



**Imperial College Union Board of Trustees**

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<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	21
<b>TITLE</b>	Deputy President Welfare Report
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	Report on progress as DPW.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Update Board on work.
<b>DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED</b>	No action.

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## Goal 1

### **Reform our Liberation offering to build stronger communities that are listened to.**

- Liberation problems and suggestions from Community and Welfare Board are being included into budgeting and planning rounds.
- A discussion with Stephen Curry around any data that exists about the student experience in regards to EDI found that College doesn't have any data or plan on getting any. This has led to a wider discussion on where students and the Union fits into the EDI Strategy as this is currently quite unclear.
- Work is ongoing to support Liberation and Community officers in their final term and through a handover process.

## Goal 2

### **Audit the Outreach activities run by ICU and Clubs & Socs to understand our Widening Participation Activities.**

- Still not managed to start this goal. However the College team looking at widening participation are keen to have student involvement in monitoring the progress of the Access and Participation Plans, so am looking at ways to do this.

## Goal 3

### **Finalise and implement the Student Support Strategy**

- The strategy went to Provost Board and was endorsed but not approved. 😞
- The main reasons for this were that the funding requirements were unclear and the work that was actually going to be done was unclear. The Deans were particularly uncomfortable signing off something that their departments would have a part to play in without understanding what that role would be.
- Provost Board asked for three action points to be fleshed out and brought back within a month or two. However I'm meeting Hannah before this meeting so should be able to give a verbal update about the progress that has been made and if this has changed.
- Hannah presented the strategy to CWB before Provost Board, explaining where the student voice feeds in.

## Goal 4

### **Produce a Wellbeing map outlining all wellbeing services across Imperial.**

- The steps of the map are outlined, and Community and Welfare Board gave positive feedback for a webpage to be made that can be used as a signposting tool.
- This is not the most efficient format but the information will be able to feed into more complex systems if the Union decides to follow through this with idea.

## Goal 5

### **Review the welfare-related work carried out by various volunteers across the organisation.**

- The Halls and Union project plan is underway. Training is being designed and we have formed a plan to get the Hall Seniors involved in Welcome Week planning. Some of the policy changes have been approved to have more clarity about the roles that the Union and Halls play.
- Consultation for the Mums & Dads project was postponed so will now be taking place in a weeks time. I have a general idea of some of the problems that need to be looked at but the consultation is incredibly valuable and will guide the action plan.

- Work needs to be done to determine how best to use the Wellbeing Rep Network in terms of the strategy and the wider picture of wellbeing. Feedback sessions were ran before the Easter break for all year and dep reps.

### Operational Achievements

Significant operational tasks I have completed are as follows:

- Wrote a Felix article about the Counselling service.
- Ran the Under Pressure campaign before the Easter break, which showed really good engagement especially from medics. Currently under discussion for how to make this have the most impact as it's not in the format that we would like it to be.
- Finished the Bursary Survey Response!
- Supporting liberation and community officers through projects they wish to run.
- Supporting student campaigners through the new campaigns procedure that is still being created.

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