

### **COUNCIL REPORT - JENNIE WATSON, DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE)**

- Community Welfare Board was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- I have been devoting the vast majority of my time to working on a response to the recent government green paper *Higher education: teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice*.
  - This has included discussions with College over which parts of the response we agree or disagree on and how we can support each other.
- In the run up to the end of term I got to work with a few students helping them shape their campaign ideas – these are mostly around gender equality on campus and mental health and wellbeing. Hopefully we will see these come to fruition this term.
- I have been discussing various issues facing PGT/PGR students based at the Hammersmith with the Medicine AWO. These include problems with Hepatitis B vaccinations for students undertaking lab based projects, the quality of gym services at other campuses and a lack of provision of counselling and wellbeing services at the Hammersmith.
- I have been working with the Appointments & Remunerations committee to ensure a robust and student oriented procedure for appointing the new Managing Director, including personally redrafting the job advert with the support of board members.
- Lucinda and I have attended the second meeting of the Gender Equality and Institutional Culture Steering Group alongside FemSoc committee members and the ACC Chair. Questions have been raised over the balance of focus between staff and students in this study; although personally I believe all aspects and levels of the College require interrogation, the research so far has been heavily weighted towards academic staff. We have been assured that this terms phase of the research will centre more on students.
- I have attended the Assessment Task & Finish group with Cyin which aims to tackle over assessment at Imperial.
- As mentioned in my December report the possibility of College setting up a rent guarantor scheme is being investigated by the College. I am waiting to hear from the CFO and Finance Director again, but I have been informed that the issue is being discussed with enthusiasm.
- 5 days of annual leave at the beginning of term – learned to ski!!