



**Imperial College School of
Medicine Students' Union
Council Report**

June 2022

Foreword

I am happy to report to council that I have been able to reflect on the past year at ICSM and feel proud of what we've accomplished. Despite some initial struggles and challenges, exacerbated by the pandemic earlier in the year, we've seen a fantastic return to in-person events and activities. We've been able to host some of our most traditional events to great success, supported our students in their studies through endless peer-peer tutorials and centralised mock exams, celebrated our clubs & societies achievements at our annual Sports & Arts Dinners and come together as a community for another amazing year at ICSM. It hasn't always been smooth sailing, these things rarely are, but thanks to my amazing committee, the amazing volunteers that power our day-day and some robust support from ICU, I can safely say that despite the persistent doom & gloom of the pandemic, we've had some amazing wins and I can only imagine ICSM going from strength to strength as next year's committee take centre stage. I wish them all the best and I know they'll make us proud, just as my committee has made me immensely proud.



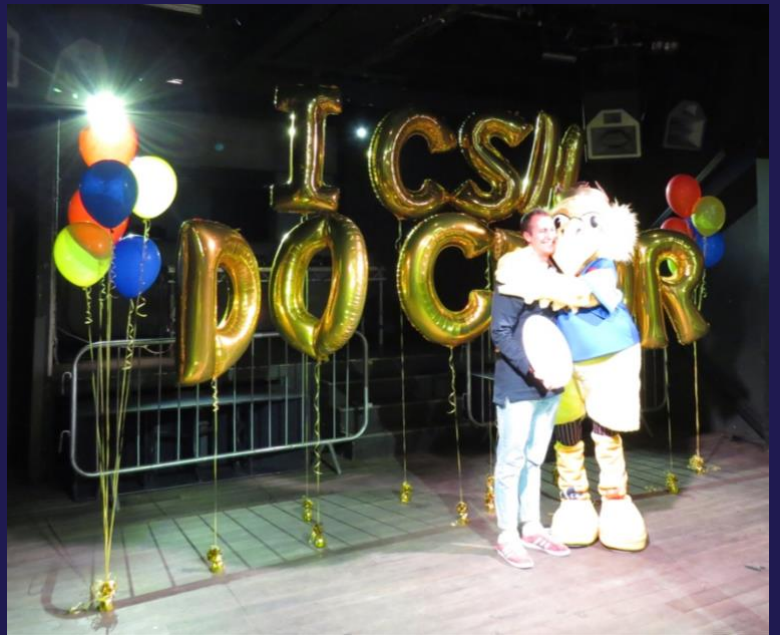
Fig 1. (Most of) Our ICSMSU committee on their SU Retreat (in Oakerthorpe Holiday Village) – there was a small farm behind the house with animals including Peacocks & Rhea, so yes, we bonded as a team through mutual adoration of cute animals



Celebrating our amazing Sports Clubs at Sports Dinner 2022



ICSMSU Doctor's Day 2022 – results day for our final years, now newly qualified doctors!



Some ICSMSU Committee at Sports Dinner
2022



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STFYD 2022 at the De Vere Grand
Connaught Rooms



ICSMSU Update

It's been a while since we last updated council on what we've been up to. In that time, I managed to lose my council seat (whoops), we've had many celebratory events (and many reasons to celebrate) and it was great to host these in-person (as you know we had to cancel a few ICSM events late into first term). We also managed to elect almost a full committee for the next academic year which was wonderful news.

In February, our MG team were hard at work with annual budgeting and guiding our CSPs through grant applications from our hugely supportive alumni networks. Planning began for the annual Arts & Sports Dinner (happening in February & May respectively) where ICSM comes together to celebrate the incredible achievements of our CSPs – awards such as Club of the Year, Team of Year and Sport's Personality of the Year are given out. The academic team began their preparation for the centralised mock exams that we, in collaboration with some of our amazing academics societies (Muslim Medics, Asian Medical Students' Association, Medical Education & Surgical Society), host for students across all year groups. Our SU Committee also attended the traditional SU retreat weekend in late Feb which is a great opportunity for team building, discussing future plans & lessons learned as well as some much needed rest & reward for our amazing volunteers.

March kicked off with our ICSM RAG week – a series of charity-based events culminating in the infamous circle line event. This was swiftly followed by the ICSM RAG Fashion Show, which was hugely successful and the reason for my second consecutive council absence (again whoops, please forgive me council). Renéé and her RAG committee have managed to raise over £15,000 for their chosen charities – truly amazing work!

Through ICSM's partnership with the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine at the Nanyang Technological University, ICSMSU hosted over 20 students from Singapore for a week in March. We attended two reception evenings hosted by our faculty and then took the students on a tour of central London and joined them for an evening of mini golf. It was fantastic to meet these students and we are hoping it will mean the continuation of a collaboration between their SU and ours.

At each weekend of April, our student volunteers were hard at work implementing the centralised mock exams. Which is no easy feat as it requires the planning & coordination of a fully-fledged faculty but is, instead, handled amazingly by our students. The mock exams provide invaluable opportunities for our students to practice and prepare for their exams.

April is also the time of the year where we commemorate the achievements of our MBBS final years, who by now, have finished their final exams and are gearing up to head into the world of Medicine as newly qualified doctors. We celebrated their results with them on ICSMSU Doctors' Day, hosted by our tremendous events team,

and joined them at the annual Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner (STFYD), organised by our STFYD committee. This is a black-tie event also attended by faculty, this year hosted at the De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms. Here, we award our ICSMSU Colours Awards. These awards are given to students that have gone above & beyond during their time at Imperial to contribute to the student experience.

I'm sure you've heard the fantastic news that we were successful in our application to the President's Community Fund for the upcoming Reynolds bar & café refurbishment. This is a project that has been needed for a good long while now (please visit the bar if you disagree) and we are finally moving in the right direction with increasing the facilities on offer at our CX campus. It's been a bit of a trying time with regards to the facilities on offer to ICSM students, so this win is super positive. I'll be continuing work on this project even after I hand over my role, because for some unexplainable reason, I am well & truly dedicated to the Reynolds Bar.

A quick note on our finances. We're good and afloat. We received our funding from faculty and were successful with our annual budgeting with ICU (eventually...) As it stands, COVID has of course taken its toll, as I'm sure it's had a substantial impact across the board and not just for ICSMSU. We did unfortunately have to cancel our Affirmation event – a graduation-style event that we last hosted in 2019 for our final years. This event is one of the most expensive events that ICSMSU host and unfortunately the decision was made to not proceed with it. This was such a shame to do but it was done to ensure we had enough financial resources for our other events and for the next academic year.

With other wins, like striving for more and more inclusivity (such as securing dedicated rooms for prayer on-site at our CX campus) & campaigning, in collaboration with the UH MedGroup, on drink spiking awareness & venue safety, this year has certainly been challenging but deeply rewarding. And now, our committee are hard at work updating & revamping our handover processes with the aim of setting up next year's committee to be in the best position possible, as soon as possible.

To my committee, it's been a pleasure working alongside you. To all the remarkable student volunteers sat at council today, who continually dedicate time, effort, mental & physical wellbeing, to strive for the very best student community Imperial can offer, it's been a real privilege to witness and be a part of. Plus, pizza at council is a pretty sweet bonus.



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS. YOU REGULARLY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO FAR EXCEED THE EXPECTED DUTIES OF A VOLUNTEER, AND EVERYONE IS VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU ALL WORK TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE OF ALL THOSE WITHIN OUR ICSM COMMUNITY.

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