

The Union's approach to White City campus

Introduction

This paper serves as a response to the Risk Register and provides an update to Trustees on the Union's work to ensure we are proactive in our approach to the development of White City Campus.

We acknowledge the need to produce a full strategic approach to this huge project and are assured by College that we are well placed to do so in a timely manner.

General Positions

The Union has two primary responsibilities with regards to White City. Firstly to ensure that students are consulted on requirements and expectations then ultimately provided with appropriate services. Secondly to be the service provider for the functions and services that the Union is best placed to deliver for students.

Widespread, thorough consultation with PGT, PGR and UG students should be embedded throughout the development of White City Campus. This should be prioritised by College and supported by the Union. There must be consultation and plans for both final and temporary solutions to match developments as they occur.

Imperial College Union should have dedicated, quality and purpose-built spaces on the campus to support our PGT, PGR and UG populations. The opportunity to provide bespoke offerings catering to the needs of students at White City, especially PG students must not be missed.

Service Provisions - The Union should:

- Establish what can be provided digitally therefore not requiring space allocation.
- Provide advice and student support services at White City Campus.
- Have a strong representation presence (potentially establishing a representation centre, following best practice at other multi-site Universities).
- Provide Club and Societies, events, sporting opportunities and other activities.
- Flexible storage solutions for CSP's.
- Provide social enterprises including licensed premises, Retail and potentially learning café.
- Work with partners (and build new relationships) to facilitate a broader portfolio of student development opportunities in enterprise, outreach, research and other fields of the future.

Representation positions - College should:

- Declare a firm commitment to providing quality central student support services (eg counselling, library, career service) at the new campus.
- Revise its governance practices such that White City is a true campus with centrally-owned buildings and facilities that can be flexibly booked and utilized.

- Support services should be developed, enhanced and maintained at Hammersmith Hospital campus until such time that central services are available to students at Hammersmith Hospital and White City North.
- Explore affordable housing provisions for PGT and PGR students.

Outcomes:

- White City should have a community campus feel. Not trying to replicate South Kensington but providing an experience equal to that at SK.
- Facilities should encourage a balance of opportunities for both academic work and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Deliver services for mingling including social, informal discussion and learning and networking.

Next steps:

- Nas, Union President has been accepted on the White City Campus Advisory Group. This provides representation at the top advisory level as well as assurance that the Union will be well informed on developments and well placed to perform both key roles.
- President and MD to be main leads on engaging with Graham Stark's team and master planners
- VP-Education to be main lead on engaging with VPAGE circle of engagement (inc student / educational services oriented consultation effort from VPAGE)
- We have establish a Non-SK working group which will lead on the strategic direction of the project from a Union perspective. The group consists of Officer Trustees, Strategic & Senior Managers with other appropriate staff invited for specific work strands.