

Council
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Council Report

A note by the Union President – Paul Beaumont

College Audit Committee

Presented the Union's Audited Accounts for 2011/12 with the Managing Director and Head of Finance to the College's Audit Committee. They were accepted and discussions over a '5 year funding plan' for the Union (rather than an annual budgeting round) have been talked about, though after talking to the College's CFO at a later date, this might change to a 3 year plan, in line with the College Faculties. We have to be 'high level' enough not to conflict with each individual sabb team's ideas, but some stability to the Union's subvention income would be greatly welcomed, personally.

New Halls of Residence

The Deputy President (Welfare) and myself have been having further discussions about proposed new halls of residence with College Commercial Services. I have also been put on the College Council sub-committee that gets to decide 'yay or nay' on behalf of the College Council if the proposal goes through or not.

Union website

As well as discussions with College over mitigating anything from going wrong with the clubs and societies server again (which was attacked twice one weekend ago), we have also launched new policy and rep finder features on the main Union website.

Charing Cross Redevelopment

I have been in discussions with College Commercial services over how we can work together to develop the Charing Cross Bar into a space suitable for all students – medical and those living in the vicinity.

NSS Response

The Union's NSS Response has been released (upon approval of the Executive Committee). Doug and I are now going round College having discussions with Faculties and Departments on the recommendations and where things go from here.

Quarterly Impact Report

I collated and with the help of our Marketing Co-ordinator produced our Quarterly Impact Report, reporting on what the Union has been up to in the last 3 months. Highlights included the Union website, multiple trip reports, buddy scheme, student discounts and our progress on registering as a charity.

Union Constitution

Formally approved by the College Council on Friday 23 November. A transition plan is being discussed at the Union's Trustee Board in January. We can now start to register with the Charity Commission as a Charity though.

Code of Practice

The Union's Code of Practice is a 'memorandum of understanding' between the Union and the College, dictating the use of space, trading, retail, media, elections etc and is a requirement of the 1994 Act. I am now reviewing this and entering into discussions over space for the Union at Imperial West.