

**Council Report by Heather Jones, DPCS**

**Arts Partnership**

The agreement regarding how College and the Union will work together to promote the arts, so a formal art partnership has now been agreed. This includes inclusion of new student representatives to the board bringing the total level of student representation up from 3 to 7. There is also a member of Union staff on the Board. The Arts Imperial Board also has a short and long term strategic plan including for an arts centre. The clubs who are represented are:

Orchestras & Choirs	Ensembles	Visual Arts	Performing Arts
ICSO	Big Band	LeoSoc	DramSoc
Sinfonietta	Guitar	PhotoSoc	MTSoc
String Ensemble	Percussion		MTSoc Tour
Wind Band	Chamber Music		Dance
Choir	Jazz & Rock		Dance Company
Gospel Choir	Music Tech		Belly Dancing
A Capella			Funkology

The medics clubs are also represented and the A&E Chair and DPCS sit on the Board which hopes to report to both to the Union Executive Committee and the College's Management Board.

This is very significant progress and following the first meeting on 9 December it is clear that it will be a very productive board which could have far-reaching results for the Arts at the College.

**CSB**

All tour reports have now been reported to CSB and members can find them at <http://dougal.union.ic.ac.uk/sac/reports/ICTrustTours200910.pdf> if they wish to read them. They are informative, amusing and incredibly interesting and a testament to the clubs who do an amazing range of activities each year. To all of them I am very grateful. The IC Trust has also received this report so we expect the £19,500 they usually give us to appear in the Union accounts soon.

NCC will take place after the writing of this report so I will give a verbal report of its results in Council however, I am pleased to say that all 2 of the 4 clubs created have completed all required documentation and the others are well on the way. Management Groups will report their activities to CSB in the new year and we have agreed a budgeting timetable which will be made clear to clubs to guide them through the process. It is expected that RWB budgeting will take place at the same time as CSB budgeting to attempt to simplify the process for groups who apply for money from both.

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### **Sport Imperial**

I have attended a number of Sport Imperial meetings and it seems that we are having another successful year for sports. A minor restructure to reduce the number of meetings has also taken place which should benefit the student representatives without jeopardising their ability to raise issues. I have also made BUCS aware of our tours policy as they have a very different approach to tours and I feel that Imperial certainly has some best practice to share in this area.

### **Projects**

Finally it appears that all the policy regarding projects is written and we just need to hold the relevant meetings to pass it and keep people informed what is going on. Though this has taken a long time it will be worth it when we have a well-run projects structure without administrative problems etc.

The student-led projects working group in College is also continuing but has not yet come to a conclusion. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that the type of scrutiny required is very similar to that provided by the Exploration Board and that the expertise required is not widespread, therefore it is likely that there will be at least some overlap. The next meeting is in January.

### **Posters**

I have been becoming a lot stricter with enforcing the poster rules, I tend to walk around the areas controlled by the Union on a weekly basis removing posters that contravene the policy. Repeat offenders will receive fines.

### **University Challenge**

The University Challenge team representing Imperial have now been selected, I think it's a strong team and will be interested to see how they perform in the competition. The inter-Faculty team selection worked well and provided the judging panel with plenty of material to make their decision on.

### **Artifact – Imperial/RCA Collaboration**

Finally, I have attempted to facilitate an arts/science art competition between the RCA and Imperial. This is to build relationships but also produce art to be displayed in the Blyth Gallery. So far it is going well and LeoSoc are running most of the committee, with key positions occupied by other interested students. We hope to build it into ArtsFest and make it an event to continue for years to come.

There have been some difficulties regarding getting the RCA involved but this is normal at such an early stage in collaboration.