



Imperial College Union Board of Trustees
8th July 2020

AGENDA ITEM NO.	14
TITLE	Council Chair Report
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Since the last Board meeting, we have had 1 remote Council meeting on the 9th of June.</p> <p>The June meeting featured discussions around modifications to the DPFS role, as the as around Postgraduate membership of Faculty Constituent Unions. The Union Awards and the awarding of HLMS to Sabbatical Officers was also decided.</p>
PURPOSE	To inform Board about the outcomes of the June Council meeting, and update on the Policy Review process.
DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED	None

June Council Meeting

- Council voted to **approve changes to the DPFS Role**. These changes were proposed in a paper submitted by the DPFS and President, and replace certain operational responsibilities of the role with strategic responsibilities. In the short term these should help enable future postholders to be more effective.
- Council voted to **make PG students full members of their Faculty Unions**. PGs had previously only been 'social members' which permitted them to attend events but did not allow for further engagement. This change presents an opportunity for building PG community within Faculties if the CUs are appropriately supported. Council agreed that alongside this further review of the role of the Graduate Students' Union is necessary.
- Council **approved this year's Union Awards** on the recommendations of the Awards Committee. Council also voted to grant Honorary Life Membership to some of the Sabbatical Officers.

Policy Renewal

All Policies owned by the Community and Welfare Board, the Clubs Societies and Projects Board, and the Governance and Identity Board have been reviewed and renewed. Policies owned by the Education and Representation Board have been reviewed and await renewal by online vote. The Policies owned by the Services and Sustainability Board and the Publicity Policy (owned by Council) are currently under review and are on track to be renewed by a final Council meeting on July 21st.

I am keen to extend this work over the next Academic Year to the 19 Policies owned by the Board. While these are not in the same dire state that Council Policies were in, many have not been looked at in a long time and some are clearly in need of review. A holistic approach to this which also maps out ownership of these Policies by Board subcommittees would be beneficial.