

Imperial College Union Council Report

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Introduction

Highlights from the past few weeks include finishing this year's training round with a record high of 49% of Academic Reps trained (and an evaluation feedback score average of 8.5), developing a communications platform for the Academic Rep Network and starting the plan for SACAs 2019.

Report on Progress

This is not an exhaustive list. Feel free to ask me about my other goals and initiatives. Previous progress can be found in my past reports.

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 departments have now finalised their action plans which are contained in the Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs) and PTES action plans – and should now be in the hands of the respective academic rep teams.
- The first College NSS/PTES Working Group will meet on the 12th of December to discuss College level actions to be taken to improve the student experience. I have consulted with the dep reps to put together a “best practice” document in preparation for the meeting.

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.

- The new training that we developed this year has been delivered to 242 reps and we have received an average overall score of 8.5. We will do a larger review of training as part of the ARN review next year.
- I'm currently producing a plan for the rest of the Academic Rep Network Review including overall timeline, resource allocation and consultation.
- I'm currently developing a communication and file sharing platform based on Microsoft Teams and Sharepoint which will be presented to ERB on 6/12/18 for feedback.

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

You can find out more about these projects online.

- The I-Explore Module Innovation Group (IMIG) has had its first meeting where we discussed the vision for the scheme. The group will meet regularly to discuss resourcing and logistics.
- At second IMIG I presented a proposal for an additional stream to be added on *Societal Engagement* to get students involved in public outreach and community work. It was discussed in depth and will be decided on at the next IMIG. IMIG is fully supportive of societal engagement modules but is deciding whether an entire stream is necessary.

- On behalf of the Imperial Award Steering Group I have decided to, together with the Student Development Team, consult PGT students on whether they would be interested in the Imperial Award and changes that need to be made to the scheme to cater to their needs and timeline. We've produced a plan and hope to be finished the consultation early next term.

Goal 4 - Fight for improved feedback for students across Imperial

- Feedback is a recurring theme at every education related meeting that I attend and every time it comes up I push for improvements and suggest changes that can be made. Several departments have included actions to address feedback in their AMRs. That, coupled with student feedback, external pressures, willing staff and the work of my predecessors has led to feedback timeliness and quality, as well as mark scheme quality, being improving across College. Departments are now focussing on the Curriculum Review where they have been mandated to decrease assessment burden (quantity and frequency) to give students more "breathing space" in their curriculum to digest content and reflect and improve based on feedback.

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

- We are considering a few new categories to recognise excellence in the areas of student wellbeing/experience and diversity/inclusion and have finalised the project plan.

Operational Achievements

Hundreds of emails, and thousands of pages of papers to read to prepare for the dozens of meetings that I attend.

Items for discussion

None this time.

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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