

**COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT**  
**Richard Cameron**

Of the last three Council meetings, only the most recent has been quorate. This follows an unfortunate pattern of non-attendance seen in previous years, though the scale of the problem appears larger this year.

This has meant a significant amount of delayed business. However, time-sensitive issues have been dealt with via email vote where possible (with discussion still being had at the inquorate meeting), and the most recent meeting also dealt with some of the remaining leftover business.

Recent Council business includes:

- Awarding Honorary Life Membership to Prof. Debra Humphris
- Changing the ICSMSU constitution to improve representation for bio-medical science students
- Taking a position in support of the British Medical Association regarding the current junior doctor dispute
- Discussion of restarting the democracy review, which was left incomplete at the end of last year
- Some lengthy interrogations of the Officer Trustees regarding their reports to Council, and the workings of the Trustee Board
- Discussion regarding the distribution of accommodation fees between different halls of residence and the motion passed by Council last year approving a particular rent distribution

Elections are also in the works to fill the last vacant Ordinary Member positions on Council, with the elections to be organised in conjunction with the relevant Constituent Unions.

Of note to the Board may be a dissatisfaction expressed at the level of interaction between Council and Board, and the opaqueness of Board even to members of Council.

Consequently I would suggest that the idea, proposed during the last Board meeting, of inviting prominent student volunteers to open sessions of Board is put into action as soon as an appropriate session can be found.

I would also invite thoughts that any Board members have regarding the democracy review, and potentially restructuring the Union Council and related democratic structures.