



# ICSMSU UNION COUNCIL REPORT – JUNE 2020



# Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union

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## Overview

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Most of our time since the last Council report has been spent preparing and assisting with the online offering in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We worked with the faculty to ensure that the ICSM-V (volunteering) scheme was going to work for students and be fair (and safe) for them. We also organised accommodation and transport for students who were volunteering, as this was especially difficult for final year students whose housing contracts had ended but could not go on elective.

Our focus then shifted to exams, where we worked with the faculty to make the exams fair and make sure they would work for everybody. This involved collecting feedback from students, and meetings to plan this with the faculty. We also had to come to an agreement about a safety net, so our BMB team worked with the BMB staff to ensure safety net was rolled out as far as possible in BMB, and we collaborated with the BSc team to find a workaround for year 4. We also agreed with them on how to make other years in fair in lieu of being able to introduce a safety net, and how to arrange exam awards.

We have also worked on the mixed-mode offering for students, with input on the structure of first term and how to still offer a freshers-like experience for incoming students.

A joint fundraising campaign is being planned with the School of Medicine and SU, in order to raise money from donors, staff and students, in order to support ICSM students who are experiencing financial hardship due to the Covid-19 crisis. Many students have lost family members due to them working in the healthcare sector, and others have lost their jobs or are unable to support the students financially.

We have pooled resources within the faculty to produce resources to support and educate about Black Lives Matter. Our clubs & socs, RAG and welfare teams are working out how we can combine efforts in order to raise money to help charities which support black students.



Our elections have been a success – we filled every position (except president) the first time round, and there are currently two candidates standing for ICSMSU President for next year.

Final Year dinner (STFYD) was cancelled, and this comes as a double blow to our final year students since they had their electives cancelled, and subsequently also their Affirmation. We have ensured no loss from this event being cancelled, and the money will be reinvested into next year (the committee for which has been set up). We are planning an online Affirmation to celebrate their graduation, in case October graduation is cancelled as well.

We have also secured funding which now covers the entirety of the President's salary, freeing up even more money and donations from alumni to go directly to investment in the students' experiences.

We are planning how to recreate freshers for next year with students only coming on campus for a short amount of time in smaller groups. This will likely be a mixed offering, and trying to integrate new students with clinical students, who will be here anyway. For them, we will have to redesign our normal social schedule so that we can still fulfil their social needs whilst complying with social distancing.

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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.**

