

President's Report
A report by Tom Wheeler

Changes to the Presidents Report

Following the changes to the functions that the Trustee Board now carries out, it has been discussed that instead of the Presidents Report to Trustee Board being effectively a replication of the Presidents Report that goes to Council, it should instead consist of a summary of the Officer Trustee's primary, annual objectives. These objectives are regularly discussed amongst Officer Trustees (with support from Rebecca Coxhead) and were formulated at the Officer Trustee residential in August. It was during this residential that members of the Trustee Board and Senior Management Team attended to offer advice and show interest in these objectives. It was due to this that we have thought that the Presidents Report would be better used to keep Board updated as to the Officer Trustees progress, instead of containing a summary of the duties that just the President has been fulfilling.

Therefore, we would like to change the standard format of the Presidents Report to a summary of the progress that has been made by Officer Trustees towards their primary objectives. This will be written by each of the Officer Trustees and compiled by the President for Board Submission.

Presidents Report

General Election

Staff and OT's met to discuss and formulate an initial 'plan of attack' including the overall objectives of this campaign, and set out a timeline for what is going to happen, and when.

Higher Education 'Preferendum'

We have been mandated to hold a 'preferendum' where students choose their preference of Higher Education funding model. This would then be used to re-write our Higher Education Funding Policy – which will be of use during the General Election campaigning. Following discussion between OT's, we thought that a 'preferendum' would invoke a knee-jerk reaction and risk being unrepresentative of what students would actually want if they were to properly investigate the models. We (President, DPFS, DPE & Sky Yarlett) are currently working on writing a Survey that will theoretically provide more accurate information on what students want out of a HE Funding Policy. A timeline has been set out that will have a HE funding Policy taken to council by the 9 December 2014.

Job Culture

The name of this campaign has been a source of contention so far. The most recent proposal is to name the campaign after the solution, and not the problem. In terms of progress, I have been meeting with Sky Yarlett, newly appointed Representation and Campaigns Coordinator, to start planning the relevant students to engage before we take a discussion to CWB on the 23 October for a discussion/policy in Council on 11 November.

Affordable Imperial

No progress made yet.

Heston acquisition/cessation of sport at Teddington

Abi de Bruin & Anthony Crowther are leading the Heston transition. As for Teddington's cessation of use, we were successful in getting a series of responses regarding the process that led up to the announcement of the effective closure. These were – in general – informative and positive, however we were still frustrated with the lack of empathy shown by College regarding ICSM

students' affection towards Teddington. We were successful in receiving permission for a 'Celebration of Teddington' as well as host a University Hospital 7's/ICSM Sports day at Teddington. We also received permission to create a Teddington-branded bar at Heston to allow the Medics to have an identity in the new facility.

Outlying Campus development
No progress made yet.

Chemistry move from SK – Imperial West

Pascal and I are meeting with Nazia & Maggie Dallman from FoNS to discuss progress made and ensure effective student consultation is occurring. Initial insight is looking very positive with relation to student engagement.

'Saving Halls'

I was surprised to discover that the future of Evelyn Gardens has not yet been decided, so I am attempting to push to ensure that everything is being done to keep as many students living close to campus. Additionally, space for development has been identified in Pembridge Hall, Notting Hill, which could lead to an additional 100 beds. I only discovered these two pieces of information about 2 weeks ago, so I am currently opening up communication channels with Simon Harding-Roots (and hopefully a monthly catch-up) as well as some Faculty Deans who have expressed an interest in keeping Evelyn Gardens until the lease expires (~30 years).