

DPFS report to Union Council

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Updates:

- **Annual Budgeting:** I have been supporting the DPCS in delivering continued support and training to MGs, CUs and CSPs. We will hopefully have opened MG1 reviews by the time Council has started.
- **Sustainability Strategy & Ethical Framework:** A timeline for the process of researching, reviewing and delivering both a sustainability strategy and an ethical framework has started, and kick off meetings of the working group have been arranged. I am looking to bring the strategy and framework to the last Council of the year to be approved and then implemented over the summer for the new academic year. Town halls and student consultations will be occurring at the end of February, I will ensure Council members made aware of when these are.
- **SSB:** A review of SSB has been initialised with the representation team, which will look at and review the priorities and work of the committee. We will be using the committee in the mean time to be part of both the Ethical Framework & Sustainability Strategy projects.
- **Commercial Review:** We have reviewed and approved a set of development plans for each of the Commercial areas within the Union (Food & Beverage, Events & Entertainments, External Hires/ Sales & Sponsorship, Retail). This includes as key points the following: security review (starting this month); increased Silfest support, trialing Concert Hall licensed bar services for shows and events; development of a PG-focussed events programme; and a sustainability plan for all areas.
- **London Student Sustainability Conference:** Conference will be taking place on Thursday 24th February, and it will be great to see as many of you there as possible! If you would like to be there, the sign up link for the hybrid conference is [here](#).
- **Transition out of 'Plan B' in Commercial areas:** We have developed the rules and guidance for our venues that tries to balance the need for continued safety and the wishes for students to have the nights out they want to have.
- **Elections:** I have been working closely with the Representation team to support on delivering both the hustings and the results night for the Leadership Elections 2022.

Upcoming:

- CSP Annual Budgeting MG1 & MG2
- Sustainability Strategy & Ethical Framework Consultation
- Sustainability Week 2022 (quick shout-out to Camilla and the E&E Network for their excellent plans for the week!)

Objectives:

Objective 1: Union Sustainability - [In progress]

As mentioned in my updates, both the Sustainability Strategy and the Ethical Framework projects have kicked off. I hope to be able to provide an update of next steps when the research and consultation periods have concluded.

Objective 2: Developing a coherent lobbying agenda for Campus Services & Estates [Started] - Joint Objective with President

Not much has developed in this area in the last month due to prioritisation of other projects. I am working with the Director of Finance & Resources to review our food offering and initiate an open conversation with Campus Services about being able to supply a provision of hot food for postgraduate students in h-bar during evening service.

Objective 3: CSP Systems and Processes [Started] - Joint Objective with DPCS

With the support of CSPB, we worked on looking at the Annual Budgeting process, but we have decided for this year that staying with the current app makes the most sense. This objective will now shift to planning for providing the support and maintenance required in the immediate term for this year's budgeting process and start discussions around implementing a better system for next year.

Objective 4: Commercial Review - [Ongoing]

As stated in my updates, we will (by the time of Council) have approved a set of development plans for all commercial areas within the Union. I shall provide an update on the development of the different plans at the next Council meeting.

Objective 5: Services & Sustainability Board [Started]

As stated above, I have initiated a review of SSB with the Representation team. We will be utilising SSB in the interim to be a key player in the projects surrounding both the Sustainability Strategy and the Ethical Framework.