

Imperial College Union
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Officer Trustee Update

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 Purpose: To update on the Officer Trustees' objectives
 Decision(s): To note

Union President - Camille Boutrolle

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1. Improve amenity availability across campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with the College's Campus Services and development of My Imperial Campus app to create an interactive campus map of all amenities on respective campuses, and later integrate this on the app's 3D map ▪ Identified pressing gaps on Charing Cross campus in amenity provision and have worked with Campus Services to mediate these ahead of April exam season
2. Further Imperial's outreach programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with Andreea (DPW) and in collaboration with the College's Strategic Planning team on the Access & Participation Plan (APP) ▪ Facilitated focus groups for wider student engagement in December
3. To promote cross-disciplinary learning	No progress
4. Strive for a top 50 ranking in People & Planet league tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invited to co-present with a member of the Investment Office at the Endowment Board on 29th February, to jointly demonstrate the need and want, from students and staff, to commit to divestment from fossil fuel companies ▪ Note sent to the Provost to recommend the reconvening of the Socially Responsible Investment Working Group to improve the existing SRI policy

Deputy President (Welfare) – Andreea Cojocea

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1. Focusing on the mental health of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representing student voice in Mental Health Strategy Action Plan Meetings led by College; developing a survey with the Mental Health Officer and previous RCSU Wellbeing and Welfare Officer to consult the wider student population with respect to proposed areas of focus ▪ Working with the Advice Service to streamline Union signposting processes ▪ Liaising with Wellbeing Advisers to understand biggest gaps in support for every department
2. Cost of living: the most stressful topic for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented findings from student consultations on Strategic Planning-developed Access and Participation Interventions at January APSG, as well as liaising with organisers of similar smaller-scale initiatives ▪ Investigating costs associated with PG experience with the Graduate School, Student Finance, and the PGR Rep Chair ▪ Working to revive the COL Working Group within the college

3. Prevention of sexual misconduct and improved signposting to available resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed a survey enquiring students about their experience with sexual misconduct and how the Union and College can tailor our services to better support them ▪ Developing a visual campaign informing students on how they can be active bystanders to their peers and what are the most qualified services to help them
4. Investigating climate anxiety and its effect on students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborating with Imperial Climate Action and the Climate Cares Centre on developing a set of informative discussions on sustainable practices with students

Deputy President (Finance & Services) – Stephanie Yeung

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1. Delivering a wider variety of events to include non-drinking oriented events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Had discussions with Advice Manager about potentially introducing wellbeing-centric events in 24/25 ▪ Held a new Chinese Calligraphy cultural event celebrating the Lunar New Year, with 80+ student turnout (majority international students)
2. Increasing engagement with our postgraduate community through our services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Had conversations with Representation Manager about action plan, with monthly catch ups in place to touch base ▪ Initial discussions with Andreea (DPW) to conduct joint forum-styled events focused on enquiring PGR preferences on events and wellbeing
3. Developing the Union's Sustainability Plan (USP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 main pillars of the USP identified, with plans to write the details of the USP within the next few months ▪ Environment & Sustainability Forums held in Nov 2023 & Jan 2024 on the topics of sustainable careers & veganism, with an average attendance of 15 students/staff. 3 more forums planned for 23/24 on topics of SDG in education, effects of climate change on mental health, and biodiversity ▪ Planning & delivery of the London Student Sustainability Conference (21 Feb 2024) at Imperial ▪ Organising Imperial Sustainability Fortnight (19 Feb – 1 Mar 2024) with students & college staff

Deputy President (Education) – Yi Yang

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1. Support non-native speakers to learn well and study well at Imperial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the process of planning a volunteering session ▪ Promoting regular sessions ▪ Securing career language resources for reps, including rep rewards and recognition
2. Enable more students to access the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenced the College's UROP report for the academic year 24/25. The report suggested that students should only need to submit an application once to facilitate the application process.

<p>3. Refine the mutual expectation documents and improve supports for Postgraduate Research (PGR) students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey sent out to postgraduate research students about current and desired mutual expectations documents; received approximately 100 responses • Analysis of survey responses; identifying trends between departments and faculties • Working on a potential similar campaign for MRes students
<p>4. Enable Imperial students to be competitive in sustainability related industries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joined Education for Sustainability College committee and in discussion on how to implement sustainability going forward

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) – Christian Cooper

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Progress</u>
<p>1. Enable all CSPs to be high performing and inclusive.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on expanding the Student Experience Fund (started at the beginning of the academic year) to postgraduate and international students. • Successfully concluded the CSP Funding Efficiency project with recommendations approved by FAR. • Implementation of CSP Funding Efficiency project outcomes is ongoing and very positive.
<p>2. Encourage collaboration with the wider London community.</p>	<p><i>No further progress since last update.</i></p>
<p>3. Improving volunteer participation, training and support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated CSP and Management Group (MG) budgeting training and delivered in-person training for MGs ▪ Actively involved in the Union Awards planning, with an aim to ensure that senior volunteers get the recognition they deserve. ▪ Working with CSPB to determine what professional development opportunities they can pursue.
<p>4. ICU-college joint student activities delivery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leading fortnightly meetings with Move Imperial to develop the “Imperial Athletes 3.0” model for joint-delivery of sports between ICU and the College. ▪ Developing a sports strategy that ensures sports is cheaper for students and that students in sports clubs get the same access and support as societies. ▪ Working with the Blyth Centre to outline a list of improvements to be implemented for next academic year, to ensure that arts and music societies are properly supported.
<p>5. Create a framework for sustainable CSP activity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working to publicise and update the Principles of Socially Responsible Engagement to accurately reflect the student opinion on the Union’s partners. ▪ Working on a CSP travel policy which applies to all CSP travel, not just funding.