

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A report by Lily Topham*

### **Club Queries**

As expected, I spend a lot of my time dealing with multitudinous queries which are as varied as ever. I have most queries regarding storage, the website, room bookings and membership.

### **Naughty Clubs**

I seem to spend half my time dealing with clubs who have been misbehaving, but for the most part my communications and meetings with them have been very constructive. Clubs I've been working with have been Racing Green, Football Club and CSSA.

### **Health and Safety**

I Chaired the Union H&S meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. I also attended the College Health & Safety Consultative Committee on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> which highlighted how good our student activities generally are in terms of Health and Safety.

### **Union Redevelopment**

This is obviously affecting a number of clubs directly with regards things such as storage space and available meeting areas. Clubs affected by the addition of MR4 to the non-bookable list have been accommodated into other Union rooms or College rooms.

Storage - I have been looking at the storage space which we will have for clubs and societies once this Phase of the redevelopment is complete and will be working on a detailed decant plan for all clubs to make the process as simple as possible and to utilise space as well as possible.

I have also been able to have a very useful chat to the architects about the plans and will continue to feed back on ways to maximise usefulness and space for clubs and societies.

### **Room Bookings**

This is still taking up a lot of my time. I have been working with Conferences to try to clarify the position on club and society use of certain rooms, such as RSM 301. I also had a meeting with Terry Branch (Head of Security) which helped to clarify how they process our College room bookings. I am aware that room bookings is still highly convoluted and difficult. To address this, Phil Power and I are hoping to be able to improve that by moving more of the room booking process online. However, this will take a while as there are a lot of IT issues which need to be resolved before this can be done.

### **Postering and leaflets**

I have been mollifying (again) various halls wardening teams with regards club and society posters and leaflets in halls. I would plead to anyone running events or activities to get the permission of wardens before sticking up posters or fliering in halls.

### **MDH Refurb**

The President and myself had a meeting with Jane Neary, Dan Curtis, Richard Dickins and the architects involved in the refurbishment of the MDH on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. This is due to start during the Easter holidays and be completed on 19<sup>th</sup> June 09. The redevelopment itself will obviously affect our clubs and societies, and I am happy to say that I am confident that this will be an improvement for our clubs and societies. The aim of the refurb is to install a bamboo floor, better lighting, better power supplies and more flexible space usage with the room being able to be divided into three. College are happy to work with the Union on making the space bookable and well-designed from a clubs and societies usage point of view, e.g. there is support for its use for dance rehearsals and music rehearsals and performances. Input is being welcomed so if you have any strong opinions, please let me know.

### **Working Group/Tasting Group on College food provision**

I have been getting people who would be interested in eating free food for College Catering. They want as many people with as many varied food tastes/requirements as possible, so please let me know if you are interested!

### **Budgetting**

Online budgeting system

Budgetting demos and budgeting handbook

My thanks to Christian, Ally and Will for all their hard work on getting the online system up and running. It should make things much easier for club officers, and particularly CSC/FU officers and importantly, should result in fewer budgets being lost and a clearer and transparent process come budgeting.

### **Clubs & Socs survey**

I have been working on a survey with Alex McKee and Phil Power to gain opinions on our Clubs and Societies. There is still a lot of writing to be done, but it will come out before the end of January.

### **New Club Queries**

I've had a fair few, but not as many as last term. Currently we have an application for a Bah'i Society as well as several others which are not finalised.

### **Watson**

Again, my thanks to the A&E Chair for continuing to work on this with me. Please encourage people to use this excellent source of free advertising!