

Board of Trustees Report
Paul Beaumont – Council Chair

It was agreed at the last Board of Trustees (and I think it was also in my manifesto...) that I'd update Council on the issues addressed at the Board of Trustees so that there could be a better nexus between the two core bodies of the Union. Questions on topics covered in this report may be better addressed to Officer Trustees than myself, but I am happy to answer to the best of my ability 'independently' of the OT's.

Officer Trustee Name Changes

The Board has agreed with Council to not enact the name changes to the Officer Trustee roles. Rather than pushing this into the long-grass though, a larger discussion will be sought along with the Democracy Review and during the handover with the next elected Officer Trustees about how to proceed.

CSP Budgeting Statement

The proposed wording from CSPB and the DPFS/DPCS has been affirmed at Board.

Lay & Student Trustee Recruitment

Lay Trustee and Student Trustee recruitment has been completed and a ratification proposal comes to Council as a separate paper. Council has to approve Trustee recruitment by a 2/3 majority. Council also has the power to remove Trustees.

Amenities & Welcome Week Reviews

The amenities fund report was seen at the last Council; the Welcome Week review focussed on how the Union did in October 2014 and plans for improvement in October 2015. A slimmed down version of the Welcome Week review is available at https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/14-15/Board_of_Trustees/file/2800

Alcohol-related behaviour and inclusion

The reputational and financial risks around some of the events widely known in the last few months have been discussed at Board and its sub-committees. Financial risk exists to societies from sponsorship; reputational risk belongs to the Union as a whole, Imperial students as a collective and the University to the outside World.

Financial Performance of the Union

The November Accounts (latest discussed at Board in January) show at £34k negative variance to budget including a negative £18k in Commercial Services. The Union has been commended by the College on its improved financial controls over the last three years. More on this can be seen in the Managing Director's last report to the Board online: https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/14-15/Board_of_Trustees/file/2797

Democracy Review

The Governance Committee has approved the project initiation plan for the Democracy Review that is just starting. A project working group has been set up and involves many people in this room. A further presentation to Council will come as a separate agenda item.

Operating Plan

The Board received an update on the Operating Plan from the Managing Director, which is the annual guide to how the Union intends on working towards the Strategic Plan. This is going well with most items on track or ahead of schedule. Occasionally

things fall behind expectations or don't have any method of measuring progress yet, but nothing noteworthy or of concern. This is available: https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/14-15/Board_of_Trustees/file/2798

The next Board meeting will be held in March. I intend on producing a similar report after that meeting for Council too.