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PURPOSE	Update board on work
DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED	None

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Introduction

Highlights from the past few weeks include launching and completing the SACAs, recruiting staff and reflecting on the first half of my term.

Goal 1 - Produce NSS and PTES Responses in record time and use them to drive for change

You can find the responses on the Union website at <https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/responses>

- The first College NSS/PTES Working Group met on the 12th of December to discuss College level actions to be taken to improve the student experience. The meeting was successful and a report outlining best practice to be adopted across College has been produced to be submitted to Provost's board. The WG will meet again in a few March to follow up on the recommendations in the report.

Goal 2 - Conduct a Review of the UG and PG Academic Representation Network

The purpose of this review is to map the entire network, and to improve training, support and communication.

- I'm currently producing a plan for the rest of the Academic Rep Network Review including overall timeline, resource allocation and consultation. This has been pushed back several times due to the SACAs and staff recruitment taking precedence but is now first on my list of priorities.
- The communication and file sharing platform based on Microsoft Teams and SharePoint is being piloted by a few rep teams and will be reviewed at the ERB on the 28th of February.

Goal 3 - Spearhead student involvement in student-facing projects such as StudentShapers, Imperial Award and I-Explore

- I am working on embedding societal engagement in the curriculum via I-Explore, working closely with the StudentShapers team to increase the impact of the scheme and with the Imperial Award team to ensure the scheme caters well to our PGT students.

Goal 4 - Fight for improved feedback for students across Imperial

- The College-wide Undergraduate Curriculum review is now coming to an end and I will be on the committees approving the documents over the coming weeks. Most departments have made excellent changes to their curriculums and assessments and are committing to adhering to the College's feedback policy. The departments who hadn't included students in the process responded to pressure from myself and the Academic Rep Network and have since included students properly.

Goal 5 - Achieve over 2000 nominations in this year's Student Academic Choice Awards

- We added the 3 new categories after consultation with student reps and some staff and these were well received.

- Despite having a truncated timeline, less staff dedicated to the project and overlap with the first week of elections, we achieved 1566 SACA nominations. This is an excellent result that we are very happy with.

Union Work

- I've started working more closely with the project management/ways of working team to help implement these changes in a structured and effective way.

Reflections on the first half of our year in post

Being DPE has been a fantastic experience. I've learned a huge amount, had a higher impact than I anticipated and made some mistakes that I've learned from. Here are two of my commitments for the rest of the year:

- Do a better job of telling the student body what I've been up to via Felix, Blogs and social media.
- Be more ruthless when prioritising to make sure that I spend my time on high-impact projects

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