

President Report to Union Council

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Updates:

Since last Council (May 10th):

- Sat on 2-day Department of Chemistry Review
- Induction for PG Experience Researchers
- Interview panels for new Lay Trustees and Student Trustees
- Panel member for all-day Fitness to Practice hearing
- Chaired meeting of Imperial Together Action Group and presented on ITAG work at Heads of Department lunch
- Hosted Union Awards evening
- Panel member for Learning and Teaching Strategy Refresh Town Hall meetings
- Continued to manage a range of disciplinary cases within the Union

Upcoming:

- Ongoing supervision of PGR Experience Researchers (in place June-August)
- Oversee the kickoff of a Project Rescue Framework project with the Graduate School - looking at intervention measures to support issues of breakdown of the supervisory relationship for PhD students
- Continue to shape the review of College Council effectiveness as a member of the steering group
- Overhaul the Union's Disciplinary processes based on issues experienced this year
- Finalise approval process of Democratic Structures Review
- Develop some of the induction sessions for incoming Officer Trustees
- Hand over my role to Hayley (good luck!)
- Leave Imperial finally??

Objectives:

Objective 1: Reviewing our Offer to Postgraduates - [Complete]

Objective 2: Reviewing our Democratic Structures - [Complete]

Current progress: This review is complete, with the final recommendations now coming to Union Council, Board, and College Council for approval.

Objective 3: Understanding Community Development - [Integrated into Business as Usual]**Objective 4: Supporting Constituent Unions - [Handed Over]**

Current progress: A road-map for Constituent Union support has been presented to the Governance and Identity Board. This identified the key issues facing CU support - however a programme of implementation will be needed over the coming year.

Objective 5: Developing a coherent lobbying agenda for Campus Services and Estates - [Handing Over]

Current progress: This year, we have significantly developed relationships with key stakeholders in the College on the Campus Services and Estates side. This is always going to be an ongoing process. However, I regret that we were not able to make more progress this year in concretely synthesising the overall agenda for which we are lobbying. This is something I will be recommending OTs take forwards next year.