



ICSMSU UNION COUNCIL REPORT – JANUARY 2020



Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union

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Overview

Continuing on from successes over Summer and throughout October when all the new students joined and years two, three and four came back from their Summer holidays.

The teams within the SU have settled, and we have all spent large amounts of term one finding our feet and fulfilling responsibilities which are essential to our positions. We are going to shift the focus in term two towards project work and making lasting changes for the students of the Faculty of Medicine.

To this end, we will have just returned from our annual retreat by the time of this Union Council meeting, where we are planning on completing much work on shared goals, considering our priorities for the next term (and indeed the rest of the academic year) and evaluation of our progress so far; as individuals, teams and as a whole SU.

We will also begin to focus on elections which are upcoming, and how to encourage new people to join the SU, whilst keeping some of our newer members and allowing them to develop and utilise their skills to fill larger roles.

Exec

Highlights include:

- Revamping the newsletter and getting the website updated, including new content for the new curriculum
- SU Retreat planning, where we aim to have a productive weekend, go through the constitution, help people with individual goals, change our structures and support for officers and do lots of team building
- Beginning many student consultation processes, from new BSc allocation method, to St Mary's sale, to Charing Cross site improvements, to Raising Concerns policy and process
- Much work done on joint FoM and FoNS widening participation President's Award project
- Supporting United Hospitals and taking part in successful conference



Look out for:

- New feedback system potentially being introduced across the medical school
- Updated constitution and new officer role
- Equal quality of teaching assurances across sites
- More transparency with reports, meetings and minutes
- Improved displays in Charing Cross (Reynolds Building) to increase accessibility to services
- Funding application to Faculty for an increase in funding, and block grant negotiation with ICU finance, in order to reduce financial burden on our students
- Increased awareness and sign ups for ICSM Alumni Association

Academics

Highlights include:

- Many more successful SSLGs and Forums, including first open attendance SSLG (which did not actually have any new attendees) and a huge volume of feedback collected, especially from the new curriculum
- Planning for ICSM-wide free mock exams and coordination of societies to host them and arrange logistics
- Funding secured from Faculty for 'extras' and support for mocks

Welfare

Highlights include:

- Improving facilities across campuses
- Ran sexual health and HIV testing/stigma awareness event at Reynolds
- Relaunch of Medics of Imperial
- ICSM Blooms campaign off to a successful start with lots of interaction, especially from the younger years and on Blue Monday



Entertainments

Highlights include:

- Freshers' Fortnight completed and evaluation session done
- Halfway Dinner successful and broke even
- Bops have been held with varying success, but the Christmas bop drew a large crowd
- Snow Ball was well attended and feedback was good, although considering moving back to a hotel next year
- New Year's Resolutions had a slight increase in numbers compared to last year
- RAG have raised over £2000 so far for our two charities, and have done a large amount of work towards planning RAG week for January and RAG Fashion Show for February, where we intend to raise a large amount more for charity
- Overall turnout has been maintained on the previous year

Clubs and Societies

Highlights include:

- Working with clubs to ensure their new student intake has been as good as possible
- Annual budgeting process for all clubs almost completed, including 1-2-1s with every single club to discuss their unique needs
- Varsity planning has begun and has been strongly driven by our C&S team in partnership with the Sports/ACC Chair
- Arts Dinner has been organised and Sports Dinner will soon follow suit
- Supporting teams through tours, and some incidents which took place over first term
- Storage for the clubs and socs room is being sorted out and should be purchased and installed very soon



BSc Biomedical Science

Highlights include:

- Collecting feedback with very high response rates from all years about the new course and changes introduced this year
- Meetings with heads of course and senior figures about negative feelings and poor feedback on third year (placements)
- Well-attended events run for just BMB students, a pub crawl in conjunction with Bioengineering students and continued support and encouragement to attend ICSM events
- Our SU officers have had to stand in and do the job of course and year reps for third year as well, since nobody wanted to run for the positions

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FANTASTIC
VOLUNTEERS. YOU REGULARLY GO ABOVE
AND BEYOND TO FAR EXCEED THE
EXPECTED DUTIES OF A VOLUNTEER, AND
EVERYONE IS VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU
ALL WORK TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE THE
STUDENT EXPERIENCE OF ALL THOSE
WITHIN OUR ICSM COMMUNITY.**

