

# RCSU Council Report: Spring Term, 2020

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## First term retrospective:

The RCSU has had a very successful first term. In addition to other achievements, we ran 11 events, organized the office, published a new edition of Broadsheet, and bonded as a committee. We still have lots to do, but it seems that the RCSU is on the up and up.

If you have any questions about the content of the report, feel free to ask!

## Executive & Subcommittee reports

### Societies & Finance:

- ❖ Our societies have been operating smoothly, with increased communication between us and the departmental societies.
- ❖ The treasurer's time is primarily occupied with completing the annual budget and assisting the societies in our management group with the same.
- ❖ While we still have not received external sponsorship, we have received a £1000 contribution from the RCSA for this year's Science Challenge.

### Activities:

- ❖ The activities team is currently planning the events for this term. We have a few in the works, including Revel, another pub quiz, a bar night, and a RAG event.

### Operations:

- ❖ As previously stated, while we haven't had sponsorship yet, the sponsorship document is in the works, and is coming up nicely. We hope to have it completed soon to procure sponsorship for next year's committee.
- ❖ We are having our second Alumni event of this academic year, which is an interview skills workshop. This marks strengthened relations between the RCSA and the RCSU.
- ❖ Broadsheet's first edition of the academic year was released at the start of term. It has been a taxing edition to complete, but we think it turned out nicely. The editor will organize a meeting with the writers to generate new ideas for the next edition soon. There have been concerns about the lack of space to distribute Broadsheet.
- ❖ The Science Challenge Launch took place last term. We have increased publicity and included more non-cash prizes to incentivize increased Imperial participation. These include a tour of the house of lords, and a tea and cakes session with Lord Winston. The final will take place in March at the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- ❖ Our new Webmaster has been learning the ropes of RCSU website management, so we hope to update our websites soon.

## Academic:

- ❖ 30/34 reps were elected in regular or by-elections
- ❖ Welcome talk and social took place on 31st October to Academic and Wellbeing reps - successful, especially for meeting reps in an informal environment
- ❖ Meet your reps week 4-8/11 - one day per department, giving the students a chance to meet their reps; better than last year because of pre-prepared ice breakers and overall better organisation
- ❖ A small Christmas social took place in the last week of term, strengthening the sense of belonging of the reps to the RCSU
- ❖ Replacing the FoNS/RCSU survey with townhall meetings or other face-to-face interactions as we have concluded there are enough surveys with the same outcome. These are to take place in Term 2
- ❖ Still working on the NSS recommendations in cooperation with the departments; now with the new Dean there might be more focus on improving the quality of teaching delivery in FoNS
- ❖ The Life Sciences common room is due to be finished at the end of April

## Wellbeing:

- ❖ With our newly elected Welfare Events Officer, we have run our first welfare event of the year, RCSU Yoga and Meditation. The event went well and validated the need for the newly created role.
- ❖ The welfare committee is now working on organizing Welfare Week events, in addition to its normal representation duties.