

# Imperial College Union Council Report

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## Introduction

Hello Council! As of time of writing, we're officially 2 months in. Already a lot of exciting projects are underway and our CSPs are planning and in some cases doing a whole range of great activities. Some highlights include significant work on the Be Active strategy (including sports hub, membership changes and ethos expansion) and a start on a brand new budgeting system. So, sit down, buckle up, and prepare for the ride!

## Report on Progress

### Goals as Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Below you can see the five goals I'm most focussed on over the course of this year. Naturally there are already considerably more projects, and throughout the year there will be a large number of pro/reactive projects dependent on what problems face us. Feel free to ask me about any of these.

#### Goal 1 – Expand Ethos Gym

Ethos has always had a problem with low capacity. Whilst the recent refurbishment has improved the type, layout and quantities of different types of equipment, it hasn't upped the capacity. I'm working with Sport Imperial to get a proposal ready and find funding from within Imperial.

- Proposal put together for expansion of the gym with full costings
- Currently awaiting college approval as to whether or not the funding is available.

#### Goal 2 – Dedicated Sports Hub

Sport within Imperial is currently incredibly confusing, with student committees regularly not knowing whether to go to Sport Imperial or ICU. Working with volunteers, Sport Imperial and the Sports Board, I'm wanting to create a single place that sports clubs can go to for all their needs within sport. Students would sit at the very top of this to ensure the student body are at the forefront of every decision that is made.

- Areas that ICU and SI work on have been looked at, and a map created as to who currently does what
- A rough framework as to which areas could sit under a sports hub, which under SI and which under ICU has been created.
- A proposed plan as to who would sit on the exec, and the frameworks as to what the frameworks would be around this for their support is currently being created
- Student consultation dates to shape this will be going out soon / focus groups are already taking place
- Needs to be taken to CSPB to discuss financials and how it would work so as to not create a duplication of work.

#### Goal 3 – Improve our Union processes and get more bookable space

A lot of our processes are old and take up a considerable amount of student time. I'm trying to tackle a few of these starting with annual budgeting. The plan is to redo this process from the ground up with a new, easier to use system and a more transparent method of grant allocation.

- Different version ideas have been mocked up

- Been presented at management group training to gauge opinion
- Will go through thorough process at CSPB to ensure it reduces the workload and is a better system for our CSPs, MGs and CUs.

#### Goal 4 – Create an online CSP Portal

- I've been meeting with a few Imperial tech startups to see if we can create a "one stop" portal that automatically directs students to the relevant person or area of the website they need to get to for help. Currently this information is not in an accessible format and I want to improve that.

#### Goal 5 – Easier, better and more relevant consultation forms

I want to ensure you are involved in all of the key decisions so that we truly understand your needs.

- Fortnightly town halls for information about the work I have been doing
- Reworking our sections and the action plans behind the Student Experience Survey with Rob and Alejandro so that we can work with college to improve the service, and lobby where necessary

### Operational Achievements

Significant operational tasks I have completed over the summer period are as follows:

#### Freshers Fair

- Layout sorted
- New system so each year only the extra clubs will need to be added as opposed to the layout redone every single year

#### Monday night transport

- Monday night transport system has been planned with coach service as opposed to minibuses to ease the strain on minibuses, and make it easier for students with less reliance on student drivers.
- Similar price to minibuses, final details still to be discussed with clubs
- Massive thanks to Sports Sector Chair Thomas for his work around this, he's been vital to the process

### Items for discussion

#### Sports Hub

- Discussion to be structured within the meeting as to councils' thoughts around the idea. Sports clubs have already shown their thoughts of support.

#### Ethos Membership

- The prices of the gym recently changed, this is to make council aware of those changes and gather opinion on it.

### Closing Comments

Please raise any support or concern you may have.

As always, I am available in person and via email for any questions you may have on my report or the Union's work.

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