

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Jenny Wilson

Clubs & Societies Board

Thus far, there have been 2 meetings of CSB. The main features of the first (held on 13th October) were the elections of representatives to the Executive Committee. The successful candidates were Henry Debens – RSM President and Andrew McLellan – RCC Chair. We also elected the New Clubs Committee which is now comprised of Rikki Norris – CGCU VPFS, Charles Murdoch – ACC Chair and the Chair of the committee is Anil Chopra – ICSMSU President.

The second CSB was the Winter Tours meeting (held on 26th October) and considered 12 Tour applications, of which 11 were accepted with one late addition being voted upon as I write this. They all look to be as exciting as ever and I look forward to receiving their reports.

New Clubs Committee

The NCC for this year (comprised of the above people) met on 27th October. Welsh Soc was the only club to be 'started' though a more accurate description would be 'reformed'.

The next NCC dates for this term are provisionally the 16th November and 7th December though these are yet to be confirmed.

One observation is that the role of NCC has developed over its life time. Being ever conscious of the high number of clubs that we already have, it has often become a forum for informing enthusiastic individuals where they could perform their activities without being a new society. In particular, I'm excited about the reinvigoration of the Community Action Group which this week accepted its first new project this year, called IC Buddies, which involved outreach projects focussing on STEM subjects in local schools. Many of the applications that come to NCC have a charitable or community minded theme and in the past we have not been best equipped to cater to them from a C&S point of view. Hopefully IC Buddies will be a successful example of where we can accommodate this genre of activity in the future.

BUCS London Division meeting

This took place on Friday 16th October at LSBU. Here we discussed issues that are relevant to our sports teams whom often compete against each other as well as strategies as a region. I am on the Exec of this committee and my role is leading up the working group on Wellbeing & Healthy Campus'. I had a meeting with Bill Thompson, Director of Sport from City Uni who is working on this with me, in preparation for the working group comprised of other Sports/ Activities Sabbs and University Sport professionals being held on 5th November. This ties in well as the first meeting of the IC Healthy Living Week Committee which is due to be held on the 10th Nov. Any reflections on the week from last year, or suggestions/ improvements for this year would be welcomed. Our Healthy Living Week is being held the week beginning 25th January.

Training

Some officers still needed club officer training. We (myself & the DPFS) have now organised the final mop-up session of Principal Officer and Finance training to take place on Friday 6th November. Many thanks to Phil Power and Ally Cott for all their help and hard work with these and previous sessions.

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This initiative is a joint effort from the Union, the Careers Service, the Volunteer Centre and Sport Imperial, and has been added to my remit as something extracurricular. I wrote an article about it for the website and the Union page in Felix. It is an award scheme, that has multiple components but primarily 30 hours of volunteering and then a session with the Careers service to help you identify the transferable skills you've gained from the activity you've done. The nice thing is that its very flexible and can be tailored to your interests. The final induction session is on Tuesday 3rd Nov at 12.30 in the SALC.

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2nd November 2009

Room Bookings & Usage

Room usage of those rooms in the Union building has been disappointing as many clubs don't seem to be paying the refurbished building the due respect to make it last past this term. I had to send out a disgruntled email including the new room usage protocols. Many thanks to those individuals who helped put them together. These include an explicit fine system for those users who do not use the rooms properly. We are disappointed that we have had to implement this but it has seemed necessary. For information, the fines go to the Student Opportunity fund.

Storage

This continues to be the bane of my life. It is currently in the 'tidy up what you have' phase, to try to accommodate new requests.

Club Queries

These take up the greatest proportion of my time and the diversity of questions never fails to impress or boggle the mind.

Annual Leave

I took the afternoon of Friday 23rd October off to go on holiday for the weekend. It was lovely.