

Imperial College Union
President's Report
A Note by the President

Strategic Plan 2011

On Friday 20 May we will have had the Ideas Day, where we set up outside the Queen's Tower Rooms and students are invited to give us their ideas on a number of topics. Since this hasn't happened yet, I'll update Council in the meeting.

Planning Round 2011

Myself and the Operations Manager put together the Union's submission to Imperial's 2011 Planning Round, where our subvention amount for 2011/12 will be decided. The main documents were a description of what has happened in the Union in the last year, and a budget with various solutions to a 3% increase, 0% increase or 3% cut. The next stage is an interview on June 6.

Summer Elections

The Summer Elections, which are in the nominations stage at the moment, are to elect the welfare officers, Council Chair, Court Advocate and three members of the Entertainments Committee. So far all the positions are contested, a rare thing! Voting opens the week after next and we will be doing a drive to get students engaged in voting.

Union Awards

The Awards are still in the nomination stage and we have received many nominations. We are looking at a slightly different format for the Colours Ceremony with short speeches from a previous Award holder on what it means as a graduate, and acceptance speeches from the Club and Society and Departmental Representatives of the year.

Strategic Education Committee

The DPE and myself gave the Union's annual presentation to College's Strategic Education Committee on Thursday 19 May. We focused on the importance of the personal development of students outside their academic careers and the positive perception this will give to prospective students about Imperial. Students here are extremely active in clubs and societies, representation and voting, but we need to encourage College to recognise this. We also stayed to discuss the problems with feedback and the continually low scores given by students, despite the extra effort from most departments.

Trustee Board

We had a productive Trustee Board on 17 May where we made the External Speakers Policy a 'Trustee Policy'; since it deals with issues of freedom of speech and potential legal ramifications of society events we felt the Trustees should be responsible for it.

Rector's Awards

The Rector's Awards for Teaching, Research Supervision and Pastoral Care are in the judging stage at the moment; I sit on these panels along with the DPE, GSA President and DPW. Congratulations to all the staff who won awards, though the results aren't out yet so you will hear more later.