

Imperial College Union

Council Report

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NCC and NPC

Seventeen applications have come in since the start of term. Some have already been considered and the rest will be considered in meetings by the end of term.

Outcomes so far:

Accepted – Latin America Society

New Club Incubator – Darts, Comedy, Lithuanian, Animal Protection & Education, Advertising

Rejected – Macau, Steampunk, Commonwealth Forum

Give It A Go

This ran for the first time in October and gained some positive feedback from clubs involved. It will be running again in January 2014. Applications to be involved are on the website and the deadline for this is Wednesday 11th December at 16.00. The benefits of being involved include the publicity in the printed booklets, and online, the opportunity to get a stall on campus to promote GIAG groups and activities and potentially the opportunity to have a stall at the Union's new year fair. This is to encourage students to join societies and to assist societies which still need to work on membership or tend to have a reduction of interest by second term.

Budgeting

A proposed new budgeting process for Clubs, Societies & Projects was sent out to CSPB members and they were invited in to discuss it, have their views heard and raise any issues they saw with the proposed process. These were all taken into consideration when writing a second draft which was sent out to members again and will be taken to CSPB on Thursday 12th December.

Hyde Park Consultation

A response to our questionnaires and covering letter agreed on at Council earlier this term was not responded to. We contacted the Royal Parks again and received a very short response saying a decision has been made and will be communicated by the end of the calendar year. If the outcome is not in line with the paper agreed at Council we will campaign against it, using political lobbying to get our voices heard and work to agree a joint statement with the College.

BUCS Christmas Seminar

I attended the BUCS Christmas Seminar at Kings Campus on Thursday 5th December. This was for senior managers and sabbatical officers only. There was some interesting discussion on their marketing and media strategies and given many institutions feel there is not enough information to make a decision on, nothing has been agreed yet. During the sabbatical only discussions, we looked at a paper proposing to change the time of AGM and made some recommendations that training for newly elected officers would be useful as every sabbatical role is different.

Silwood Handover

Myself, Kieron, Marissa and some union staff visited Silwood Park Campus on Wednesday 27th November to deliver a handover to the new Silwood exec committee. This is part of our outreach strategy and followed a visit over summer to the outgoing committee to ensure continuity. During our visits, it was discovered the future of the Silwood Manor House was uncertain and this was

confirmed shortly after our most recent visit. Students and staff will not be able to use this space after December but college have provided an alternative space for students to hold events which is positive, as previous to this only the Manor House was large enough to fit everyone on campus into. We are working with Silwood exec to make this a positive change and will continue to support them in this.

Beit Redevelopment

The Club, Society & Project storage from the East basement was moved to the new location in Princes' Gardens despite happening late due to some issues and changes with the contractors. This new storage location seems to be working well for the student groups. Meetings have taken place with Media group users and union staff including the Managing Director about the plans for the layout of the west basement. Meetings have also been had with Media users and union staff about the equipment which will go into the space.

Sport Strategy

I have been doing some initial work on the topic of creating a sports strategy for Imperial college union. This is in the early stages and will develop more next term, engaging with students and getting opinions about topics around sport provision, inclusion, competing, development and health. At present, the plan is for this to take the form of a survey and working group to uncover what is already happening at Imperial College Union with regards to sport and what we should be aiming to do and improve.

College Meetings

Indoor & Outdoor Committee
Boathouse Management Committee
Health & Safety Committee
Sports Partnership Board