

Imperial College Union Board of Trustees

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AGENDA ITEM NO.	12
TITLE	18/19 Budget and Draft Business Plan
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Finance & Risk Committee approved a break-
	even budget on 19/6/18.
	This includes the F&R paper outlining context,
	budget, key themes and future projections.
	This does not include the detailed individual
	budget summaries as reviewed by F&R.
DUDDOCE	A Draft Business Plan 18/19 is included. This paper serves as background for a
PURPOSE	presentation at Board including the main
	budget themes and how this interacts with the
	Business Plan for 18/19.
DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED	To approve the 18/19 budget including capital
DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED	expenditure.
	To discuss and continue to shape the Business
	Plan 18/19.

Budget 2018/19

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1. Current Context

	Actual (£)	Budget (£)	
2017/18 (F)	-	3,078	Lower than planned income and margins offset by staffing and other cost savings.
2016/17	109,909	(96,000)	Strong income performance and lower than planned staffing costs partially off-set by higher than planned cost of sales and non-staff costs.
2015/16	8,532	50,059	Strong income performance offset by unplanned growth in non-staff costs including recruitment costs and provision for pension deficit.

The Union is expected to meet its breakeven budget target for 2017/18, and show a 2% increase in gross profit, a 9% increase in staffing costs, and a 5% reduction in non-staffing costs on last year.

This is the second year of the Union's strategy for 2017-20, and with progress being made across all of our strategic objectives, the Union remains in a sound financial position. This is demonstrated by:

- Good cash reserves
- Being close to meeting the overall reserves target
- Being on track to meet the overall budget target for 2017/18

Despite this, a number of income challenges were experienced during the year, which need to be addressed in next year's budget. These include:

- Advertising, careers, and sponsorship sales
- Lack of growth in licenced trade drinks sales
- Catering and licenced trade margins
- Income from minibus hires
- Venue hires

2. 2018/19 Budget Proposal

Looking ahead to next year, the penultimate year of *Our Strategy 2017-20*, a detailed budgeting process has been undertaken. Guidance notes were issued to 18 budget holders on 8 March, inviting submission of budget proposals by 16 April. The submissions were presented by budget holders accompanied by the relevant Directorate heads during the week commencing 23 April to a budget panel comprising:

- Union President Chippy Compton
- o Deputy President (Finance & Resources) Matt Blackett
- Managing Director Jarlath O'Hara
- o Head of Finance & Resources Malcolm Martin
- o Finance Manager Edmond Burke

Following a comprehensive review and discussions of the budget proposals involving a number of iterations and changes, the budget panel are pleased to put forward the following budget proposal for 2018/19.

Summary Overview

BUDGET 2018/19 Union

		2018/19	2017	/18	
	Budget (£)	Change (£)	Change (%)	Budget	Forecast
Union					
Income	5,689,461	356,496	7%	5,446,093	5,332,965
Cost of Sales	(1,346,608)	16,877	-1%	(1,330,970)	(1,363,485)
Gross Profit	4,342,853	373,373	9%	4,115,123	3,969,480
Staff Pay Costs	(3,422,992)	(388,127)	13%	(3,073,030)	(3,034,865)
Other Direct Costs	(919,678)	14,937	-2%	(1,039,015)	(934,615)
Total Expenditure	(4,342,670)	(373,190)	9%	(4,112,045)	(3,969,480)
Overheads etc.	-	-		-	-
Contingency	-	-		-	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	183	183		3,078	0

Note: Staff Pay Costs include figures for Permanent and Temporary Staff (appendix 1 relates to Permanent Staff figures only).

Key Assumptions

- Salary Inflation 2%
- General price inflation 2%
- National Living Wage increase April 2019 5%
- Fixed assets are replaced or renewed at the end of their useful economic lives

Highlights

- Permanent Staff Costs £2,739,000, up 14% on this year projected see appendix 1
- Capital Expenditure £367,000, up 267% on this year see appendix 2
- New Sales & Sponsorship manager in place, underpinning the following targets:
 - Advertising sales £33,930 (up 39% on this year projected)
 - Careers sales £33,900 target (up 456% on this year projected)
 - New sponsorship sales target £11,000
- Bar SK gross margin to improve from 67.1% to 74.3%, driven by:
 - New licenced trade drinks supplier lower cost prices and additional discounts and free stock
 - 10p selling price increase on key products
 - 1% increase in sales volumes to be achieved by a combination of increased promotion and additional capacity and improved space through investment in outdoor heating and new awnings
- Catering gross margin to improve from 58.1% to 63.5%, driven by:
 - Reduction in shrinkage through tighter processes and monitoring
 - Selling price increases on key products
 - o 2% increase in sales volumes coming from the improved outdoor space
- New Catering breakfast service to be introduced on a trial basis from October, and projected to make a loss of approximately (£13,000) in the first year.
- Retail Shop Extra sales to increase by 21%, driven by the new Food to Go and coffee product ranges
- Union Shop sales to increase by 6% from August to June, driven by clothing, stationery and electronics lines, with the shop to close in July 2019 for an extensive refit
- Retail online sales to increase by 79%, driven by the availability of the new online shop platform expected by August 2018
- New Investment Strategy estimated to yield net income of £39,350, up 76% on the projection for the current year under the old strategy
- Planned reduction of the minibus fleet from 18 to 15 minibuses following utilisation review, generating significant cost savings from operating a fleet of 18
- Substantial cost savings expected from a change in approach with regard to how volunteer training certification is delivered by the Student Development team
- Additional staff resources for Systems to help deliver key remaining elements of the Union's three year strategy and improve efficiency, feel and compliance aspects of core Union systems

3. New Initiatives

Retail

- Shop Extra Food to Go increase of 14% and introduction of coffee based on GP margin of 66% and sales of 50 cups per trading day at £1.80
- Staff additional staffing requirement to be fulfilled by student temporary staff
- New layout for Shop Extra planned and refit for Union Shop in July 2019
- Launch of new online shop platform

Beit Bars

- £34,700 additional income with price rise of 10p per product
- Investment in new awnings and outdoor heating expected to boost capacity, customer experience, and drinks and catering sales during colder months
- Increased student events planned in conjunction with new Entertainments Coordinator

Catering

- Price rises on key products (approx. 50p per burger, 10p per side)
- Introduce new breakfast service

H Bar

- Planned increased in footfall from new entrance
- Price rises on key products

Reynolds

Price rises on key products

Minibuses

 Reduction of fleet from 18 to 15 minibuses will return the service to a medium/longterm break-even model with minimal impact on current existing service levels anticipated

Student Development

• Cost saving £4,000 – elimination of ILM learner fees

Other

 An initiative under Liberation is anticipated in the future but will come outside of this budget proposal

4. Risks & Opportunities

This budget has been put together through an established, structured and inclusive process and subjected to detailed scrutiny and strategic oversight by the budget panel. Despite this, like all budgets and forecasts, it remains to one extent or another subject to common budgeting risks including unforeseen environmental impacts and internal changes, and other inaccurate or outdated assumptions.

In addition, the following specific risks can be highlighted:

- Career sales and sponsorship targets (£44,900) these sales are being generated from a cold position
- Catering breakfast service the initial loss estimate of £13,000 is really a "guesstimate": this is a completely new service for the Union, and expected uptake and demand remains largely unknown.
- Salary inflation is assumed to be 2% next year. It is estimated that an additional 1% would add approximately £25,000 to salary costs
- Administration there is growing demand for administration services and our understanding of future demands for both centrally delivered services (Administration team) and administration duties performed by temporary student staff is still developing

A number of possible opportunities can also be highlighted:

- With a new Sales and Sponsorship manager in place, Marketing sales is expected to be a growth area next year and into the future
- With a new Entertainments Coordinator in place, Function sales is also expected to be a growth area next year and into the future, particularly as the Commercial Strategy develops
- As we develop a better understanding of our utilisation model and CSP needs, further opportunities to rescale and upsell our Minibus service may present themselves in the medium term

5. Cash Projections

The Union will implement its new investment strategy from 1 August 2018, if not sooner. The strategy is comprised of a £1.5m portfolio invested with Rathbones at a reduced fee and £0.5m in short-term cash held either with Rathbones or another asset manager or bank.

The remaining fluctuating cash balances of the Union will be held in the Union's existing bank accounts and pooled with College's cash per the existing arrangements, and will require a new and heightened level of cash planning and management. The Union will retain its overdraft facility with College, providing an added level of flexibility if required.

Cash Projection 2018/19

cloop	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
£'000 Closing Cash	588	626	1,052	1,175	1,179	1,133	1,126	1,106	1,336	1,323	1,319	706
Rathbones Portfolio Short-term Cash	1,500 500	1,500 500	1,500 500	1,502 500	1,502 500	1,502 500	1,505 500	1,505 500	1,505 500	1,507 500	1,507 500	1,507 500
Average Pooled Cash	45	107	339	614	677	656	630	616	721	829	821	512

6. Recommendations

This budget sees the culmination of a number of strategic initiatives, including the building out of our frontline service provision – making our services available to and more easily accessible by a greater number of our students; providing them with a greater level of support, advice, and opportunities to develop and simply enjoy themselves; and improving the way in which we deliver these services. By ongoing careful management of our costs and adoption of a value for money approach, and continuing to encourage an innovative yet realistic approach to generating and building our income streams, the Union can and will deliver on its strategy within the resources available to us.

- The Budget panel **recommend** this break-even budget for 2018/19 to the Finance and Risk Committee for approval.
- The budget panel **recommend** the total capital expenditure plan of £367,067 to the Finance and Risk Committee for approval.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Permanent Staff Costs

Budget Area	Avg staff count	Budget 18/19	Forecast 17/18	% Change (F)	Budget 17/18	% Change (B)
Leadership	6.00	492,762	443,188	11%	449,085	10%
Retail	9.00	299,324	277,121	8%	283,347	6%
Sabbaticals	5.83	236,563	229,919	3%	232,176	2%
Bar SK	7.00	223,548	196,012	14%	192,459	16%
Systems	4.00	213,943	168,459	27%	198,649	8%
Finance	4.00	179,156	161,825	11%	183,694	-2%
Marketing	4.00	160,501	108,980	47%	150,383	7%
Catering	5.00	159,801	134,311	19%	150,027	7%
Student Activities	4.00	149,008	133,903	11%	134,222	11%
Student Development	4.00	144,560	132,505	9%	133,244	8%
Administration	4.00	119,885	94,994	26%	103,114	16%
Beit Venues	3.00	112,984	86,024	31%	93,919	20%
Education & Welfare	3.00	112,566	106,156	6%	107,606	5%
Advice Centre	2.00	75,266	71,901	5%	71,800	5%
Bar H	1.00	44,814	43,236	4%	42,783	5%
Governance	0.75	13,930	12,612	10%	-	
TOTAL	66.58	2,738,611	2,401,146	14%	2,526,508	8%

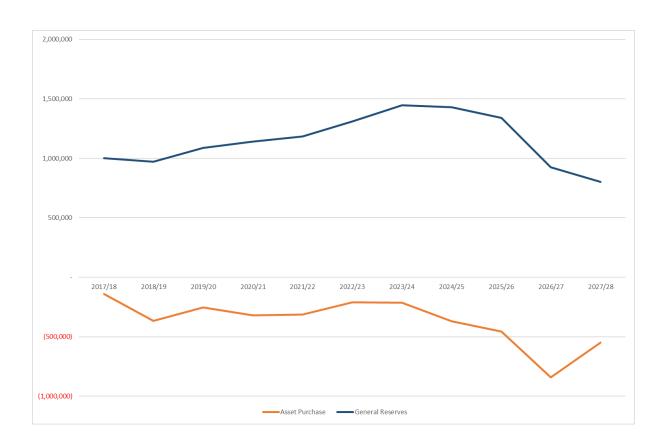
Note: Figures include permanent and contract staff. Non-whole staff count figures indicate a part of a year, not a part of a headcount.

Appendix 2 – Proposed Capital Expenditure Schedule

Budget Area	Asset Name	Purchase Date	Life (Years) C	ompliance Re	placement De		otal Capital I Spend	2018/19
Bar CX	CCTV	01/10/2018	7	9,000			9,000	1,071
	Ice Machine	01/10/2018	3			1,400	1,400	389
	Glasswasher	25/03/2018	3			1,323	1,323	59
	Kitchen power upgrade	01/10/2018	5			2,500	2,500	41
	Furniture	01/10/2018	3			2,000	2,000	55
	Lighting replacement	01/10/2018	4			3,000	3,000	62
	Dishwasher for kitchen	01/10/2018	4			2,850	2,850	593
Bar CX Total				9,000	0	13,073	22,073	4,246
Bar H	Portable Sound Sytem	01/10/2018	3		· ·	2,763	2,763	767
	Acoustic Treatment for Bar	01/07/2019	5			2,500	2,500	42
	Tables and Chairs	01/07/2019	5		4,685		4,685	80
Bar H Total		,,		0	4,685	5,263	9,948	889
Bar SK	Glasswasher - FiveSixEight (2017/18)	01/05/2018	3	-	2,700	5,205	2,700	1,127
54. 5 1.	Awnings - outside	01/10/2018	5		30,000	F	30,000	4,997
	Bottle Fridges - all bars	01/10/2018	3		6,650	•	6,650	1,846
	Outdoor heating - outside	01/10/2018	5		0,030	3,600	3,600	600
	Booth seating - FiveSixEight	01/09/2018	3			6,900	6,900	2,105
								549
	Bar refit - Union Bar	01/09/2018	5	1 200		3,000	3,000	
	Radios - FiveSixEight	01/09/2018	3	1,290			1,290	393
	Bar floor - FiveSixEight	01/09/2018	5			3,125	3,125	572
Bar SK Total				1,290	39,350	16,625	57,265	12,189
Beit Venues	White table project	01/02/2019	5			9,000	9,000	893
	Meeting room chairs	01/02/2019	5			1,060	1,060	105
	BBC Proms Cable Run	01/08/2018	5			1,000	1,000	200
	Concert Hall Chairs	01/08/2018	5	13,000			13,000	2,600
Beit Venues Total				13,000	0	11,060	24,060	3,798
Catering	Coffee Machine	01/08/2018	3		3,495		3,495	1,165
	Kitchen table 568	01/08/2018	3			500	500	167
	Salad fridge	01/08/2018	5			5,500	5,500	1,100
	Kitchen table Dinning Room Kitchen	01/02/2019	3			420	420	69
	microwave	01/10/2018	3			550	550	153
	Catering Equipment	01/10/2018	5			10,107	10,107	1,684
Catering Total				0	3,495	17,077	20,572	4,337
Ents	DJ Digital Mixer (Replacement)	01/10/2018	3		5,000		5,000	1,388
	Metric/568 Audio Switcher Upgrade	01/10/2018	5			6,000	6,000	999
	Foyer Lighting Instalation	01/10/2018	5			2,000	2,000	333
Ents Total	,	· ·		0	5,000	8,000	13,000	2,721
Leadership							0	
Leadership Total				0	0	0	0	0
Minibuses	Minibus	01/10/2018	5		25,460	-	25,460	4,241
	Minibus	01/10/2018	5		25,460		25,460	4,241
	Minibus	01/10/2018	5		25,460		25,460	4,241
	Minibus	01/10/2018	5		25,610		25,400	435
	Minibus	01/07/2019	5		25,610		25,610	435
		01/07/2019			23,010	900	900	180
	Satellite phone					_		
Miniburga Tatal	Duplicate keys for all minibuses	01/08/2018	5		427.500	3,298	3,298	660
Minibuses Total	Association of the state of the	04 (00 (2040		0	127,600	4,198	131,798	14,433
Retail	Annual Stock Count	01/08/2018	1			2,000	2,000	2,000
	New Computer for Supervisor's office	01/09/2018	3			718	718	219
	Shop Refit Fixtures & Fittings	31/07/2019	5			40,000	40,000	0
	Slat Wall for Technology products & install		3			600	600	167
	3x New Drinks/Food fridge	01/10/2018	4			10,000	10,000	2,082
	New Units for Newsagent	01/10/2018	3		3,000		3,000	833
	Ice cream freezer	01/08/2018	3			1,499	1,499	500
	New Mannequins - Union Shop	01/10/2018	3		1,800		1,800	500
	Label Printer	01/08/2018	3			972	972	324
Retail Total				0	4,800	55,789	60,589	6,624
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Systems	Orbis Tech EPOS System	01/09/2018	5			3,220	3,220	589
Systems Total				0	0	3,220	3,220	589
Administration	HP Laptops	01/08/2018	3	<u> </u>	· ·	738	738	246
	HP Laptops	01/09/2018	3			1,760	1,760	537
	HP Laptops	01/10/2018	3			2,219	2,219	616
	Meeting Room AV	01/05/2019	5			788	788	40
	Reception TV Screen	01/05/2019	5		1,116		1,116	56
	Office Furniture	01/09/2018			,	1,100	1,100	201
	Office Equipment	01/09/2018				553	553	101
	Reception Furniture	01/09/2018	5		3,120	,,,,	3,120	571
Administration Total		01/ 03/ 2018	э	0		7,158		
Autimistration lotal		01/08/2010	_	0	4,236		11,394	2,368
	SAP Fixed Assets module	01/08/2018	5			1,500	1,500	300
Finance		01/02/2019	3		2,000		2,000	331
Finance	SAP upgrade							
	SAP upgrade Reporting Capability Upgrade	01/02/2019	5			5,000	5,000	
Finance Total	Reporting Capability Upgrade	01/02/2019		0	2,000	6,500	8,500	496 1,12 6
Finance Total	Reporting Capability Upgrade Laptop computer for remote design and sto	01/02/2019	3	0			8,500 2,024	1,126 562
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Appendix 3 – General Reserves Forecast

GENERAL RESERVE FORECAST									
Year	Opening Balance	Asset Purchase	Surplus	Other Movement	Closing Balance				
2017/18	840,864	(142,259)	0	301,646	1,000,251				
2018/19	1,000,251	(367,067)	0	337,299	970,483				
2019/20	970,483	(252,825)	50,000	318,830	1,086,488				
2020/21	1,086,488	(320,608)	50,000	325,532	1,141,412				
2021/22	1,141,412	(314,160)	50,000	305,884	1,183,136				
2022/23	1,183,136	(212,092)	50,000	291,067	1,312,111				
2023/24	1,312,111	(212,683)	50,000	298,556	1,447,984				
2024/25	1,447,984	(370,627)	50,000	302,530	1,429,887				
2025/26	1,429,887	(457,075)	50,000	316,926	1,339,738				
2026/27	1,339,738	(841,050)	50,000	378,100	926,788				
2027/28	926,788	(549,532)	50,000	375,250	802,505				



Draft Business Plan 2018/19

Strategic	Business plan	Outcomes/outputs	Measures
theme	objective		
For You To increase our reach to all students and ensure that we are making a difference to their lives no matter their location or level of study.	- Support Constituent Unions to strategic success - Complete discrete project to improve engagement of traditionally lower- participating groups (PGs, international, other communities)*	 Constituent Union strategic successes Subject to future agreement of Increased project resource in this area* 	 Engagement basket including democracy, activities and commercial Volunteer role participation CU satisfaction and engagement in their events / elections
	 "To create great memories: any time, any space" To deliver a mix of commercial products, services and events that gives value and a great experience to our members 	 Changing product mix Inclusive and varied events programmes across all outlets and sites Customer charters Mystery shoppers Lifelong engagement theme 	 Average transaction value/total turnover Engagement with and feedback from diverse cross-section of membership No. of customer complaints received as % of total customers/no. of refunds as % of total transactions Mystery shopper scores Life membership sales
	Focus communications tactics on building a reputation and track record of democratic engagement and active, satisfactory participation	 Strategic marketing plan Improved social media content Impact & achievement dialogue with members 	 Increased customer satisfaction Metrics for engagement with social media and other channels

For Your Support To improve our capacity to support students through the	ICU to establish role as lead actor in wellbeing ecosystem	-	Publication of College Student Support Strategy with significant ICU input	-	Membership perceptions of our role and influence on College Be Active strategy success metrics
through the academic, emotional and social challenges of studying in the high-performing, pressurised and fast-paced environment of Imperial.	Implement and evaluate success of reviewed Rep Networks and LCO support	-	Proposal for permanent solution to PG representation model	-	Engagement with RNs, # of successes College staff perception of ICU role
For Your Development To enhance the enjoyment and talents of our members in order to form well-rounded	Develop and implement one single high-quality training vision and a five-star volunteering experience	-	Retain accreditation Refreshed volunteer charter, policy, commitments	-	Retain accreditation Volunteer satisfaction and perceptions
people who are confident in articulating their skills to employers.	Increase reach of development initiatives (Plus, Award, ACT Now, Community Connections)	-	Development and volunteering strategy	-	Increased and widespread engagement Increased successful completion
For Your Voice To empower students to be proactive, responsible	Ensure that our democracy and campaigning is focused on issues relevant to students	-	Online petitions/democratic engagement method	1 1	# of issues addressed Diversity of issues addressed
citizens who have the capacity to change the world.	Consolidate College relationship themes with focus on our 'influencing College' projects – SACAs, WBRN, ARN, LCOs, Responses etc	-	Clear narrative of role of ICU and partnership with ICL Long-term vision for College relationship	-	College staff perception of ICU role Block grant long-term growth

Your Union <i>To ensure that</i>	Embed a lean culture that	-	Food safety culture	-	Hygiene rating			
we are a well- run, sustainable	recognises how efficiency and standard	-	Standard operational procedures	-	Measurable, like-for-like efficiency savings? (e.g. cost savings, time, etc)			
and functional organisation, positioning	procedures increase customer and staff satisfaction	-	Workshops and resources	-	Staff satisfaction			
people and resources to best serve our		-	Value for money analyses					
members now and in the future.	Build upon ability to analyse and capitalise on the	-	Improved analytical model	-	% of total student population/demographic analysed			
	data we hold on our membership	-	Use across 2+ teams					
		-	CRM plan	-	# of changes made			
	IIP & staff satisfaction	-	IIP Gold	-	Staff satisfaction measures			
				-	IIP Gold			
				-	Balanced Scorecard			
	Complete long-term modelling and planning	modelling and	modelling and	modelling and	-	Spaces strategy Minibus, sponsorship and investment income	-	Increased customer satisfaction Financial return on
		_	objectives Commercial strategy		investment			
		-	CRM strategy					

KEY THEMES

- Reputation, satisfaction, perception
- Efficiency, process, procedure
- Analysis, planning, modelling, strategy
- Engagement, influence, participation, relationship