

Council Report
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Operations

Union strategy

As part of the Union Strategy consultation process we had discussions with students over three days (21-23 March). We gathered lots of interesting feedback focused on three streams - Diversity, Our People and Advice, Advocacy and Action. We took these thoughts to a residential trip last week - presenting findings to the Board of Trustees and generating thought-provoking and useful discussion.

Evelyn Gardens

College released 250 rooms available on a 51 week contract, starting at £182pw. The residences will include 24 hour security, residence assistants and cleaning of communal areas. Since release the private residences proved to be exceedingly popular, filling all rooms within a matter of days. The appetite for the rooms bode well for the development of a further 200 rooms to open in 2017/18.

Extras

- This month I've taken almost three weeks of annual leave.
- Spent a lot of time during the elections period, going out on campus and encouraging people to vote.
- Spoke at and took part in the Postgraduate Open Day.
- Sat on several College committee meetings, including Equality and Diversity Committee, Gender Equality action enquiry group (where we discussed themes emerging from their research), Mental Health Steering Group, Access Agreement.
- Interviewed for several new positions, including a new Finance Manager.
- Attended Varsity
- Judged the Imperial's Got Talent show
- Attended the Science Challenge final
- Started the handover process with my successor, Nas Andriopoulos
- Been part of a fundraising campaign by writing to all alumni as part of an appeal for student support funds.
- Have been trained to become a Mental Health First Aider

Objectives

Housing - "Tackle the issue of finding quality, affordable housing in London"

Jennie and I helped organise and deliver the Private Housing Evening with The Student Hub. We spoke at the evening, giving our insights and experiences on the private housing sector.

I successfully started a partnership with the landlord and property accreditation website Move'm. The campaign proved to be so popular that over one hundred reviews left within the first week! I'm looking forward to seeing Move'm become a staple within the student community.

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CSPs - “Deliver new income streams for our Clubs, Societies and Projects”

Currently writing up a sponsorship plan. The plan is to include an event, featuring alumni and student groups giving advice on sponsorship. I hope for the event to consist of a presentation, Q&A panel and networking session.

App - “Produce a simple online platform for students to give their feedback on potential changes that affect them”

Nothing further to report from last Council meeting.

Women in STEM and Gender Equality - “Work with the College and external organisations to encourage more women to engage in education and research in STEM”

Women@Imperial Week took place from 7th-11th March. The entire week proved to be very successful, with student involvement ranging from entertainment for the International Women’s Day Evening Celebration, Imperial College Women in Business Society’s ‘Women in Innovation’ panel discussion and networking session, to volunteers taking part in the Outreach event.

Community - “Work to create more of a sense of community within the student body”

Nothing to report from last Council meeting.