

Imperial College Union  
**Deputy President (Finance & Services) Council Report**  
*A note by the DPFS – Kieron Creagh*

**Student Accommodation Conference**

On Wednesday 4th December I attended the 2013 Property Week Student Accommodation Conference with the ICSMSU President Steve Tran. We sat on a panel during a Q&A session titled 'Examining Student Expectation', the audience contained property developers, senior University figures, estate agents and landlords. Along with others we attempted to get across the student viewpoint, I was vocal in my support of wardening teams, wider availability of cheaper less premium accommodation and greater welfare provisions in private halls.

**We Are Metric Events (WAMs)**

This term has been incredibly strong seeing over 20 WAM applications, the majority of them very successful costing clubs nothing and usually raising funds. However we have had to scale some back to limit losses.

**Evolving the DPFS role**

Following the decision of Council last year to bring about further discussion about the DPFS title I have been evaluating the workload and looking for ways to reduce repetitive and administrative tasks. There is a need to free up more time to engage with students, work with the Commercial Services and Retail teams as well as fulfill the extra duties imposed on the role last year. I plan to write a report on this for council in January and I am continually discussing this with the Sabbatical team and the Staff.

**Entertainments Feedback**

In order to attract some feedback, comments and suggestions on how we've been running our entertainments I plan to hold an open event, widely publicised for all students to attend, I'll also provide a method to give feedback online. Previously this has been called the 'Ents Working Group'. I have also tried to engage more with the larger groups of Students who use our South Ken bars, the result have been very promising however there is still improvement needed. With almost an entirely new bar team this won't happen overnight and I'm hopeful that strong relationships will develop allowing us to cater better to all our members.

**Summer Ball**

From now on Summer Ball preparations will be beginning in November with a target to have selected a theme and put tickets on sale by December. The theme for The Summer Ball was discussed by a large group of staff and decided by the Sabbatical team, on the morning of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> we had sold 7 tickets!