

**Imperial College Union
Board of Trustees / February 16th 2022**

Postgraduate Engagement Review

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Purpose: To note the report of the Postgraduate Engagement Review Working Group and endorse its recommendations.

Decision(s): To consider

1. Postgraduate Engagement Review

In recent years, Postgraduate representation and organisation of PG events has been handled by the Graduate Students Union (GSU), a volunteer committee led by a GSU President. Since July 2021, a review of the Union's provision for Postgraduate students has been taking place, covering both our representative structures for PGs (the GSU) and how PGs engage with the Union more broadly.

Following the resignation of the GSU President in July, and in light of the absence of a functioning GSU Committee, the GSU and GSU elections were temporarily suspended pending the outcome of the PG Engagement Review. This review has been directed by a PG Engagement Review Working Group, chaired by the Union President and comprised of Postgraduate students including past GSU Committee members.

The Working Group examined evidence from a variety of sources, including a PG Engagement Survey, focus groups, and interviews with past engaged Postgraduate volunteers that were undertaken as part of the review. The Working Group also looked at existing data from surveys, such as the Student Experience Survey and PG Space Review Survey, as well as other forms of data held by the Union such as elections and CSP data.

2. Recommendations for Approval

The Working Group produced a PG Engagement Review Report, which is included as an appendix. This report summarises their findings, and includes a number of recommendations for improving the Union's PG provision. Some of these recommendations relate to changes to the structure of PG representation, which have already been approved by the Board via email (see Board Paper TB/21-22/34) such that they have been implemented for the 2022 Leadership Elections.

The remaining recommendations do not formally require Board approval to be implemented. However, it is requested that the Board endorse these recommendations, with Management Committee being tasked with responsibility for overseeing their implementation.