

DPEW's Report
A report by the DPEW

Strategic Education Committee

Myself, John and Shama gave a presentation to the committee on percentage of 1st and 2:1 degrees awarded and PhD funding. As you probably know by now College agreed to ensure all home and EU students receive the London weighting on their PhD stipend. This is great news – thanks to everyone who helped, particularly Dan Sauder and Eirini Spentza. On the degrees awarded, College agreed that action needed to be taken, and showed willingness to force this upon departments. Exactly how this will happen is still to be decided.

Student Portal

I have continued working on this project with ICT. This has included writing an Online Survey which is now available on the Union website – union.ic.ac.uk/survey. Please, please, please fill this in! The feasibility study will continue until the end of February, at which point I should become involved in the project Board.

Student Hub

As part of another College project – the infill of level 3 Sherfield and relocation of Student Services – I have been working on the “Student Hub”. This will be a ‘one stop shop’ for students covering accommodation, registry and the International Office. Last week I visited Southampton, who have run a similar service for the past year (though they also got a shiny new building) and I will be visiting Hertfordshire in the near future.

RWB

RWB continues to work well (though there was a quoracy crisis at the last meeting), and has now allocated a considerable amount of funding to campaigns. I am also beginning to look at how funding will be decided next year together with Eric and Jon.

NUS

I attended NUS regional conference, which was useful and contained interesting information on many NUS projects, including partnerships with the TUC. Currently standing for NUS delegate – I will cry if I'm not elected. I also attended the London Student Forum on Friday (at which JC was elected as a delegate to the assembly) which was a good opportunity to discuss London wide issues from a student perspective.

Southside

Continue to be involved in the Southside Project. Recently this has involved looking at furniture suppliers and giving feedback – JM has helped me with this. It's still on time and on Budget!

Aldwych

I have been coordinating Imperial's participation in the lobby of Parliament which is happening on Wednesday. This should be AWESOME

And the rest

Continues as ever – highlights have included discussing redevelopment of the Library, and meeting the new Director of the International Office.

Any questions, please ask me.

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