

Council Report
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Operations

Officer Trustee Induction

The Officer Trustees and I took part in a 2-week induction consisting of training, predecessor handovers, and introductions to Union departments and individuals within College. We had a further 3 days on residential training to plan our objectives and goals for the year.

Introductions

I have had introductory and subsequent meetings with all relevant Senior Management staff in College. Regular meetings been scheduled for the rest of the year to ensure that I remain aware of upcoming College decisions.

Welcome Talks & Volunteer Training

I have been assisting in the training of CSP officers and #HelloICU Crew volunteers, and Hall Seniors. I have also welcomed new students during International Orientation Week and Welcome Week.

Evelyn Gardens Halls

Due to the unprecedented number of first year students starting at Imperial in October, the College found itself with a large number of bed spaces short. This led to Fisher Hall and Bernard Sunley being reinstated as halls of residences for this academic year. We collaborated with College to ensure the first year students in these halls have a good experience. Both halls have had swift renovations to the living spaces and will have hall wardening and senior teams. I also managed to negotiate with College to reduce the proposed price of £175 down to £130 for all rooms.

Objectives

Housing Project

Jennie and I have both been working on a housing campaign that we aim to run over the course of the academic year. We have been working on a proposal for a College run Guarantor Scheme. We have also been in touch with CitizensUK regarding the link between the housing crisis students face and the London Mayoral Elections. I've also been investigating a landlord accreditation scheme with use of a website called Move'm. I'm awaiting a response from Universities currently using the website.

Clubs, Societies and Projects Funding

I've been helping several clubs with sponsorship applications including content, layout and structure of the proposals. Also going through companies and organisations to approach and the best ways of doing this.

Feedback Platform/App

I've been looking into ways the Union could host a feedback platform, aimed to allow students to have a say and opinions on decisions the Union may make. Discussions with the Officer Trustees and staff in the Union have led to development of the idea of the Union having its own iOS/Android App. This App would be a 'lite' version of our website, whilst also hosting a feedback platform. I've researched and spoken with several companies who develop Apps, as well as contact with ICT and the team who run the Student Centric Project. This is a work in progress, but with aims to get something up and running within this academic year.

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Women in STEM/Gender Equality

I've been working with College outreach on their women in STEM projects. We are working on organising a week of events around International Women's Day. This week will range from celebrating women in STEM to inspiring young girls into STEM through related activities. I've also been involved in the upcoming Greenlight4Girls event and Stemettes Hackathon.

On 8th October the College and Union are hosting the HeForShe UK tour, consisting of student engagement on campus and a panel discussion. This is a very exciting opportunity for the Union and the College to be at the forefront of institutions supporting gender equality.

Creating a community

In order to build relationships with Royal College of Music (RCM), Royal College of Arts (RCA) and Royal Veterinary College (RVC) I am organising another Royal Mixer (first one was November 2014). I've collaborated with the presidents from the other 3 unions and we are currently organising a large event to be hosted at Imperial College Union, on 21st November. This will be a good opportunity for students from all 4 colleges to mix with each other and build relationships. This is especially important as the other colleges can use our facilities and buy associate membership for the Union as well.