

**Imperial College Union
Council Chair Report
Board of Trustees / 29th September 2021**

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Purpose: To report on the work of the Union Council Chair and Union Council

Decision(s): To note

1. Intro

I started in the role on August 1st and there has not been a Council meeting since, so there is not a lot of business to report.

2. Council Meetings 2021/22

Ten meetings for the academic year 2021/22 have been scheduled for the following dates:

1. 30th September
2. 2nd November
3. 30th November
4. 11th January
5. 8th February
6. 8th March
7. 5th April
8. 10th March
9. 7th June
10. 5th July

The first meeting will be held remotely on Teams to allow students who have not yet come to London to participate. The remainder of the meetings is planned to take place in the Union Dining Hall, which has already been booked for that purpose.

3. Roles on Council

The majority of Council members were elected in the Leadership or Summer Elections. However, the biggest gap is currently among the Management Group Chairs, who are elected offline and some of them have not been selected yet.

We are to elect the 16 Representative to Council roles in the Autumn elections. These are proportionate to the number of students in each Faculty, according to the Bye-Laws. For the 2021/22 academic year, the following distribution is proposed:

Business School	PG	2
Faculty of Medicine	PG	2
Faculty of Medicine	UG	2
Faculty of Engineering	PG	2
Faculty of Engineering	UG	4

Faculty of Natural Sciences	PG	1
Faculty of Natural Sciences	UG	2
Imperial College	PG	1

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I am planning to review the roles on Council in the upcoming academic year. Currently, postgraduate students are disproportionately underrepresented due to each Constituent Union having three seats on Council (president, academic rep, welfare rep), and the majority of CU's being undergraduate.

4. Council Publicity

In the upcoming academic year, I am hoping to increase the publicity of Union Council to encourage more students to take interest in what Council is up to. This will likely involve some level of collaboration with Felix as well as the marketing department in the Union.

On Monday 20th September we promoted Union Council on Instagram through a handover, where I was answering questions students had about Council and the Representative to Council role. We had over 1,600 views of the stories on average and 19 questions were asked.

5. OTs Reporting

I am also planning to review the way Officer Trustees are held accountable this year. This will involve changes to the way reports are written and voted on, as well as other ways to provide OTs with better feedback on their work. Some work has already been done (consultation with outgoing OTs, changes to report format in collaboration with the President), but more consultation is likely to take place to determine what other changes to implement.