

Council Report
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I would have initially liked to use this last Council report as an opportunity to give a snapshot of my year and list my achievements, insights and personal thoughts on my term in office. However, I still have some things that I set out to achieve that I would like to wrap up and finish hopefully in the next few weeks. Therefore, I will be sending a final piece to Council via email, in the final week of term. I will also post a blog entry of achievements this year, both manifesto based and outside of those objectives.

Operations

- Over the past month most of my time has been taken up with the Union budgeting process.
- I have recently attended the Disabled Leadership Program, the Rep Thank You Celebration and the EU Debate.
- I've had very regular meetings with College regarding Week Zero. We have been working on developing ideas for the Week for the 17/18 academic year, as well as a communications message and plan which will be put out to all departments and students. We have also been finalizing the pilot fair for the Monday of Welcome Week 16/17. This fair would be for the entire day, allowing students to drop by at any time, with a range of stands, such as, TFL, security and self defence, easy meals to cook in halls etc.
- I have helped Union staff to deliver a couple of CSP Inductions this term for incoming club officers. I am scheduled to deliver a few more before the end of term.
- The Officer Trustees recently met with the new Academic Registrar for College, David Ashton. We gave him an introduction to the Union and worked on building a good working relationship.
- Jarlath (Managing Director) and I have started work on structuring and writing the new Union Strategy.

Objectives

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

After the success of the Move'm campaign last term, I have confirmed to run another campaign in a couple of weeks, just before term finishes. This campaign will differ slightly in that rather than giving students £5 Amazon Vouchers as a reward for rating their house, instead Move'm will donate money to a charity of our choice for each review left. I will be contacting RAG to decide on a charity.

I attended and helped out at the Student Hub 'Find a Flatmate' event in late May. The evening consisted of a range of activities designed to help students find their ideal flatmate, whether they were looking for a room in an already established house, looking for people to find a house with or have a room spare and would like an Imperial student to move in. The activities were followed by lots of mingling.

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

I have a confirmed date for the Sponsorship Event - Wednesday 22nd June from ~5:30/6pm. The evening will involve talks/presentations from external speakers, alumni and Union societies, which I am currently in the final stages of confirming.

This will be followed by an audience Q&A and networking and refreshments. A guidance pack will also be given out containing some tips and advice as well as letter templates and example sponsorship packages. Club officers will be able to sign up to the event later this week.

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

Since meeting with the Union’s new Systems Manager, we have put together a plan of action to take this project forward. I’m glad that this is going ahead, but also recognize that this project is extensive and may take time to achieve, far past my term in office. I hope the Union and my successor will continue with the progress made on this objective.

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”

The study commissioned by the College to look at its organisational culture has entered its final phase of an Action Inquiry process. The Action Inquiries are currently underway with a number of students, including myself, sitting on several themed discussions. Each group will come up with a set of recommendations to improve the culture of equality at Imperial.

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

Nothing further to report since my last report.