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**What students need to know (This meeting notes...)**

1. Most of the work of the Sabbatical Officers is done ‘behind the scenes’, e.g. in meetings with Senior Management
2. Currently, no codified accountability mechanisms for Sabbs exist
3. Other SUs such as Royal Holloway, Imperial, Kings and Goldsmiths have processes whereby Sabbs regularly communicate their work to students

**What Union Council thinks about it (This meeting believes...)**

1. Students who elect and fund Sabbatical Officers deserve to be made aware of what their roles entail, what they are working on, how far they have achieved their manifesto pledges and how they spend their time
2. Increased communication between Sabbs and students may make the Sabbs’ work more student-focused as they would be regularly reminded of their commitment to students
3. Increased communication may increase student engagement with the Union as it would reduce the distance between Sabbs and students, raise awareness of the benefits of Union engagement and thereby encourage students to reach out to and influence their Sabb and the Union
4. The benefits of accountability-focused communications outweigh the extra work for Sabbs

**What we should do (This meeting resolves...)**

1. To mandate that all elected Sabbatical Officers produce a half-termly written report, to be published on the Union website and publicised through social media and the e-mail Newsletter, that outlines what they are currently working on, progress on their manifesto pledges, achievements on these since the last Report and the university committee meetings & external events they have attended
2. Oral reports should be presented by all elected Sabbatical Officers at the beginning of every All-Student Meeting and should at least include what they are currently working on and their achievements
3. Oral reports at All-Student Meetings should be followed by the opportunity for students to ask Sabbatical Officers questions