

Community & Welfare Board Agenda

*The third Ordinary Meeting of the Community & Welfare Board for the 2018-19
Session will be held on Tuesday 26th February*

Location: Meeting Rooms 3, Beit Quad

Deputy President (Welfare)
RCSU Vice President (Wellbeing & Welfare)
RSMU Student Welfare Officer
Black & Minority Ethnic Officer
Ethics & Environment Officer
International Students Officer
ESE Department Wellbeing Rep
Materials Department Wellbeing Rep
Biochemistry Department Wellbeing Rep
Biological Sciences Department Wellbeing Rep

Becky Neil
Shervin Sabeghi
Chloe Lewis
David Tyoember
Charlotte Griaud
Laura Chen
Arman Sarjou
Jessie Harrison
Catalina Costenco
Seoyeon Lee

Speaker

1. Hannah Bannister - Director Student Services
 - a. Hannah introduced the Student Support Strategy.
 - i. Currently big variation between departments on student support provision in terms of quality and availability.
 - ii. Recognised disconnect between student feedback and services delivered on the ground.
 - iii. Strategy aims to bring services together in joined-up approach.
 - iv. Integrated case management system across college.
 - v. Focus on mental health, suicide prevention, advice and support.
 - vi. 2 research associates will be funded to research MH interactions with academic work.
 - vii. Plan for external consultancy to review and develop actions on suicide prevention, and also be responsible for delivery and implementation.
 - viii. Looking at improving induction week, with transition programme, training and skills workshops.
 - ix. Accredited peer mentoring.
 - b. Strategy to be presented to provost board next month.
2. Q&A
 - a. Q: How to change staff attitude to student MH issues?

A: Principles contained within strategy and actions need to come with departmental buy in, students need to be empowered to challenge negative reactions to MH and help implement the document.

Q: How will case management system be accessed by students?

A: Precise design will come later but must link with new student data system and link to other systems which hold student data in a one stop approach. IT now looking into scoping and engaging with departments.

Q: Would students feel uncomfortable with data access?

A: Data collected by college is already available to students on request, so why not bring it all together and make it readily visible to the student all in one place? Student will have ability to control who else (e.g. personal tutor etc.) can see their data and also how much of the data they can see. This gives control of personal data back to the student.

Q: International students are concerned about whether disclosing MH issues will lead to impact on academic record or shared with govt agencies e.g. Home Office.

A: This is a myth, and more work need to take place to dispel and resassure.

Q: How can reps/students be involved in the process?

A: Student input will be taken at all stages. Students to be able to join meetings, working groups etc. All projects will involve students.

Formal Business

1. Chairs business
 - a. Deputy President (Welfare) (DPW) introduces members of the board
2. Minutes of last meeting
 - a. Approved.
3. Matters arising
 - a. N.A

Matters for Report

4. Updates from Deputy President (Welfare) (**verbal**)
 - a. "DPW to email international officer about international week.": work ongoing to plan international week.
 - b. "DPW to chase up about Ecosia campaign and Union contacts.": Struggled to find a time for a meeting, but this is happening.

- c. "DPW to chase up about Queens Tower being lit up during LGBT History Month.": Imperial 600

5. Updates from Constituent Union Welfare Officers (**verbal**)

- a. RSMU Student Welfare Officer
 - i. Working with staff to take action around a compulsory field trip in ESE which students have to pay for.
 - ii. Some courses without pre-requisite modules are harder than those with modules. More info for 1st years to be placed in welcome packs to help prepare.
 - iii. 4th year students have reported more sense of isolation after year abroad.
- b. RCSU VP
 - i. Working with faculty to respond to student survey.
 - ii. Will have focus groups with students who have shared emails.

6. Updates from Liberation & Community Officers (**verbal**)

- a. Black Minorities & Ethnic Officer
 - i. Work is ongoing to create BME network to enable easier targeted events etc.
 - ii. Stand up to racism talk.
- b. Gender Equality Officer
 - i. Int. Women's Day – promotional stall in library.
- c. Ethics & Environment Officer
 - i. Green Imperial Week next week
 - ii. Themed days – need to advertise further and also recruit more volunteers.
- d. International Students Officer
 - i. Int Student Week – committee formed.
 - ii. 3 events currently planned, supported by Asian Business Soc around careers, fintech & Brexit, and an international quiz.
 - iii. Video of Imperial students from around the world.
 - iv. Food event, with international/cultural societies.
 - v. World map pin board in library to highlight diversity of students at Imperial.
 - vi. Campus quiz.

Matters for Discussion

7. Greening Imperial Week (Presented by Ethics & Environment Officer)
 - a. As above.

ACTION: Publicise events and more volunteers needed for certain events.

8. Signposting/ Wellbeing Map (Presented by Deputy President (Welfare))
 - a. College is trying to update student space.
 - b. Launch around October.
 - c. Wanted to develop a signposting tool/service directory for reps “wellbeing map”
 - i. “Situations” – if this happens, then go here.
 - ii. “Feelings” – if you feel this, then go here.
 - d. This would be a webpage first – eventually end up with a search tool.
 - i. To be accessible to all.
 - ii. Do we need to brand this as a tool for reps if accessible to all?
 - iii. Need to clearly instruct people on how to use.
9. Under Pressure (Presented by Deputy President (Welfare))
 - a. Last week of term (18th March)
 - b. A range of union events to take place – call for ideas.
 - i. Materials department is having tea, biscuit and careers/revision advice event.

ACTION: Contact Becky with ideas for resources, advertising and funding etc.

AOB

- Union business cards – Is it possible to get them for officers.

Meeting Concludes at 19:40

Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th May 18:00. **Location:** Beit Quad, Meeting Room 3