Council Report

Christopher Kaye - Deputy President (Welfare)

College Committees & Boards

I have attended Web Redesign Project Board and the Outreach Strategy Group since our last Council meeting.

I have been sitting on the Environment & Infrastructure stream helping to draft the College's Five Year Plan. In which I have continued to raise the issues of student spaces and amenities in all current and future campuses.

Meeting the Dean-designate of the Faculty of Natural Sciences

I arranged a meeting between the Officer Trustees and Professor Tom Welton, the incoming Dean of FoNS. We had a friendly and constructive conversation, where we discussed, among other things, Imperial West, student outreach, and late coursework penalties.

Meeting Mr Terry Branch, Head of Security

The Felix Editor, Miss Philippa Skett and I met Mr Branch to discuss scams. Imperial students, particularly new students and international students are most at risk of falling victim to scams. These scams range from strangers with sob-stories requesting money, to housing deposit scams for non-existent properties. Mr Branch also mentioned the need for greater safeguarding of online details, particularly on Twitter and Facebook. As well as continuing my work to remove dodgy material from the Freshers' Facebook page, I am working on raising awareness of scams through *Felix* and blogs.

If you or anyone you know has been scammed, please drop me an e-mail.

External committees

In addition to College committees, I also sit on external committees.

I attended Knightsbridge & Belgravia Ward Panel (Policing) where I raised my concern regarding con-men and scams. Other members of the panel raised similar concerns with particularly vulnerable residents falling victim to scams. I'm pleased to say that this has been put on the priority list for the neighbourhood policing team.

I also attended Knightsbridge Association Law & Order Committee, which I received a very warm welcome to. Similar issues, relating to scams and motor car crime were raised.

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I have continued to feed in to Student Media, where appropriate.

Retirement of PC Nigel Lewis

I would like to thank PC Nigel Lewis for his service as Imperial College's designated policeman. I've been informed that he has left the Police Force and I wish him every success in his theatre lighting business.