

Imperial College Union Council Report

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Introduction

Report on Progress

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.
- Currently speaking to the Assistant Provost (EDI) to ensure that students are represented in the best way and are taken seriously in terms of the EDI strategy.
- Starting to look at the handover process for Liberation and Community Officers and how the current officers can use any remaining time.

Next steps: Carry out quick wins and continue talks with Stephen Curry.

Goal 2 - Audit the Outreach activities run by ICU and Clubs & Socs to understand our Widening Participation Activities.

- I would really like to achieve this goal but it is looking like it may be deprioritised further.

Next steps: Look at feasibility of doing this.

Goal 3 - Finalise and implement the Student Support Strategy

- Hannah presented the Student Support Strategy to CWB, explaining where the student voice feeds in.
- 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.
- College is now looking into wider and bigger ideas that they can incorporate e.g. culture, values, spaces etc. Any suggestions are welcomed!

Next steps: Continue to be a part of all discussions around the strategy and ensure student voice is built in.

Goal 4 - Produce a Wellbeing map outlining all wellbeing services across Imperial.

- This has been slightly deprioritised but I am looking to finish this soon.
- Will take the form of a webpage on the website as an interim solution, before College creates a new version of Student Space and the Union looks into redoing the website to have a search engine function. It should be uploaded soon.
- The details of the sections went to CWB who gave some feedback but were mostly happy with the way it looked.

Next steps: Finish, publish and promote.

Goal 5 Review the welfare-related work carried out by various volunteers across the organisation.

- Hall seniors are going to be involved in Welcome Week and training is being developed. The wardens will soon be looking at the final pieces of work from the project.
- Mums and Dads consultation has started with focus groups being arranged and a survey to go out to all students soon. CUs, DepSocs and Rep Teams have been highlighted as the stakeholders invited to the focus groups, however if anyone from council would like to attend [you can find information here](#). Any comments are welcome, please email if you'd like to be consulted!

Next steps: Carry out the Mums and Dads Consultation and implement the Halls and Union project plan.

Operational Achievements

Significant operational tasks I have completed are as follows:

- Finished the bursary survey response.
- Under Pressure happened before the break and was successful. Looking at the format it should take for the future.
- Helped direct students through the campaigns procedure that is still being set up by systems.
- Been involved in the Sexual Violence Liaison Officers project and the promotion of this.
- Helping the new Advice Centre manager orientate themselves.
- Working on the access and participation plan and making sure there is student voice. This year has had the most involvement from students and I am looking to embed and build on this in my last months.
- Mental health awareness week is 13th-19th May. The Advice Centre and Grad School has events planned so please get involved.

Items for discussion

No items

Closing Comments

Please get in touch with any issues, ideas, problems and solutions. Your input is really important to me. I am available in person and via email for any questions you may have on my report or the Union's work.

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