

**Imperial College Union
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Officer Trustee Updates**

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Decision(s): To note

Introduction

As per the standing orders, Council requests that the Officer Trustees submit a report at the end of each academic term covering details of their work since the last report to Council.

Union President – Camille Boutrolle

What have you made the most progress on since your last report to Council?

The reconvening of the Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) working group is occurring based on my recommendation last month. Ian Walmsley has created a membership group and the first meeting is expected to take place next month.

I have fed into the Access and Participation Plan (APP) submission by College alongside my colleagues, DPW Andreea and some of the permanent Union staff.

What have been the biggest challenges in your work since your last report to Council?

Working with College to find a solution to bar access on the Silwood Park Campus. College originally wanted to close down the bar but following student discontentment they are now willing to find a pragmatic solution.

Are you seeking any support/feedback/advice from Council Members at this time?

There is an open letter and petition signed by hundreds of students and staff advocating for divestment of fossil fuels by the College. Please sign it as it is great evidence for the student body wanting change., <https://peopleandplanet.org/petitions/imperial-college-london-divest-from-fossil-fuels>

Deputy President (Clubs and Societies) – Christian Cooper

What have you made the most progress on since your last report to Council?

- Annual Budgeting
 - o Working with the DPFS, systems team, and activities team, I have introduced some much-requested updates and improvements to the annual budgeting system.
 - o We have seen much higher engagement in annual budgeting this year compared to last year.
 - o At the time of writing, CSPB is due to meet to resolve any issues with budgets and grant allocations. A verbal update can be given about this at Council.
- Sports

- I have been working with Move Imperial and the activities team to develop plans for sports for the next few years, to try to reduce the cost of sports and make spending much more efficient.

What have been the biggest challenges in your work since your last report to Council?

- The role of DPCS is incredibly operational at the moment, involving hours of approving claims/purchases/contracts etc, which means that I am unable to commit time to as much project work.
 - I am aiming to reduce this as much as possible for future years.

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- Not currently – the majority of my project work/consultation is carried out at CSPB.

Deputy President (Education) – Yi Yang

What have you made the most progress on since your last report to Council?

- Collected and analysed PG supervision survey results for adapting mutual expectations documents. (Will bring up to May college meetings for final decisions)
- Collaborate with CfAE promotion through Felix, newsletters and other forms.
- Mapping all departmental student facing survey and analysis survey load to students from different departments.

What have been the biggest challenges in your work since your last report to Council?

- Sustainability objectives hard to push through. (Career success in sustainability is less prioritized in college)
- For CfAE projects, hard to get students coming to in-person events (for promotion problems and stigma)

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- Access of student voice and attending discussions for both international and PG students.

Deputy President (Finance and Services) – Stephanie Yeung

What have you made the most progress on since your last report to Council?

- Delivered the London Student Sustainability Conference at Imperial & Sustainability Fortnight
- Summer Ball planning underway with Student Steering Group & Student Acts Auditions

What have been the biggest challenges in your work since your last report to Council?

- Multifaceted aspect of the DPFS role means I'm constantly all over the place and stretched in many different directions (sustainability, CSP finances & annual budgeting, events & Summer Ball
- Resulting in a lack of time and resources to undertake operational work (eActivities, external claims etc.)

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- Engagement with upcoming Sustainability Forums (if I find the time to plan them...)
 - March – SDG in Education
 - May – Climate Change x Mental Health
 - June – Biodiversity & Year-in-Reflection

Deputy President (Welfare) – Andreea Cojoccea

What have you made the most progress on since your last report to Council?

- Promoting Sexual Health and investigating effectiveness of the College's support services in situations of misconduct
- Consulted gender nonconforming students on initiatives to improve their experience in Imperial
- Continued Student Consultation Sessions for the College's Access and Participation Plan, as well as started planning out the Union's submission
- Started collaborating with Imperial+ and Climate Cares on addressing eco-anxiety amongst students

What have been the biggest challenges in your work since your last report to Council?

- Staff Capacity in College and long waiting times for replies

Are you seeking any support/feedback/advice from Council Members at this time?

- Since the last update, I've been in touch with members of the Community & Welfare Forum and consulted them on various initiatives, as well as listened to their general feedback, which I'm currently working on anonymously passing on to the College
- Developed an anonymous Mental Health survey together with the previous RCSU Wellbeing and Welfare Vice-president and with the Union's Mental Health Officer. We kindly ask you to fill it out and share it with your peers