

Dear colleagues,

Our [College Strategy 2015-2020](#) describes the Endowment as an enabler to strengthen and diversify our revenues so we can deliver our mission. We have spoken to individuals, staff groups and student representatives about how the Endowment funds are invested to achieve that goal while remaining true to the College mission *'to achieve enduring excellence in research and education in science, engineering, medicine and business for the benefit of society'*.

Last week Council approved a recommendation from the Imperial College Union and the President's Board to set up a **Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Policy Working Group**. It has been tasked with preparing a College SRI Policy for approval at the **February 14, 2020** meeting of Council. If approved, Council would then amend the Terms of Reference for the Endowment Board to instruct them to follow the College SRI Policy. Endowment Board would report back to Council annually on its implementation of the SRI Policy.

The membership of the group is as follows:

- Provost (Chair): Professor Ian Walmsley
- Staff Representative on Council: Professor Terry Tetley
- Student Representative on Council: Abhijay Sood
- Chief Financial Officer: Muir Sanderson
- Dean, Imperial College Business School: Professor Francisco Veloso

The SRI Policy Working Group will draw on the expertise and views of the College community, key stakeholders, Endowment Board members and Council, as well as external experts in responsible investment. They will take written evidence, invite specific people to give oral evidence and have informal discussions as appropriate.

The SRI Policy Working Group welcomes submissions from our community. These should be sent to sri.policy@imperial.ac.uk by **Friday 31 January, 2020**. The group will also hold meetings in January 2020 to discuss different views in more detail. Participants in these sessions will be invited based on written submissions received.

You can find more information about the SRI Policy Working Group on a new [webpage](#) that will be regularly updated. This will include minutes of meetings as part of an open and transparent process.

I, and the other members of the Working Group, look forward to having this important conversation with you over the coming months.

Best wishes,
Ian

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