



GSU

IMPERIAL GRADUATE
STUDENTS' UNION

Activity Report to Imperial College Union Council

October 2020

1. GSU for 2020/21 academic year

This Graduate Students' Union (GSU) committee will keep enhancing the educational experiences and development of all postgraduates (Masters and PhD) across all the campuses this year. This year, this GSU committee aims to:

- (1) Introduce a minimal research supervision hour;
- (2) Strengthen the relationship with industry to secure job/internship opportunities for PG students;
- (3) Organise public lectures for PG community;
- (4) Get the white city-south Kensington shuttle bus issue done;
- (5) Re-structure the GSU Committee;
- (6) Play a leading role to form a national level Postgraduate Association;

2. Election results

This year, most positions have been filled after the autumn election, unless the positions of Publicity Officer, PGR Academic and Welfare Officer (Business) and Silwood Officer.

Table of elected positions for 2020/21 committee:

Position	Elected student
GSU President	Zixiao Wang
Vice President Representation	Lintong Li
Vice President Operations	Dapeng Yang
Treasurer	Renke Huang
Secretary	Yusen Wang
Academic and Welfare Officer – Engineering - PGR	Abderrahim Boualam
Academic and Welfare Officer – Engineering - PGT	Michael Urbanski
Academic and Welfare Officer – Business school - PGR	----
Academic and Welfare Officer – Business school - PGT	Victoria Graham
Academic and Welfare Officer – Sciences - PGR	Ceire Wincott
Academic and Welfare Officer – Sciences - PGT	Chiara Riedel-Loria

Academic and Welfare Officer – Medicine - PGR	Riccardo Wysoczanski
Academic and Welfare Officer – Medicine - PGT	Dr Prerana Gogoi
Felix Officer	Salina Nicoleau
Website Officer	Renke Huang
Social Media Officer	Mehak Bhasin
Publicity Officer	----
Events officer (4)	Subarna Chakraborty Congzhou Chen Zhongyao Jiang Linhao Zhu
Sponsorship officer	Deepika Yadav
White City Campus Officer	Leonie Stroemich
Hammersmith Campus Officer	Daniel Liu
Silwood Campus Officer	----

3. Representation

- 3.1 This October, this GSU Committee analysed the SMARteN (The Student Mental Health Research Network) data to review the impact of Covid-19 on doctoral students and early career researcher at Imperial College, and then reported the results to Postgraduate Research Quality Committee (PRQC) on 21th October 2020.
- 3.2 This September, this GSU Committee wrote to University leadership team (President, Provost, Vice President international, Vice Provost Education and Director of Graduate School) to lobby the university bring stranded Chinese students to London. That is because Covid-19 terribly impacted the flights between UK and China, which made most students in China feel difficult to return. The GSU believes it is the responsibility of University to support the students who are in difficulty, and the full story can be found at https://f001.backblazeb2.com/file/felixonlinearchive/issues/pdfs/felix_1749.pdf

4. Operations

- 4.1 Online welcome week
- 4.2 Up-Marathon Campus Activity: The Imperial College Graduate Students' Union is working with Tsinghua University Graduate Union to plan an online Campus Marathon event. The activity is expected to run between 6th November to 14th November. The purposes of this event are two: (1)

encouraging the use of stairs rather than lift to reduce the carbon emissions; (2) keeping exercising during pandemic to stay health.

5. Future events/ activities

- 5.1 Before next council meeting (1st December 2020), a proposal will be submitted to union council to discuss the restructuring of the GSU committee. The basic idea is dividing the two GSU vice presidents into four, the titles will be changed from “Vice President (Operations)”, “Vice President (Representation)”, to “Vice President (Events and Activities)”, “Vice President (Communications and Public Relations)”, “Vice President (Research)” and “Vice President (Taught)”.
- 5.2 The GSU committee will also attend the online National Postgraduate Conference organized by York University Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) on 26th November 2020.