

Imperial College Union  
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**Council Chair Update**

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Purpose: To inform Board of the activities of Council.

**1. Executive Summary**

While there hasn't been a Council meeting since the last Board, there are a few things worth mentioning. The May meeting of Council usually isn't quorate, and luckily, we have no papers to vote on. The lack of papers and attendance is usually due to students having exams in this period. Given that we will have lots of time during the meeting, I hope there will be robust discussion of the OT reports, which often don't receive the attention (positive and negative) that they deserve.

The timing of Council meetings has moved from 12-2pm to 6-8pm. While evening meetings make it difficult for individuals in eastern timezones to attend, I believe there are far more students who miss the meetings due to midday timetabling conflicts. Also, many students who were abroad have returned to London to continue their studies. At the end of the last meeting, I double checked with everyone in attendance that the time change was suitable and received no protest.

**2. Council Updates**

11<sup>th</sup> May Council Meeting:

- i. No report from the DPCS: The DPCS went on leave without submitting a report, and will only be back one day before Council, despite being reminded twice of the deadline. If a report is submitted when the DPCS returns, I am unsure of whether I will accept it into the papers for discussion.

*For more detail and to see some of the business currently being discussed at Council, you can find the papers here: [https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/20-21/Union\\_Council](https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/20-21/Union_Council)*

**3. Observations & Ongoing priorities for Council Chair**

Council is usually one of the highlights of being a high-level student volunteer in the Union. The online format has hurt the feeling of community that Council can create. If all goes to plan regarding the easing of Covid restriction, I hope hoping that Council members will have the opportunity to meet in person at some sort of social event.