

Imperial College Students' Union Board of Trustees / 29 September 2021

President Report to Board of Trustees

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Purpose: To report on the work of the Union President

Updates:

 Worked on implementation of Governance Review (annual measuring round, tidying Governing Documents, and more)

- Oversaw objective-setting process for OTs, Felix Editor, Constituent Union Presidents, and MD
- Updated ICU Policies on the Union website including removal of out-of-date Board Policies: identified a need for revised Board Policies including a Freedom of Speech Policy, Staff-Student Policy, and Members under 18 Policy
- Assisted with the development of the NSS Response recommendations
- Advised the College on regulations around Covid safety, charter flights for Chinese students, and Man-aged Quarantine rebates
- Initiated lobbying project around lack of student study space on campus(es) Developing relationships with key College stakeholders, led presentation on ICU context / strategy and Officer Objectives at Heads of Department Lunch
- Assisted with recruitment for roles including Policy and Research Officer
- Engaged with a number of disciplinary procedures: identified a need for more robust procedures for issues with alumni / non-members
- Lobbied the College and fed back to students on the contentious issue of guests at Graduation
- Passed my PhD Viva (woo)

Upcoming:

- Complete Report on GSU Structure Reform based on results of PG Engagement Survey and focus groups
- Engage with Socially Responsible Investment Policy Committee to lobby the College for increased staff support for sustainability
- Put together a working group for a project to look at student-led decoration (art, photographs etc) for the new student spaces in the old Chemistry building
- Lobbying the College for increased student engagement in recruitment of senior College staff.

Needing Approval:

As part of the GSU Review, we will likely be making significant changes to the structure of the GSU Committee which will ideally be implemented this year while the Committee is mostly vacant. As it was not considered possible for a new structure approved at this Board meeting to be implemented in time for Autumn Elections, I am requesting Board approve the decision to postpone the election of GSU Committee roles, excluding the Faculty Representative roles, until after the new Committee structure has been approved at the next meeting.