

Council
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Council Report
A paper by the DPCS

Since the last Council things have been very hectic for me as I've been returning officer for the Sabbatical elections. At the time of writing voting is ongoing but I hope that once this paper is received all complaints will have been dealt with and we'll have set a time for the announcement of results. I'd like to thank all the candidates for running a clean and thoughtful campaign on the most part and making this job a pleasure rather than a stress.

In other news the new stewarding rules are now official and once some training has been developed self-stewarding will be permitted at all events not involving alcohol in College. This should save clubs £100s if not £1000s and at the same time stops overworked stewards from working pointless and boring shifts when they'd prefer not to.

Also, a new agreement with College means that external catering is now allowed in all spaces except those rented exclusively from Conferences, lecture theatres and concourse levels. Clubs still have to abide by the Union catering rules but this is massive progress and I hope that it eases things for student events next year.

New clubs committee has met again and one new club was created – Wikipedia Society. I wish them the best of luck and am confident they'll go from strength to strength. I'm also looking forward to the second New Projects Committee which will be held at the end of the month.

I've developed an elections helpsheet for those not familiar with the process of running their AGM and have also spent time working on a plan to improve the Clubs and Societies section of the website, which is confused in places. I've also begun to think about how a storage space review could be made useful but it's difficult to see how the information could be kept up to date and relevant.

ArtsImperial has been rather quiet recently but another meeting is upcoming. The reps have been fantastic about working on finding characteristics of spaces for arts rehearsals to help with overcrowding in the Blyth. Artsfest went well, especially the Artifact event in the Concert Hall which got over 50 artists from the RCA onto Imperial property and interacting with scientists.

There have been a number of Sport Imperial meetings with no particular issues brought up and it was nice to meet the Trustees in a less formal environment recently. The strategic review is bringing up some surprising and interesting issues to consider and I'm looking forward to seeing the results of the survey.

Budgeting will have finished by the time this report is received and frankly, I'll be glad, it's not nice cutting the amount of money people think they should receive but it's always unavoidable.