

## **SABBATICAL UPDATES**

### **President**

- The Strategic Plan – we have interviewed a second company (Impact Strategy Consultants Ltd) and are waiting for a third before deciding which of them is the best.
- Counterculture – are coming into the offices regularly to go through our financial procedures and document them.
- Finance Manager – Four candidates have been shortlisted and will be interviewed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. We will know our new Finance Manager shortly afterwards.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> March – a drinks reception for the trustees to meet senior College Staff has been arranged. Executive and Council are invited to attend.
- The Environmental Policy is nearing completion. This mainly affects the operational policy of the Union and so, although it will go to Council, it is important that it is discussed by Exec. The most controversial change will be a change to bottled water. I see three options:
  - Continue as now (several brands of bottled water comprising 6% shop profit).
  - Only sell 'One Water' (same as College) whereby profits made from their bulk sale to us go into building wells in Africa. The Union could start its own Well when it has raised enough funding from this. Imperial has already opened 3 Wells in the last 4 years!
  - Ban bottled water entirely.

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

- Discussed stewarding and event requirements with the Fire Office
- Discussed food rules with Conferences
- Held NPC and NCC

### **Deputy President (Finance & Services)**

- Online claim forms
- Rep system for casual workers
- Regulation 8 Constitution change
- Summer Ball
- Budgeting
- Payroll issues

### **Deputy President (Welfare)**

- SHAG week is this week – everything's gone relatively smoothly with publicity and operation, although I won't be sure how successful the week was until I check in with the charities post session and do a short SHAG week survey which I'll be distributing at the beginning of next week.
- Welfare officer training took place. Attendance wasn't great, but some people did come and we had a good chat about how the roles should develop. All the officers have the training materials, which we could perhaps do an elearning for next year as it's so difficult to get them all in one place.
- Heather and I are waiting on the new projects to give us their names so we can get started creating them. The next NPC will be in a couple of weeks.

### **Deputy President (Education)**

- Union hosted departmental wiki.
  - We are planning on creating a wiki page for each department, which will provide a means for students to engage each other in discussion about their course, share answers on problems

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they are finding difficult and passing on information regarding their courses. I do NOT want this to turn into a forum for students to start bad-mouthing their lecturers or sharing CW answers which have not been handed in yet. Any suggestions Exec may have would be greatly appreciated.

- NSS participation.

Department/Degree Stream	NSS Response Rate (07.02.2011)	NSS Overall Response Rate 2010	Δ
Earth Science and Engineering	85%	68%	17%
Bioengineering	65%	56%	9%
Biology	40%	57%	-17%
Business School	38%	<50% (results not published)	-
Computing	36%	68%	-32%
Chemistry	36%	56%	-20%
Biomedical Sciences	32%	56%	-24%
Biochemistry	29%	60%	-31%
Materials	27%	61%	-34%
Aeronautics	25%	58%	-33%
Electronic and Electrical Engineering	24%	52%	-28%
Physics	23%	58%	-35%
Civil Engineering	19%	52%	-33%
Mechanical Engineering	16%	59%	-43%
Mathematics	16%	<50% (results not published)	-
Medicine	11%	68%	-57%
Chemical Engineering	10%	53%	-44%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>-34%</b>