

Council
10 March 2015

Council Report **Tom Wheeler - President**

Leave

I have taken 5 days of annual leave since the last meeting of Council.

Head of Student Experience and Services Recruitment

The recruitment of the Head of SES role has been taking a lot of time, as is required for an appointment of such importance. I'd like to thank all volunteers who engaged on this process, as their input into this has been invaluable.

Democracy Review

There have been a couple of meetings of the project team, as discussed at the last meeting of Council. I can update on this verbally during Council, if required.

5th and 6th year Medics Funding

I am still working on encouraging college to take an official institutional stance on this such that ICU, ICMSU and ICL can work on lobbying Student Loans Company (SLC) and the NHS alongside other Higher Education Institutions to fix what can only be described as oversight. I am meeting with the College's Academic Registrar to contact individuals within the SLC to get some work done here.

Women@Imperial Week

Thank you to the students who volunteered to appear in the Women@Imperial Video as well as the team at ICTV for filming the video. This video will be shared via College YouTube and social media (as well as get displayed at the exhibit in the college entrance) to showcase the inspirational women at Imperial.

Big Elections

I wanted to congratulate the ICTV team (yet again) on the highly professional live stream of Meet the Candidates. The whole production was exceptional, and could only be achieved through the thousands of hours of volunteer time put into it, so well done.

College Accommodation

Chris Kaye and the Central Services Manager met with Weeks Hall to discuss College's current stance on Weeks and how we can support their campaigning. I met with Beit Hall Committee to discuss, amongst other things: Acton/Woodward; Hall Senior recruitment/incentives; increasing the Wardens Discretionary fund; and Evelyn Gardens.

Acton/Woodward

As the Beit Hall Committee asked, I thought I'd put down in my Council Report that: College is currently recruiting Wardening and Hall Senior teams for Woodward Hall, and is fully anticipating full recruitment of teams before opening. In terms of facilities in Acton/Woodward, there will be a bar-restaurant, free-entry gym for residents, secure bike storage, common rooms and study spaces around the hall as well as activity spaces and meeting rooms to support Union Activity.

Provost Board

I believe that the Union President should be a member of the College's [Provost Board](#), as it is responsible for "the delivery of the College's core academic mission of education, research and translation" yet does not include a student to represent the ~16,000 students that make up the ~22,000-strong community at Imperial and am very willing to hear opinions on this.