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Council Report
A paper by the DPCS

CSB

At the last CSB we passed OSC, SCC and RCC updated standing orders incorporating the Rewards Policy. Council needs to approve these so they have been put online for you to view. In the interests of saving paper they have been left online. DepSoc policy has also been attached to this paper as requested. It should be noted that it passed CSB and since asking DepSocs if they wish to have a non-zero membership cost not a single one has got back to me to any extent. I would suggest this is a non-issue for the vast majority of students.

DPCS Work

Since last CSB the main thing I have been concentrating on is getting the new generation of training materials ready – the core set are now live including newly recorded eLearning. There are still more to come but we are very proud of them and hope new Club Officers find them helpful.

There have been some things to tidy up regarding Student-Led Projects both getting the formal process finalised and ensuring that those going away this year have an appropriate level of support and insurance. This has led to a number of meetings but we have high hopes the proposal will pass at next QAAC.

I have been involved with two aspects of the summer ball – collating a list of those in halls who are eligible for free tickets and organising a line-up for the Princes Garden stage. This has been time consuming at times but should contribute to a great event. It's good to see a place for student groups at the Summer Ball. CHUG also happened and a schedule was agreed to by all for the coming year.

I have had a number of CV2012 meetings and am delighted to announce that a significant number of people have now passed all the necessary hurdles towards getting the CV2012 award. Congratulations to all of them, I certainly found the interview process interesting. The Strategic Review has also demanded a certain amount of commitment from all the Sabbs since the last Council. Hopefully it will be worth it when it comes to fruition.

Other things that have taken up my time have been (in no particular order):

Sport Imperial meetings

A potential visit of Pervez Musharraf (ex-President of Pakistan)

A careers workshop on getting a job – again, poorly attended though very helpful

Interesting discussions with College/Arts Imperial about costs related to the Great Hall

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My Manifesto

Freshers Events Site – the What's On calendar fulfilled this point

Inventory Sharing – bumped down the priority list by online finances, hopefully do-able in the future

More multi-club / CSC events – not achieved, not necessarily necessary either.

Buddy System for Clubs – I made enquiries about this and it seemed that clubs simply don't want it. Therefore not implemented.

Union events improvements – This was really already in place before I started as in my suggestion was basically for the equivalent of We Are Metric nights which I think everyone agrees are great. Certainly not down to me!

Keep improving Art Imperial – Arts Imperial is now set-up, with robust student representation and a redesigned website and newsletter. It's going from strength to strength and is definitely the manifesto point I'm most proud of.

I hope some of the training materials development is manifesto worthy as well as setting up the Student-led Projects approval Board getting College insurance for ambitious trips. In addition an agreement of the rules with Conferences, Facilities, Fire Officers et. al. is something I'm pretty proud of though until a paper passes College Management Board I won't consider it done!

Thanks

As this is the last Council of the year I'd like to use this opportunity to thank all of you and the hundreds of other volunteers who have made doing this job a pleasure and a challenge. Thank-you for giving up your time, I hope you've enjoyed it!

Departmental Society Policy
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The Union notes:

1. That Clubs and Societies policy states: *“60. All Full Members of the Union are entitled to join any club or society, unless a club or society is registered with a government agency or national governing body which prohibits membership of affiliated clubs and societies on certain grounds. Membership may only be restricted on unavoidable legal or insurance issues (e.g. firearms control). Clubs and societies shall exercise the minimum possible restriction of membership, and inform the CSC or Faculty Union and Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) of any such restriction. The Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) may strike out any prohibition on membership.”*
2. That Departmental Societies have dual purposes of providing social/welfare functions for a department and promoting the subject/going beyond the immediate reach of a course
3. That Clubs and Societies policy states: *“66. A club or society may set qualifications for membership of the committee (for example: the chair may have had to sit on the committee previously, or a post may not be filled by a finalist) but these shall not be unduly onerous, and if they are, may be struck out by the CSC, Faculty Union, the Union President or Court. These qualifications must be set out in the club or society constitution.”*

The Union believes:

1. That most courses of study should be allocated a Departmental Society in line with the Society who most closely fits their course content. This shall include Postgraduate courses.
2. That the minimum possible restrictions on membership and eligibility for election should apply to Departmental Societies as they apply to all other groups, whilst preventing the social/welfare functions of a department being impaired

Imperial College Union resolves:

1. Departmental Societies shall be open to all members of the Union who, if they are not a member of the allocated course, may purchase membership at a nominal price set by the Society
2. All Full members shall have voting rights, regardless of their course code
3. Restrictions on eligibility to stand for election may be imposed by the society by amendments to their Constitution. Appeal shall be to the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies).
4. Maximum grant calculations shall never apply to a Departmental Society
5. For inter-departmental courses the host department DepSoc shall be that to which automatic membership is conferred. Elective membership for other DepSocs is then at the discretion of the students.

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6. Money donated by the Faculty or Department for social or welfare purposes will only be used on Departmental Society members who are automatic members and shall not be used on members who have purchased membership to the Departmental Society.

7. Standing for election in a DepSoc does not imply the ability to stand in elections for positions within the management group executive committee that the DepSoc is within