

**Imperial College Union  
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**Scrutiny Committee Report of 3 January 2022**

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Purpose: To provide feedback on the work and performance of the Officer Trustees

Decision(s): To note

*The Union Council should note that this Scrutiny Committee Report focuses on producing constructive feedback on the work of the Officer Trustees. Please refer to the full OT reports for details of objective progress and actions. A verbal presentation from a SC representative will be provided along with this report.*

**Summary:**

SC notes all OTs appear to be making good progress on their key objectives and in their other work.

SC notes that all OTs appear to spend a significant amount of time representing ICU on Imperial College boards/committees.

**1. Hayley Wong (Union President)**

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	Lots of positive work being conducted outside of core objectives, the majority of which taking place jointly between ICU and Imperial College.
Objective 1: Review and improve the complaints and disciplinary procedures of both the Union and the College - [In progress]	ICU review - Very positive progress. <u>SC asks whether the working group for Union complaints will contain students.</u> College review – Objective has been significantly delayed.
Objective 2: Review the Constituent Union model and implement concrete support – [In progress]	Good progress and clear next steps.

Objective 3: Foster a sense of community for various student groups- [In progress]	Good progress. <u>SC asks whether the next steps will include more consultations with students.</u>
Objective 4: Build a relationship with the wider SU network for policy voice – [In progress]	Good progress.
Objective 5: Demystify the Union by improving communication and increasing transparency – [In progress]	<u>SC asks whether a student consultation has been or could be conducted regarding ICU communication and transparency.</u>
NEW – Objective 6: Union strategy – [In progress]	<u>SC asks whether more clarification can be given regarding the aim and scope of this objective.</u>

## 2. Jason Zheng (DPE)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<p>Lots of positive work being conducted outside of core objectives, the majority of which taking place jointly between ICU and Imperial College. SC notes lots of positive interaction with student representatives.</p> <p><i>Use of AI in Assessment – <u>SC asks whether the outcomes of discussions with College staff can be passed on to student representatives.</u></i></p> <p>SC notes significant time being taken up by College meetings.</p>
Objective 1: Improve the timeliness and quality of the College’s academic feedback – [In progress]	Good progress with clear next step to focus on improving feedback.
Objective 2: Review the College’s Mitigating Circumstances procedure to ensure parity of experience, accessibility, and fitness for purpose – [In progress]	Clear positive involvement with student reps and good next steps.
Objective 3: Review the Union’s Academic and Wellbeing Representation Networks – [In progress]	Good progress.

### 3. Nathalie Podder (DPW)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<p>Positive updates regarding recent campaigns. Large number of upcoming projects lays out clear next steps.</p> <p>CWF appears to be progressing well. <u>SC asks whether minutes or the general outcomes of these forums can be shared with Union Council.</u></p>
Objective 1: Cost of Living – [In progress]	<p>Good progress and very positive outcomes. <u>SC asks whether more detail regarding the eligibility criteria for free meals.</u></p>
Objective 2: Student Disciplinary Procedures Review – [In progress]	<p>Despite some resistance, good progress is being made. <u>SC asks whether any student consultation has taken place.</u></p>
Objective 3: Imperial College Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy- [In progress]	<p>Good clear progress. <u>In terms of the two strategies introduced, SC asks if using data analytics to identify students may raise privacy concerns and if not, what actions will follow the students have been identified.</u></p>
Objective 4: Clubs, Societies and Projects Culture Review - [In progress]	<p>Clear progress from analysis of key concerns.</p>
Objective 5: EDI Strategy - [Stalled] & Objective 6: Student Housing Review - [Not yet started]	<p>SC notes that these objectives are currently paused or not started so no feedback has been given. Timelines for starting these objectives are clearly laid out.</p>

### 4. Niamh McAuley (DPFS)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<p>Clear, positive outcomes from previous meetings, forums, and consultations.</p>
Objective 1: Union Sustainability & Ethical Finance Strategy - [In progress]	<p>Good progress and clear next steps.</p>
Objective 2: Allergen Review - [Paused]	<p>SC notes that this objective has been paused so no feedback has been given.</p>
Objective 3: Postgraduate Services - [In progress]	<p>Good progress. <u>SC queries how PG feedback will be sought.</u></p>

Objective 4: Venues Back to Basic - [In progress]	Good progress and next steps involving student opinions.
Objective 5: CSP Systems & Process - [In progress]	Good progress on new eActivities budgeting platform. <u>SC asks what format the annual budgeting training modules will take and whether the choice of format will be informed by student opinion.</u>

## 5. Dylan Hughes (DPCS)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	Clear progress regarding new boards and ADF funding. CSP "Sick List" proposal appears to be progressing well. <u>SC asks what the process for testing the CSP sick list will be, and what metrics will be used to measure its success.</u>
Objective 0: Digital Transformation Project - [In progress]	<u>SC asks whether student consultation has or will take place on this objective to inform the choices of the working group.</u>
Objective 1: CSP Systems improvements - [In progress]	Good progress introducing eActivities budgeting and minibus review.
Objective 2: Deliver/innovate a centralised sponsorship opportunity for CSPs - [In progress]	Good progress regarding talks with external companies and LSE counterparts. <u>SC asks whether student consultation can take place to inform the final sponsorship structure at the end of this objective.</u> <u>SC asks whether there will be any negative impacts to CSPs with existing sponsorship agreements that conflict with potential centralised sponsors.</u>
Objective 3: Deliver improved advertising and outreach opportunities to CSPs - [In progress]	Good progress with new experimental systems being trialled.
Objective 4: Reduce the environmental impact of CSP activity - [In progress]	<u>SC suggests that Union Council can be consulted to assist in identifying the key criteria to focus on in this objective.</u>
Objective 5: Deliver a Festival of Sport with LSE - [In progress]	Good, fast progress with clear next steps.