

Council
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Council Report
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Student Consultation Framework

For more information on what this is please click here

<https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/blogs/president/i-need-your-feedback-student-consultation-framework>

This has occupied the vast majority of my time in the past month and will likely continue to do so for the next month or two. After 22 meetings with College staff and student reps I am currently on the second draft of this framework. In order to get strong student input I am presenting this draft at Union Council for discussion. I have sent a message in the Union newsletter notifying students that they are welcome to attend and give feedback. I am also writing a submission for Felix.

I will be producing another draft before finalising the document. It will be presented at numerous committees in College for further feedback before eventually being rolled out.

A fair few members of College staff have agreed to start applying the framework to the decisions they make straight away.

Local Councillors, local Members of Parliament (MPs), local Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and Members of the Greater London Assembly (GLA)

I have been sending out letters to the above inviting them for a tour and presentation on the Union followed by a chat. The purpose of these meetings is to form relationships with the people that represent us. This will enable us to better lobby on behalf of students. I have so far met with Councillors Antonia Cox (Hyde Park ward) and Tony Devenish (Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward) and am soon to meet with Mark Field (MP for Cities of London and Westminster).

Residential Experience Review

Marissa (Deputy President Welfare) and I attended another working group meeting where we began to finalise what the group would recommend to the College. The group is generally happy to make recommendations based mostly on what the Union is recommending. To find out more about what the Union is recommending click here <https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/news/our-submission-residential-experience-review>

Royal College of Music (RCM), Royal College of Art (RCA) catch-up

Yas (Deputy President Clubs and Societies) and I met again with representatives from the students' Unions of the above institutions. A new thing we discussed was how we can collaborate on charity fundraising through RAG. We will continue to advertise events from each of the institutions (and vice-versa) to give students the opportunity to mix.

Dinner with Alex Gast

On 4th March a few sabbatical officers and I had dinner with the soon-to-be President of Imperial College.