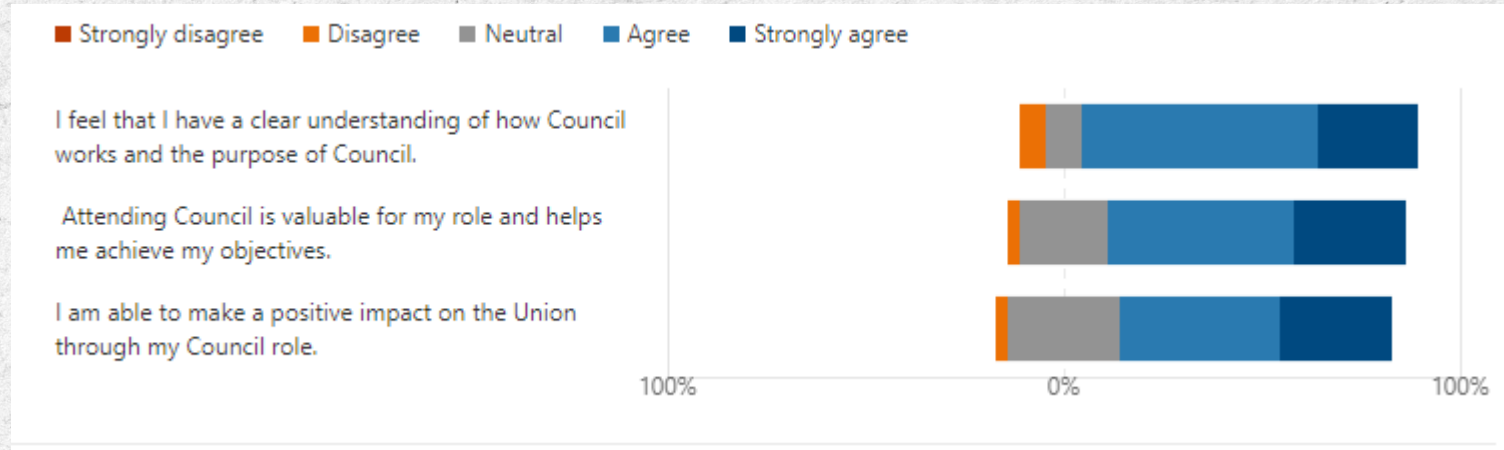# DSR Survey Results

15/02/2022

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 32 responses overall
  - 4/5 Officer Trustees, 1 Council Chair
  - 3/5 CU Presidents, 2/5 CU Education, 2/5 CU Welfare
  - 2/6 Management Committee Chairs
  - 7/9 Liberation/Community Officers
  - 7/8 UG Ordinary Members, 2/8 PG Ordinary Members
  - 2/3 PG Academic & Welfare Officers
- Analysis groups: Exec (OTs+ CC), CUs, LCOs, UG OMs, PGs, MG (small sample)
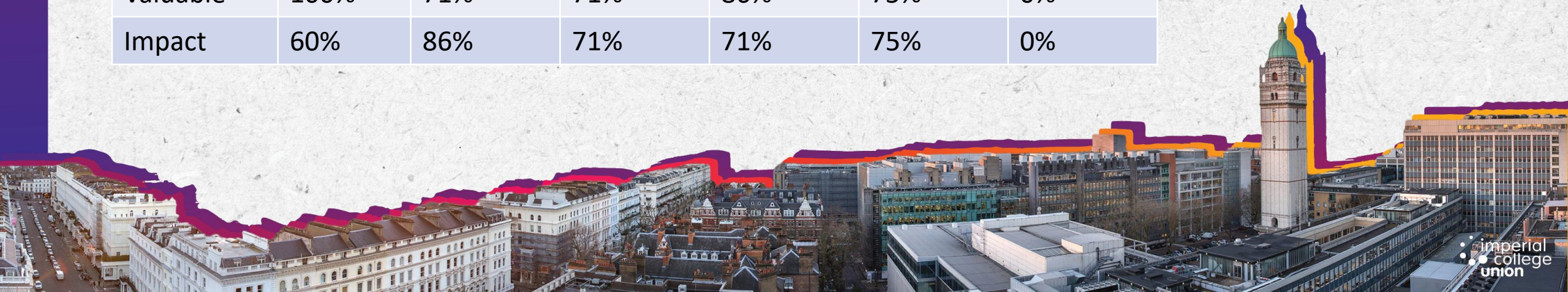- Question – how does (lack of) anonymity affect response?

Q1

- 84% agree - Understanding of Council
- 75% agree – Valuable for role
- 69% agree – Positive impact

	Exec	CUs	LCOs	UG OM	PG	MG
Understand	100%	100%	57%	86%	100%	50%
Valuable	100%	71%	71%	86%	75%	0%
Impact	60%	86%	71%	71%	75%	0%

Q2

- **What have you found most interesting about Council?**
  - Seeing what's going on across College/Union (12)
  - Discussion/debate (9)
  - Variety of topics discussed (5)
  - Interacting with other Council members (4)
  - Learning about College/ the Union (3)
  - Writing papers (1)
  - Feedback on own work (1)
  - Interactivity (1)
  - Student representation (1)
  - Irrelevant response (1)

Q3

- **Have you brought a paper to Council?**
  - 9/32 – yes
- Many students cited not having yet found an issue relevant to discuss. Others suggested they were too busy.
- Some suggestion that Council members might be more aware of issues if they spoke to more students / had better access to student views, or if students knew to approach them with issues.
- Some suggestion that it was not clear what issues were relevant to Council, vs what would be better discussed in other fora.
- Some comments around papers / training – paper structure could be simpler, there could be a paper template / example papers, info about papers could be more visible on the website, there could be ways of getting feedback on draft papers before submission.

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Q4

- **Are there any viewpoints you feel are missing from Council?**
  - 19/32 – no
- First year students / those new to Imperial (4)
- The 'common'/average student (3)
- Other campuses (2)
- Postgraduates (2)
- CSPs (1)
- Contributions from College staff (e.g. Estates presentation) (1)
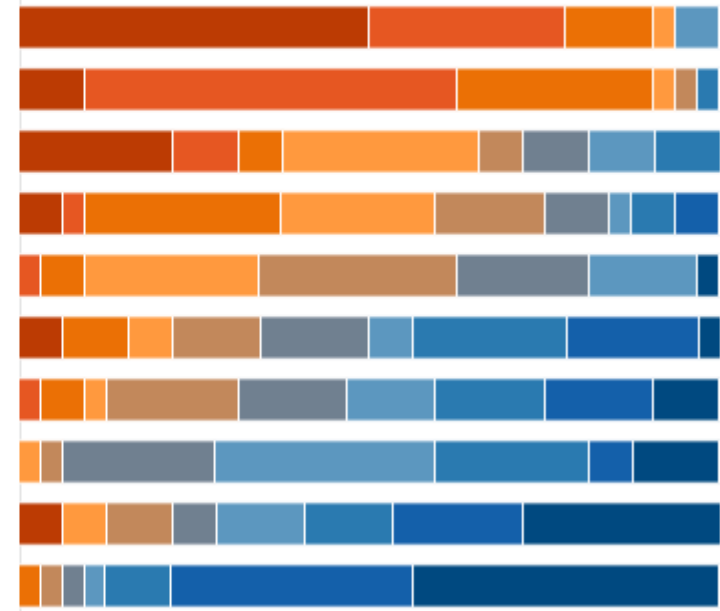- Community networks (1)

Q5

5. Please rank the following, from most to least, in terms of how important you feel it is that these viewpoints be represented on Council.
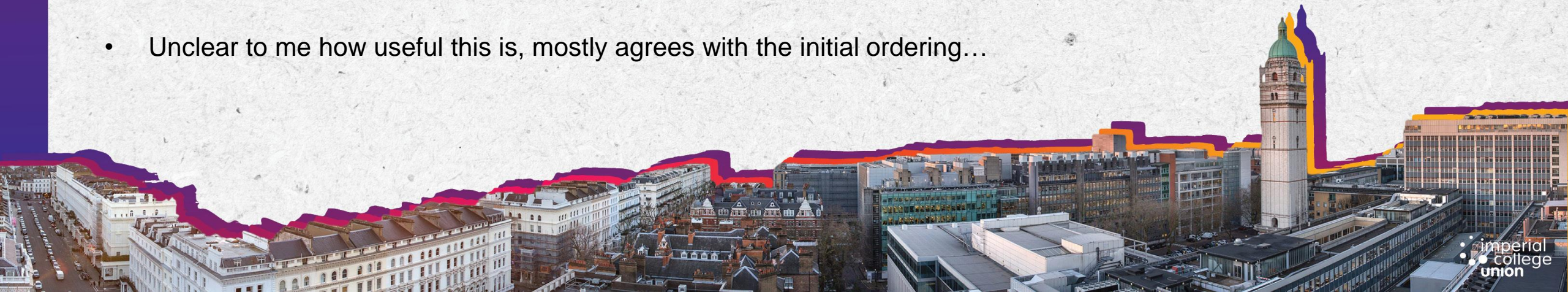
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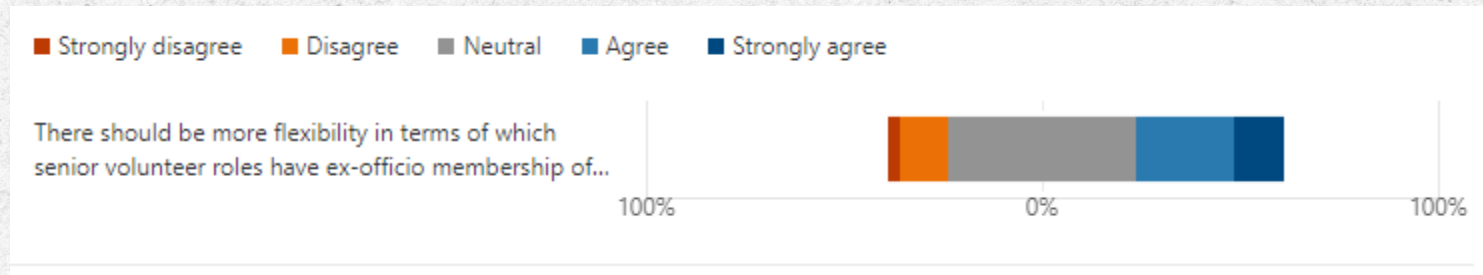| Rank	Options
1	Academic Representation
2	Wellbeing Representation
3	Constituent Unions
4	Liberation and Community Ne...
5	Postgraduates
6	Clubs and Societies
7	Management Group committe...
8	non-South Kensington campu...
9	Students from particular Depa...
10	Halls of Residence

First choice ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ Last choice

- Unclear to me how useful this is, mostly agrees with the initial ordering…

Q6

- 38% agree with more flexibility in which ex-officio roles are on Council, vs 16% disagree and 47% neutral. No strong dependence of choice on role type.

Q7&8

- Q7 other:
  - Monthly Council and Termly Town Hall
  - DPs at subcommittees and President at Council
- Q8 other:
  - Petitions more about collecting support for an idea
  - Petitions should be well advertised to students
  - Different thresholds

7. How you do think Officer Trustees (the President and Deputy Presidents) should primarily be held accountable in their roles?

More Details

🔵 Reports and Q&A at Council	14	
🟠 Reports and Q&A at Town Hal...	4	Vol only TH
🟢 Reports and Q&A at Town Hal...	8	All student TH
🔴 Reports and Q&A at the relev...	3	
🟣 Other	3	

8. The Union is launching a platform for hosting petitions. This petitions system should:

More Details

🔵 Require a Council discussion ...	29
🟠 Require a response from the ...	17
🟢 Require a referendum be held ...	11
🔴 Not necessarily require any ac...	2
🟣 Other	3

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Q9

- **Should any decisions of Council be made in a different way?**
  - 15/32 – no
- Open up / publicise Council meetings to more students (4)
- Decisions at subcommittee where solely in a given remit (4)
  - More explicit option for Council to delegate to subcommittee for further discussion
- Referenda for some issues (3)
- All affected students should be able to vote at Council (2)
- Referenda for most issues (1)
- VoNCs attended by members of that society (1)
- All students should be able to vote at Council (1)

Q10&11

- Q10 other:
  - Livestream and edited video
  - Should depend on decision made / who is affected (2)
  - Posters (2)

10. How do you feel that decisions of Council should be reported to the wider student body?

More Details

🔵	Union website	25
🟠	Union email newsletter	27
🟢	Union social media	21
🔴	Felix	23
🟣	Other	5

11. How many times have you been unable to physically attend a Council meeting which you would have been able to join remotely, if that were an option?
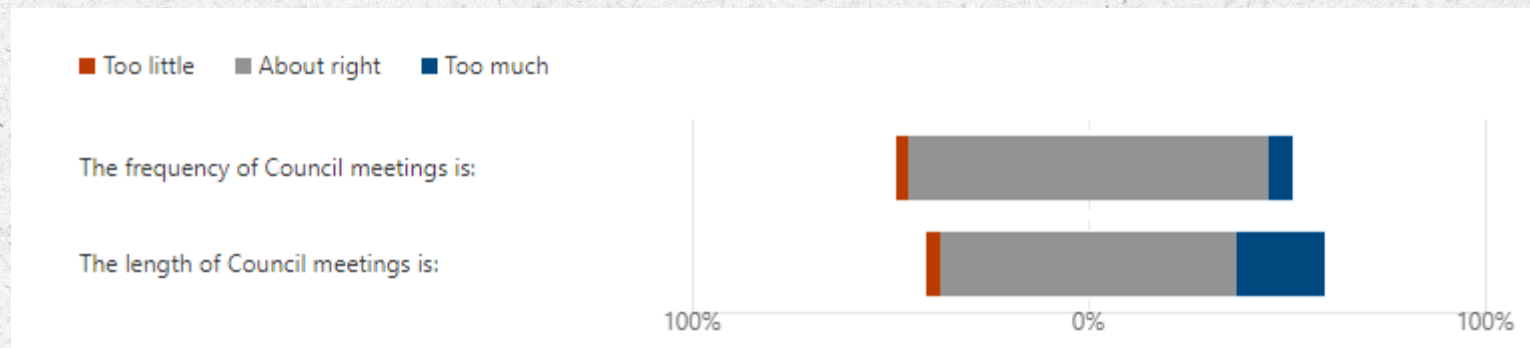
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🔵	Never	16
🟠	Once	10
🟢	Two or more times	6

Q12

- Frequency and length of meetings – mostly about right, though 22% prefer longer meetings vs 3% preferring shorter meetings.
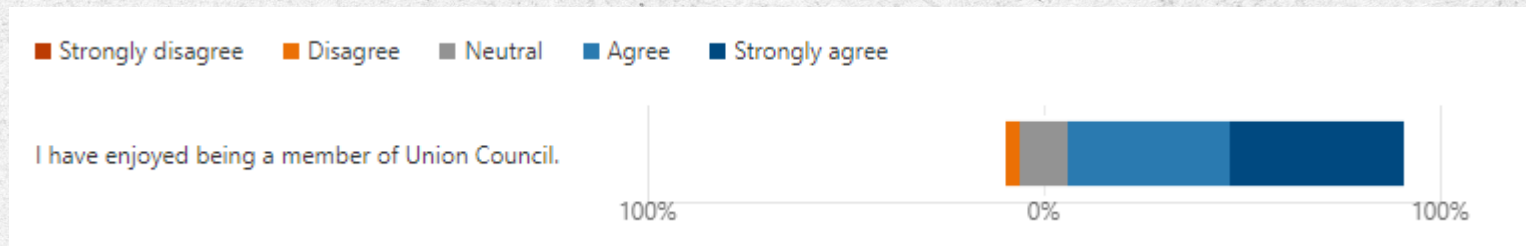
Q13

- **Do you feel that Council is inclusive of your needs?**
  - 25/32 – yes
- Better AV setup / mics / hearing difficulty (4)
- More pizza (2)
- Options to join remotely (2)
- Evening accessibility for those living far away (1)
  - Finishing on time
  - Daytime social events
- More small-group discussions (1)
- Better Council training / guidance (1)

Q14

- 84% agree – enjoyed being on Council

	Exec	CUs	LCOs	UG OM	PG	MG
Enjoy	80%	86%	71%	86%	100%	100%

Q15

- **What could make Council more enjoyable?**
- More socials / informal chats with other members / icebreakers (10)
- More pizza (4)
- Earlier finish (4)
- Better publicity of Council to students (2)
- Members don't have to stay for parts not relevant (1)
- Opportunities to get involved in work / organizing events (1)
- Minutes reviewed outside meeting (1)
- Tea / coffee at meetings (1)
- Nathalie's cat attending meetings (1)
- Hybrid meetings (1)
- Change table layout (1)
- More training about how democracy works (1)
- Faster pace through less controversial bits (1)
- Non-SK meetings (1)

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 6 responses overall ☹
  - Mostly academic + wellbeing Dep reps
  - 1/2 have attended a Council meeting
  - Most felt they understood how Council works, most felt being on Council would help them achieve their goals, most felt there should be more flexibility in who attends Council
  - There should be more publicity of Council & what is discussed, students should be made more aware that they can attend meetings
  - Would bring a paper if the process were explained / found an appropriate issues
  - Most don't think any particular viewpoints are missing from Council