

**Imperial College Union
Scrutiny Committee / 27 April 2023**

Scrutiny Committee Report

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest interest: College strategy; lots of feedback, negative from business school, and rooms for improvement by union members in UC too. How are they being considered? • Can the results be available asap? Ideally collate summary for general overview to union council • Acknowledge time needed for analysis, but whenever they are ready, at least an email to council members for any possible actions • Any qualitative evidence from focus groups rather than yes/no?

Objective 1: Review and improve the complaints and disciplinary procedures of both the Union and the College - [In progress]	-----
Objective 2: Review the Constituent Union model and implement concrete support – [In progress]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CU: who was being consulted? • Appreciate a new committee to understand challenges but may be more effective if other info is provided i.e., where to find help, how to overcome etc. but SC also acknowledges the changes from year to year
Objective 3: Foster a sense of community for various student groups- [In progress]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were there interviews with less active students, and if so, are they included? • Encourage more info (anything of interest) to be presented to UC • President’s awards were not included in newsletter or communication – inform students better, when are nominations and summary of awards (instead of only having students that know about it giving nominations)
Objective 4: Build a relationship with the wider SU network for policy voice – [In progress]	-----
Objective 5: Demystify the Union by improving communication and increasing transparency – [In progress]	-----
NEW – Objective 6: Union strategy – [In progress]	-----

2. Jason Zheng (DPE)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good panels for different projects, clear presentation • Regarding union strategy – mentioned asking reps for input, when will this be ready? More info on how the insights be disseminated later; or will they be

	<p>integrated into the strategy or given feedback to the college?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that most of the actions are outside of his main objectives, but very happy with the progress so far • Can points for SDPR can be aggregated altogether – newsletter from OTs? • Verbal update on Turnitin or ChatGPT decision – what are the policies updated and are students informed about this? Are we encouraging use/ requiring citations/ not allowing use, is there a final verdict? • Encourage submission of a paper on this – allow students discussions, whether this is a matter of concern, and if so, what are the general areas of concern.
<p>Objective 1: Improve the timeliness and quality of the College’s academic feedback – [In progress]</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>Objective 2: Review the College’s Mitigating Circumstances procedure to ensure parity of experience, accessibility, and fitness for purpose – [In progress]</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>Objective 3: Review the Union’s Academic and Wellbeing Representation Networks – [In progress]</p>	<p>-----</p>

3. Nathalie Podder (DPW)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More info on free and reduced meals scheme – how do students receive and how do they use it to overcome difficulties? • Good data and references provided • Good being up to date with SDPR
Objective 1: Cost of Living – [In progress]	-----
Objective 2: Student Disciplinary Procedures Review – [In progress]	-----
Objective 3: Imperial College Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy- [In progress]	-----
Objective 4: Clubs, Societies and Projects Culture Review - [In progress]	-----
Objective 5: EDI Strategy - [Stalled] & Objective 6: Student Housing Review - [Not yet started]	-----

4. Niamh McAuley (DPFS)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	Clear overall
Objective 1: Union Sustainability & Ethical Finance Strategy - [In progress]	-----
Objective 2: Allergen Review - [Paused]	-----
Objective 3: Postgraduate Services - [In progress]	-----
Objective 4: Venues Back to Basic - [In progress]	-----
Objective 5: CSP Systems & Process - [In progress]	-----

5. Dylan Hughes (DPCS)

OT Work	SC Feedback
General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More clarification on the immediate supports offered to the CSPs in the sick list • Good idea about creating students fund – can you elaborate if there are anything that could be discussed in the next UC • Good to see the sports festival being held • Any post-hoc review/ or feedback? Quick overview of it
Objective 0: Digital Transformation Project - [In progress]	-----
Objective 1: CSP Systems improvements - [In progress]	-----
Objective 2: Deliver/innovate a centralised sponsorship opportunity for CSPs - [In progress]	-----
Objective 3: Deliver improved advertising and outreach opportunities to CSPs - [In progress]	-----
Objective 4: Reduce the environmental impact of CSP activity - [In progress]	-----
Objective 5: Deliver a Festival of Sport with LSE - [In progress]	-----