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Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Jenny Wilson

Union Meetings

CSB on 25th May was filled with discussion on the topic of tours. The committee made recommendations on some of the definitions that we currently use, and we also looked at lowering the cap on transport subsidy as it tends to mislead rather than inform. The operational side of submission was also discussed. The President has said that a new policy can be passed in the new academic year, because the Tours Appendix was resubmitted last year, which has meant that it hasn't lapsed like the rest of the policy. I'll be looking to put together a suggested document with Heather and bring new CSC chairs up to speed in their training so that this can be done in the first Council next term. We also approved a CSC template for their Standing Orders as I was mandated to do this because they were a bit of a mess when viewed across the board. After training materials are complete, I'll put all the CSC's in the template, so that they can pass them in their first meetings next year, which will be a good exercise for their new committee members, and then they can also come to Council. I was also on the Colours Committee on 2nd June which was fun, because it was rewarding lots of good work this year.

College Meetings

I have attended many Sport Imperial meetings – Indoor & Outdoor Users Meeting on 18th May, Health & Safety in Sport on 12th May, Boathouse Committee on 27th May. I have Sports Partnership meeting tomorrow, where we'll be looking at proposals for the boards for the College Open day to go up in Ethos, displaying the range of sport available to prospective students. The clubs involved have been contacted. CV2012 has also had a couple of moderation meetings, and this seems to be going well. There is Sport Imperial's ARCS event on Friday to celebrate various sporting and CV2012 successes. The meeting I'm looking forward to, in order to tie up some loose ends is the Music & Visual Arts committee which will take place on the 23rd June. Heather can report on how this goes, next year!

Training

This project has taken up the majority of my time recently. This is between creating scripts, recording scripts and proof reading training material. This year, we've started with a near-blank canvass and have attempted to train every club, society and project officer to a very basic level, and then other positions to an appropriate level. Much of the challenge of this was incorporating 'Projects' (see RAG & CAG Policy, last Council) as a standard feature.

In particular, Phil Power and I have put together 3 e-learning modules called Key Information, Finance Overview and Finance Operations each of which takes around 15-20 minutes. By doing this, we've reduced 3 hours of contact time with treasurers to around 1 hour, but have also given timetabled opportunities for them to come to more

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workshop/ Q&A sessions if they have residual questions. This is all accompanied by validation quizzes.

Principal Officers will still be required to attend a session for them, which is a lot more interactive and has some skill based learning objectives, and lasts 1hr30.

Other sessions that will still be running are College Events training & Sports Captains. New shorter, optional workshops are also on offer, including Workbench & eActivities (new name for internal Workbench) and Sponsorship.

Many thanks to Phil for all his help in this. A new compulsory session for Dept Socs is also being run to try to consolidate the options available to them. This was because they have different circumstances to everyone else, and for the most comparable group of clubs, they have the most disparity.

Handbook Entries

We have got Handbook Entries for almost all clubs. This has been all done online this year, and despite having a few technical glitches to start off with, it has worked and will make it much easier for laying out etc. Clubs were of number of My thanks to systems for all their work on this.

New Clubs

There is a NCC on the 18th June, where we will be seeing applications for Fives, Chabad, Student life and Sarcy Soc and any others that are submitted before the 11th.

New Officer Queries

Just as all the outgoing officers got confident in what they were doing, I have been inundated with a new flood of questions from all the new, eager officers. I try to remember what it was like to be them when answering, and wish Heather the best of luck as this will become her domain in handover during July.