

Council Chair Report

Trustee Board Meetings:

- Board of Trustees – 30/10
 - Summer Ball: Proposal was brought to Board by management to cancel this year's SB and do an additional event in Beit instead, due to staffing and cost issues. This was very strongly opposed by OTs/student trustees/myself, who argued that SB is a key part of student experience, and that going forward costs/time can be saved by better engagement of volunteers and requesting more assistance from College. Board agreed to allow DPFS to take lead on planning SB, with a plan and costings to come to next BoT meeting.
 - Grave concerns were raised by trustees around the management of the organization, including around:
 - 'Procrastination' and mismanagement around providing information to Finance and Risk committee, and around Health and Safety, which expose the organization to risk.
 - A lack of a clear plan for managing challenges around implementation of new EPOS system which has the potential to result in significant losses.
 - A framework for the next ICU Strategy was presented, based around 4 tiers of: sustainable organization -> student engagement and development -> student representation/voice -> student experience. The strategy will involve specific objectives across these areas. A consultation process will start in due course.
 - Board agreed that decision around addition of an elected PG trustee should be left to Council.
- **(Upcoming)** Governance Committee – 18/11
 - Review of the Safeguarding and No Drugs Policies
 - Discussions around regulatory compliance of the organization
 - Update on review of structure of Board subcommittees
 - Plans/dates for upcoming bye-election
- **(Upcoming)** People, Appointments, and Remuneration Committee – 21/11
 - Remuneration report
 - Disciplinary process and safeguarding
 - Discussion around creating a more substantial relationship between ICU and its volunteers / student staff

General Updates:

- Council training sessions to be delivered 12:00-14:00 Monday November 4th.