



Imperial College Union
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Union Council Consultation: Future Capital Investment

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Decision(s): To consider

Union Notes

The Students' Union is primarily funded through a block grant from the University, which covers our core operations including (but not limited to) the advice service, support for clubs and societies and student representation. Any surplus generated through the Union's commercial activity is reinvested directly back into the student experience. While we are preparing our next block grant bid, this paper focuses on a related but separate area: planning for longer-term capital investment.

Capital investment refers to long-term spending on physical and digital improvements. Rather than day-to-day costs, these investments shape the student experience over many years and it's crucial these are grounded in student needs and priorities.

We would like to use Union Council as an early consultation space to gather initial insights. We want to know what spaces or facilities matter most to you, what needs improving and what would most improve student experience in the long term?

Members are invited to discuss:

- Which Union facilities or spaces most need improvement;
- Current challenges students face in using Union spaces;
- Long-term investments that would have the greatest positive impact;
- Specific student groups whose needs should be prioritised.

Council is also asked to suggest effective approaches for wider student consultation and highlight networks or communities that should be engaged.

Feedback will directly inform the early development of the Capital Plan and plans for future student consultation.