

Union Stance on the Number of Hall Senior Places in UG Halls

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Union Notes:

1. Hall seniors are returning students who live in UG halls after their first year and work with the wardening team. Their role includes building communities, helping with events and signposting residents as required.
2. Each UG hall has a different setup but ideally there would be 1 hall senior per each section of the halls. A section could be defined as a corridor, a house, a kitchen or other as decided by the wardening teams.
3. College guarantees all first year students who put Imperial as their firm choice a place in halls.
4. The number of places for hall seniors was cut last year meaning some "sections" did not have a hall senior. This was because College gave more offers to prospective students, but they still held their guarantee for a place in halls.
5. The Director of Student Services will be going to Provost Board to request a full complement of hall seniors.

Union Believes:

1. Hall seniors have the opportunity to develop skills and get experiences they can use throughout future careers. More spaces gives more students this opportunity.
2. Hall seniors bring a sense of community, peer support and allow issues to be spotted that can help with the welfare of students. This is an important part of the experience and wellbeing of the residents.
3. Anecdotally students without hall seniors in their section have struggled finding support staff or services that they need, have felt left out and have not had such a positive experience in halls. Students that need help could be missed without a full complement of hall seniors.

Union Resolves:

1. To lobby College to approve a full complement of hall senior spaces.
2. To support the Director of Student Services in her request to Provost Board.

Note: Full complement refers to one hall senior for each section.