office, will be a special opportunity to thank Academic Reps for their hard work and dedication and to celebrate their achievements. Council members are invited to attend!
- The **Research Reps Review** is continuing; initial focus groups and surveys have been completed and the ERB Working Group tasked with the review will have reviewed the first set of recommendations by Council
- We have reached an initial agreement with the Graduate School to **coordinate a training programme** for new PGT and PGR Reps next year; the training programme is likely to include an ICU-delivered induction session alongside Graduate School-delivered sessions on chairing meetings and student well-being
- Since last Council, the **ICT Student Forum**, **Faculty of Natural Sciences Staff-Student Committee** and the **Imperial Horizons Staff-Student Committee** has taken place; my thanks to Claudia Caravello, Ben Fernando and Boglarka Nagy & Anna Johnson for their superb chairing of the sessions
- I am currently supporting Anwar Sayed to deliver the **Faculty of Medicine Student-Staff Liaison Committee**, including catching up with Academic Reps based at St Mary's, Chelsea & Westminster, Royal Brompton, and South Kensington campuses. I am also supporting Silwood Park Academic Reps to deliver a **formal Rep-Faculty meeting** to discuss concerns that have been raised recently
- Luke McCrone, Deputy President (Education)-elect, will be participating in the **second periodic review of LKC Medicine** in October 2016



### Education Affairs

#### General Education Affairs

- The **College's review into personal tutors** will shortly be launching, and I am working with the Vice-Provost (Education) and the Education Office to draw the agenda for the review
- I am supporting Jennie to produce **ASF Response: Part III** based on Appeals & Complaints procedure, in order to shape the new regulations in this area

#### Taught Programme Affairs

- I am pleased to inform Council and ERB that College Senate, with our support, has **approved the modularization of taught programmes** across the College based on common module sizes of 5/7.5 or 6 ECTS credits. This is expected to be in effect starting with first year students from 2017/18
  - The **ASF Response: Parts I & II**, which was passed by ERB, has been attached as an appendix item to outline the foundations of our engagement in this area
  - Modularization will affect the majority of taught programmes across PGT and UG levels throughout the College; while it's possible that Departments may just 'shoehorn' their existing curricula into the new system with little-to-no differences to current provisions, I have secured a commitment from College and Faculty leadership to capitalize on this as

an opportunity for Departments to refresh curriculums based on our NSS Response recommendations:

- Reducing unnecessary assessment load
- Embedding innovative teaching and assessment methods that will make courses more challenging and stimulating
- Nurturing a student's love for their chosen subject, and giving support to their future career ambitions
- I will be seeking support from ERB members to **develop a curriculum advisory framework** that can be embedded in the modularization implementation process, to ensure any changes to curriculums have high levels of quality student engagement
- I am developing a **student advisory group to the PGT Success Guide** project, in order to help the College develop a PGT Success Guide that reflects student needs

### **Research Programme Affairs**

- I am pleased to inform Council and ERB that the Graduate School will soon be **launching a review into the Imperial PhD experience**; we have identified representatives for each of the 6 Task & Finish work-streams and I'll soon be bringing them together to discuss how best to realize PRES Response 2015 recommendations

### **Learning Environment**

- Lucinda and I have met with the **White City Masterplanners** for the first time, where we noted a need for a campus feel and dedicated student spaces
- We have been informed that **Chelsea & Westminster Hospital** has requested the closure of Imperial Library services, and am currently consulting with our CWH Academic Reps to assess possible impact to the PGT and PGR students based there

### **Student Development Affairs**

#### **Community Volunteering**

- I have presented to the **Heads of Departments** on Imperial College Union and our community volunteering & social enterprise opportunities. The presentation went very positively and I hope this marks the start for more formal engagement with this important stakeholder group going forward

#### **Social Enterprise**

- I am giving guidance to our Student Development team to develop and deliver a **Social Enterprise Bootcamp for 2016**. The event should mark the start of a broader social enterprise programme which I believe will allow the Union to fill a very important niche of capturing and inspiring students with a basic interest in developing social action projects and businesses
- The Imperial Centre for Enterprise is developing a **new 'hackspace' environment** at the basement of the Central Library, and myself and Bruno Cotta, head of centre, has been in regular contact to ensure the Union will be a key stakeholder in the space's development

### **Other Affairs**

- I marshalled for the Business School & School of Professional Development and Natural Sciences & Medicine **Graduation Ceremonies**; my deepest congratulations to all the graduands who I'm sure will go onto all sorts of great things :)
- Lucinda, Ben and I attended the **Welcome Back Breakfast reception** for 1966 graduates as part of Imperial Festival's Alumni Weekend. It was a very fun occasion where I heard about all sorts of mascotry mischief. Following the event, I've recommended to Paul Buckeley, who looks after the

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Union's work during Imperial Festival, to explore the opportunity of having a 'Mascots Zone' as part of Imperial Festival 2017