

Imperial College Union
Deputy President (Finance & Services) Council Report
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Welcome Week (Part 2)

Welcome Week continued to be a massive success and all the events were well attended. The Freshers Ball on Friday 4th and the Postgrad Mingle on Saturday 5th both sold out. Feedback has been mostly positive and moving forward we hope to keep up this standard of event.

Imperial Plus Scheme – imperialcollegeunion.org/imperialplus

The Imperial Plus scheme is well under way and volunteers signed up the scheme have already logged over 750 hours on eActivities. The more intensive award, the Imperial Plus Accreditation involves attending four short seminars on key skills. The trainers for these seminars are all students and the first handful of sessions have been well attended.

We Are Metric – imperialcollegeunion.org/wam

The new online form has had the desired affect and we've now received 11 applications with a few already for next term. Most of the planned events we hope to let go ahead and we are working with the CSPs who submitted to the applications to ensure this goes smoothly. There has also been further work with myself and Commercial Services team to ensure the cost of these events to student groups is minimal and should they reach a fairly low minimum spend, free.

Bar & Ents Update

A new member of staff starts this week filling the Assistant Venue Manager role and ensuring that we have now have a full team.

The changes we've made have been proving popular and the drinks deals and homemade burgers are selling well. Moving forward before Christmas we hope to have new Ale Pumps functioning in 568 and to keep updating our drinks deals.

The wireless card machine trial has been successful and will become a permanent feature. Another minor change include the opening of the Kitchen at weekends.

h̄ (h-bar)

The new postgraduate bar is set to open next week, the name was chosen by a joint Union-College panel who considered name suggestions submitted by Postgrads and staff. The name h̄ proved popular at every stage and expect to see some college marketing around soon. This important operation for us as we have secured a one year deal with college where we are responsible for the bar and where they run the kitchen. The space used to be occupied by the The Holland Club however currently the only entrance is located in the Sherfield Foyer.

Casual Staff Recruitment

We have recently appointed three student Casual Shift Leaders for our South Ken bars, including h̄. They will form an important part of the team with significant responsibility. I feel this is certainly a step in the right direction and demonstrates our commitment to student employment and input into our operations.

Charity Accounts

As a registered charity we are now required to publicly present out accounts in a specific format. This has been worked on by the Head of Finance and was last week presented to the Finance & Risk Trustee Board sub-committee where it was scrutinised and is now just waiting for final approval from the Trustee Board on Thursday. This is exciting as we're currently in a strong financial situation and for the first time have a detailed plan as to how we plan to sustainably progress over the next few years.