



# GSU

IMPERIAL GRADUATE  
STUDENTS' UNION

Activity Report to Imperial College Union Council

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## 1. GSU for 2020/21 academic year

This Graduate Students' Union (GSU) committee will keep enhancing the educational experiences and development of all postgraduates (Masters and PhD) across all the campuses this year. This year, this GSU committee aims to:

- (1) Introduce a minimal research supervision hour;
- (2) Strengthen the relationship with industry to secure job/internship opportunities for PG students;
- (3) Organise public lectures for PG community;
- (4) Get the white city-south Kensington shuttle bus issue done;
- (5) Re-structure the GSU Committee;
- (6) Play a leading role to form a national level Postgraduate Association;

## 2. By-election in November 2020

The position of GSU publicity officer had been filled during the autumn by-election in November 2020, Lea Nader Mansour had been successfully elected.

## Representation

1. The re-structure of GSU committee: GSU President submitted a paper to union council on 26/11/2020 to call for a restructure of GSU committee. The main actions were (1) to divided the position "GSU Vice President (Operations)" into "GSU Vice President (Events and Activities)" and "GSU Vice President (Public Relations)"; and (2) to divide "GSU Vice President (Representation)" into "GSU Vice President (Research)" and "GSU Vice President (Taught)". This paper successfully passed during the union council meeting in November;
2. An GSU committee meeting on 02/12/2020 to discuss the issues of (1) PG departmental rep system reform; (2) strategies to improve the connection among PG students, departmental reps and GSU AWOs;
3. Two GSU/ICU regular catch up meetings with ICU President on 28/12/2020 and 11/01/2021 to discuss the issues of:
  - (a) GSU Vice President payments;
  - (b) Imposing of minimum research supervision hours;
4. A representation training for new GSU AWOs (Victoria, Michael, Prerana and Chiara) on 14/12/2020 with Dr. Caroline Hargreaves (Senior Teaching Fellow, Graduate School), Michaela Flegrova (ICU Deputy President, Education) and Lintong Li (GSU Vice President, Representation);

### 3. Operations

1. Up-Marathon Campus Activity: The Imperial College Graduate Students' Union successfully hosted an online Campus Marathon event during 06/11/2020 to 14/11/2020. The purposes of this event are two: (1) encouraging the use of stairs rather than lift to reduce the carbon emissions; (2) keeping exercising during pandemic to stay health;
2. Planning a new online Speed Networking event.

### 4. Meetings

On behalf of Imperial College PG community, during past two months, the GSU President also attended following meetings:

1. Artwork Group Meeting, 16:00 to 17:00 on 02/12/2020;
2. Imperial College Senate Meeting, 15:00 to 17:00 on 09/12/2020;
3. Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee (QAEC) Meeting, 10:00 to 12:00 on 20/01/2021;

### 5. The future events and projects:

1. Campaign to introduce the Minimum Research Supervision Hour to guarantee the quality of supervision support for PhD students, MSc student and 4<sup>th</sup> year Undergraduate students who are in project period;
2. Campaign to introduce free academic English courses for MSc students who come from a non-English speaking family background;
3. Speed Networking event