

**DPEW's Report**  
*A report by the DPEW*

**Apologies**

Firstly I apologise for not being present tonight. I inadvertently scheduled sub-warden interviews at the same time. It wasn't possible to reschedule, and it is compulsory for a Union rep to attend (almost always the DPEW).

If you have any questions please get in touch and I'll answer them.

**Top-up fees**

I attended the march on top-up fees organised by the NUS on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. Turnout from Imperial was around a dozen. This is particularly poor, especially among officers and Council members who should have known about it. However I believe it also reflects the fact that the issue is not imminent – any vote being 3 years away – making it harder to motivate people.

**Equalities**

Several (random) students have approached me expressing an interest in running equality campaigns surrounding issues such as minority students, students with disabilities and women students. I'm currently liaising with them on how we can pursue this.

**Academic Affairs and Welfare**

Held the first meetings of AA and Welfare jointly. This was in part to reduce burden on staff and Sabbs, but also to brief people on the proposed Governance changes, particularly the introduction of RWB. The meeting was productive, with several issues spanning departments, such as printing allowance and provision of handouts and resit policy being raised. These issues are being pursued outside the meeting with relevant people.

**Meetings**

I attended a bewildering array of College meetings. Points of interest include:

- **Southside:** is still on time and on budget. Of more interest are developments surrounding Eastside, and the (slightly) revised design scheme college are pursuing. This involves a greater proportion on single rooms, including some at a lower price than Southside and other which offer studio flat facilities.
- **QARC:** due to succession from UoL, College are in the process of passing new regulations regarding issues such as Exam offences. Due to what I believe are significant shortfalls between the current (UoL) regulations and the proposed regulations I have spent a considerable amount of time discussing amendments with Registry. This will be discussed at today's meeting of QARC.

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