

Imperial College Union

DPFS Report

A Note by the Deputy President (Finance and Services)

A brief rundown on what I've been up to since the last Council.

NUS Referendum

Being Returning Officer for the NUS Referendum has taken up a fair amount of my time, for full details please see the Returning Officer's report.

Executive Committee Investigation

As most Councillors will have seen in *Felix*, I have reported to the Executive Committee on the results of the investigation into potentially unconstitutional actions by members of the Sabbatical team and Executive Committee last year. This was an important investigation in that it lays bare what went wrong and allows people to learn from the mistakes and see ways in which this can be prevented from happening again.

Club funding business

It's tours allocation time again. The allocations have been completed now but the process has highlighted some possible room for improvement in the system to make it fairer, more accessible, more transparent and easier to work with. I will look into this over the coming weeks and present recommendations to the Student Activities Committee after liaising with CSC chairs heavily involved in tours activity and also those Union staff with an involvement and particular knowledge of the system and policy.

I have also been working with a few clubs on more complex budgets and debt recovery. I am very pleased with the progress made by a number of clubs and feel confident that they will be in a much stronger position come the new year.

Another area of clubs administration that needs to be looked at is the new clubs committee, whilst an advance on the old system that didn't have enough control, the new system seems that it may have too much control and could be relaxed slightly. I will be looking into this over the coming weeks and my findings will again be presented to the Student Activities Committee. In the meanwhile, the new clubs committee will meet to discuss applications and it is hoped that a quorate meeting will be able to be called after the NUS referendum.

Club Investigation

An highly concerning situation with regards to financial malpractice within a club was brought to my attention last week, this is under active investigation.

Centenary Ball

I would like to thank all those who have already volunteered to help with the Centenary Ball, I shall be contacting all volunteers shortly to call an initial informal meeting. There are still plenty of opportunities for people to help plan what will be the biggest and best party the Union has ever thrown and also the biggest Centenary celebration. Some initial plans are already shaping up and it is looking like it will be a fantastic event with a great deal of scope for individual student involvement.

Commemoration Day

I had the pleasure of being a Marshall for the first ceremony on Commemoration Day. I hope that all graduates enjoyed their day (and took more time off than I did for my own graduation some years ago now when I was running experiments over the ceremony) and would like to congratulate them all on their achievements.

Meetings

I also have been in the usual selection of meetings over the past three weeks.

JM – 13/11/06