Deputy President (Welfare) report to Council

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College President's Awards

I have sat on two of the College President's Awards for Excellence panels: Pastoral Care, and Supporting the Student Experience. This required reading nominations, scoring them on merit, and meeting other panellists to decide on medal winners and other prize-winners.

Knightsbridge & Belgravia Safer Neighbourhood Team

I attended this Safer Neighbourhoods Team meeting where, in response to student feedback, I expressed my desire for more targeting of conmen and bicycle thieves in the area.

I would also like to thank Sergeant Gary Herrett, who is retiring, for his service on this panel over many years.

Early Student Orientation / "Week zero"

I have been exploring with Campus Services the possibility of expanding the Early Student Orientation programme that is currently available to a small number (a couple of hundred) foreign students at the end of September. This is a major piece of work which I intend to continue working with Campus Services on next year as DPFS.

CWB

I'm disappointed to report that the last scheduled meeting of CWB was inquorate and was abandoned on the day. However, I understand the pressures of the time of year and look forward to the next, and final, CWB in May.

Meeting, Director of Student Support

Abi de Bruin and I met the Director of Student Support last week where we discussed deterring terrorist activities and Woodward hall warden/sub-warden recruitment.

Woodward Hall, Acton

I visited Woodward Hall building site too see how things are developing and to look around with potential warden/sub-warden applicants. I will keep Council updated on the process.

I also visited the nearby GP Practice to discuss the services they can provide to Imperial students, particularly the procedures during Welcome Week.

Clock in the Union Bar

I have been assisting an alumnus who, with the ACC Chair Oli Benton, is keen to get the clock repaired in the Union Bar in memory of the late Andy Wilson.

Head of Student Voice and Communications interviews

I was the Student/Officer Trustee panel member on the interviews for this very important new Senior Manager role at the Union.

Bar Supervisor Interviews

I was the Student/Officer Trustee panel member on the interviews for new Bar Supervisor.

Reynolds Cocktail Launch

I attended the launch of a regular Friday cocktail night at Reynolds Bar. A great time was had by all.

Women @ Imperial Launch

I attended the launch of Women @ Imperial in the Business School. That is why I was slightly late to the start of last month's Council.

Casework

I have been dealing with two pieces of casework from students. One of which is ongoing, and the other having had a satisfactory conclusion following my involvement.

Supporting Imperial's University Challenge team

I attended the filming of University Challenge in Manchester to provide support to our Team. The new series will broadcast in July – keep your eyes peeled!

College Development Team

Tom Wheeler and I met a member of the College Development Team to discuss the College's fundraising activities. We lobbied for areas we believe the College should be prioritising for the benefit of students, and for a broader range of options for would-be benefactors to donate to.

Felix

I have continued to engage in student media, where appropriate.

Leave

I have had three days of leave either side of the Easter Break.

Elections

I was elected to serve as your Deputy President (Finance & Services) next year.

Room Swap in Halls 2016/17

I have successfully negotiated with College the option for Students to consensually swap rooms with the same halls after the first 2 weeks. I am hoping that this will extend in the future to inter-hall swaps.

Queen's Tower

I have successfully lobbied for an extra day of bell-ringing to take place in September. This is to mark the day Her Majesty the Queen exceeds Queen Victoria's record as our longest-reigning Sovereign. God preserve Queen Elizabeth.