

**Imperial College Union Board of Trustees**

**24/10/2019**

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| **AGENDA ITEM NO.** |  |
| **TITLE** | **DPE Report** |
| **AUTHOR** | **Ashley Brooks (DPE)** |
| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** | **NSS Response complete**   * Several recommendations to college   **PRES Response complete**   * Several recommendations to college **and the Union**   Both had a new, fresh design  Introduced interconnections diagram  Sent to relevant committees  See Appendix for the NSS/PRES Response (and skip to the back for recommendations) |
| **PURPOSE** | **To update BoT on DPE activities** |
| **DECISION/ACTION REQUIRED** | **None** |

Deputy President (Education) report to Union Council

*Ashley Brooks*

# Highlights:

* Settling in
* NSS Response 2019
* PRES Response 2019
* Rep Academy (rep training)

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| College Meetings & Prep | Student + Union Meetings & Prep | Education/personal project work  (major goals) | Other matters |
| 22% | 30% | 45% | 3% |

# Updates:

* Handover with predecessors, Jul 15 - Jul 26; training Jul 15 - Aug 2.
* NSS/PRES Responses – revamped, **fresh design – thanks to design team!**
* **NSS Response 2019**
  + Consulted and collaborated with appropriate reps
  + Report highlighted lack of **parity of student experience** and the **interconnectedness of issues**
  + **16 Recommendations** to College across 8 categories
  + Well received at Faculty Education Committees, and Learning & Teaching Committee
  + Recommendations presented at, and endorsed by, the **Provost’s Board**
  + Referred to **NSS/PTES Working Group** for actioning
* **Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) Response 2019**
  + Consulted and collaborated with appropriate reps (GSU)
  + Report again highlighted lack of **parity of student experience** and the **interconnectedness of issues**,particularly connections to **supervision**
  + **Recommendations** to College *and* **Union** across 8 categories
  + Well received at Postgraduate Research Quality Committee (PRQC)
  + Referred to smaller Working Group for actioning
* Rep training delivered to (many, but not all) faculty and department reps;   
  well received
* First ERB meeting well attended by reps

Upcoming:

In the process of meeting individually with reps (faculty/department)

Implementation and tracking of recommendations (will be a huge, ongoing project!)

# Key goals:

## Goal 1: NSS & PRES Response – **NSS complete, PRES complete**

* Consult and collaborate with appropriate reps
* Write response (& recommendations) to NSS and PRES surveys in order to send to relevant committees on time
* Send, present, discuss at appropriate (senior) College committees

## Goal 2: Assessment & Feedback – **Beginning**

* Ensure clear assessment criteria and quality, timely feedback
* NSS recommendations regarding Assessment and Feedback will be discussed and worked out, to move toward implementation, at the NSS Working Group
* Will require **input** from the **Education and Representation Board** along the way

## Goal 3: Student Engagement in Curriculum Review – **Not yet started**

* College rolling out new curricula across many (most) UG programmes (degrees) — and some PGT programmes, particularly in Faculty of Medicine — and will require ongoing input and review from student reps
* College undertaking PGT curriculum review, and will require student consultation
* Will require **input** from the **Education and Representation Board**, and many reps, along the way

## Goal 4: Postgraduate Research Student Experience – **In progress**

* **Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) Response 2019** completed and presented to the PRQC on 23 Oct
* Recommendations will be taken to a sub-working group of PRQC
* Ensure services/communications/activities (both from the College and the Union) are targeted specifically at PGR students to increase sense of belonging and wellbeing
* Will require **input** from the **GSU**, and many **PG reps**, and **PGs**, more generally along the way

Thanks for reading and I’m looking forward to receiving any feedback!

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