

Tuesday 9 October

Board of Trustees Report

A note from Alex Chippy Compton- Union Council Chair

The Union Council Chair is also a student trustee on the Union Board of Trustees. Board papers and minutes can be found [online](#) and I will provide a report each Council meeting (provided Board activity has occurred in the interim). I sit on the Board of Trustees and two subcommittees- Governance Committee and People, Appointments & Remuneration Committee (PARC). My reports aim to summarise Board business for Council members.

Board of Trustees

Board met on 24 October for the first formal board meeting this academic year (we had an away day earlier in September, summarised in my report for Council on 9 October).

Council looked at setting quorum for subcommittees and Board. Subcommittee membership varies each year and so Board discussed whether a standardised quorum for all subcommittees was appropriate. It was decided that a standard minimum could be applied although with some subcommittees requiring specific types of trustee (ie Finance & Risk needs an external trustee as part of quorum given the management accounts are presented).

The Defamation Code of Practice was approved. The Trustees are liable for defamation from 'Union media' so this is an important document to ensure there is a clear line of responsibility and process in place. This follows on from the *Felix* review done last year.

Governance Committee have been tasked with reviewing the Disciplinary Bye-Laws as this was a recommendation from the Governance Review last year.

We received reports from the Officer Trustees (and I presented my own report).

The full agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#). Our next Board meeting is scheduled for December. There are upcoming PARC and Governance Committee meetings which I will provide a report on for the December Council meeting.

In my role as Council Chair, I also provide updates on Council to Board. I am always happy to answer questions regarding the Union's Board of Trustees or any of my work as Council Chair. You can email me on chair@ic.ac.uk.