

Imperial College Union Council Report

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Goals

Wellbeing Strategy

[The Provost's Board](#), a high-level decision-making committee in the College, have committed to supporting the strategy we pushed for. This must be funded in the current College financial planning round – which should be a lot easier with the mandate of the College leadership we've lobbied for.

I will present an update to Council, as I can't publish draft College strategies – even ones we helped to bring to life, and that happened because of us.

Wellbeing Representation Network

We have secured funding for the network from the College for the next year. We do not intend to expand the network in academic year 2018-19, as we can currently provide effective support to the current number of volunteers.

Operations

Bursary Survey Response

Laura Regan and I spent eight working days preparing a response to the College's annual survey of the bursary recipients. It has been submitted to the College. It is not available here yet because it must be reformatted and branded, in the style of the NSS response. Our designer has also just returned from annual leave. The fastest ever NSS response (Burstow, 2017).

Widening Participation

The Board, led by me, Chippy, and Thomas Waite, are discussing how the Union should prioritise its efforts to widen participation at the university. I will also present on this tonight.

Assistive Technology Board

The College is running a project to extend its range of [assistive technology](#) available to students. Ariana Sadr-Hashemi, the Mental Health Officer, was a great help to me in filling in for me at a meeting of this board, while I was at the Union's strategic away days. I am connecting ICT, who are leading the project, with the relevant contacts in departments to embed the use of the technology in departments.

EDI Strategy

The College is developing an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. Its draft can be seen here: <http://wwwf.imperial.ac.uk/blog/assistant-provost-edi/2018/05/03/strategy-including-you/> where you are invited to send the Assistant Provost (EDI) your comments. I will be seeking further engagement with students in the coming weeks, and hope to invite Stephen Curry to the Community and Welfare Board on Thursday May 25th.

Bibliography

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