

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