Imperial College Union Council Report

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It has been a very short turnaround between the last Council meeting and the report deadline so this report focuses on next steps. This is work I aim to do before the end of this term.

I am always happy to answer specific questions on my report and work or anything you think is missing.

Goals

Governance & democracy review

- Dates have now been set for the Governance Steering Group and I have blocked out a significant amount of time in my diary to ensure we make the most of our time in the first meeting.
- Becky Neil, RCSU Vice-President Operations, has been added to the working group. Thank you to Michael Edwards for suggesting the need for FoNS representation.
- The aims, scope and timeline of the review should be set by the end of November, with consultation starting at the beginning of December.
- Officer Trustee and Liberation Officer role changes will be prioritised this term so that the changes can be made before the 2018 Leadership Elections.
- I have not included a separate report as there are no changes to update Council on. I will circulate the Steering Group outcomes on the Council mailing list after the first meeting (as there may be a significant gap between the first meeting and the next Council).

Development of our key volunteers

- A date has now been set for the first CU forum meeting. I will have drafted an agenda by the end of the week with the input from the Constituent Unions and Officer Trustees.
- Liberation Officers were engaged in setting the priorities from the Liberation Review. These will be drawn into an action plan soon. Much of this work will focus on the development of Liberation Officers among others.

Wellbeing strategy

- The Union needs to sit down with College and draw up a project brief for the Wellbeing Strategy.
- As with the Learning & Teaching Strategy, we also need to identify how we will work to consult students and ensure their voice shapes the strategy.
- I have attended the first meeting of the new Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy Group which I hope will feed some of their goals into the Wellbeing Strategy.

Understanding our membership

This was discussed at Communications Committee and I need to discuss how best to move forward on this goal with the committee's chair, Jill (External Trustee).

Operations

Operational tasks of note I have completed recently are as follows:

Provost Search Committee

- James Stirling, the Provost, is stepping down from his role in July 2018. I am on the search committee to recruit a new Provost.
- The committee met for the first time on 30 October and discussed the timeline for this process.

Be Active Strategy

- The Sport Imperial 'Be Active Strategy' is taking shape and is due to be presented to College soon. It aims to get a wider range of students and staff active and support and develop our sports clubs.
- Tom, myself and staff were involved in a working group to help shape and articulate the strategy aims.

As always, I am available in person and via email for any questions you may have on my report or the Union's work.

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