

Imperial College Union Council Report

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Introduction

My focus aspects for the year: sustainability, service quality, communication and engagement.

Report on Progress

Goal 1 - Union Breakfast

- Review scheduled for Spring term. This is so a full term of feedback and spending trends can be analysed.
- Feedback cards now supplied in the bars.

Goal 2 – Union bars sustainability review

- No progress since last report on the plastic aspect of our bars
- Shall be trialling Meat Free Mondays in our bars during January joint with College outlets – I have written a Felix article on this (released 7th December).

Goal 3 - College food provisions

- Silwood campus to get gluten free and vegan options. Catering on the campus has been informed to action this by Campus Services.
- 24 hour food vending project – aim is to get accessible late night meals on campus in case anyone is staying late at university and needs dinner after other outlets shut in College.
 - 3 options have currently been proposed and business plans written to show it's a good investment to put these on campus and are being presented to various stakeholders in the next few weeks by myself and the Head of campus service special projects.
 - Worked with a design engineering project group that was focusing on vending machines to gather anonymised data on how late students stay at university/how often, whether they bring their own food/where they buy food from, what food they'd like to see available/how much would they pay/where would they like it located, etc. Data is helping us present an even stronger case to stakeholders on why they should finance meal vending machines for students.

Goal 4 - Shop Extra offerings review

- Coffee machines being installed on the 7th December! Dairy and non-dairy milk options available.

Goal 5 – Accessibility: Be more transparent where Union income is spent

Has been fed back to me that a lot of students don't understand where our money is spent, especially in regards to why our bars make a profit. I shall be looking into the annual budget and all income/expenditure to try create a document or infographic to explain this simply to all students.

- Currently reading through the Union annual budget for 2017/18 and the comparing to the annual report (which tells you the Union's actual spending) for 2017/18. Seeing how similar they are. If similar, will chose to use the annual budget of 2018/19 to use in my infographic.
- Looking at various other universities to see how they display their finances.

Operational Achievements

Training

- Completed Recruitment and Selection Interview Level 2 training

Communications

- 'Day in the life of DPFS' blog written (3rd Dec)
- 'Meat Free Mondays' Felix article written to inform students of changes next term (7th Dec)

Health & Safety Committee

- Elected CSPB representative to the committee – Tom Willis
- Electing Union Council Representatives to the committee tonight (11th Dec)

Items for Discussion

None this time.

Want to know more? Have any thoughts, ideas, questions? Please get in contact!

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