

Council Report, 9 February 2016

Ben Howitt – Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Administration

Operations

- Myself and the DPFS have spent most of the past week working our way through the queries section of the budgeting process, having processed a total of just over 1,000 queries.
- I have been working with two committees to mitigate the effects of misbehaviour on club events.
- I sat on the panel for the recruitment of a new Finance Administrator. An appointment has been made, pending references.
- I sat on the panel for the recruitment of a new Systems Manager. An appointment has been made.
- I have met with a number of club committees to discuss their involvement in the Leadership Elections.

FATSO – My Annual Objectives

Future – “Ensuring you carry the skills you learn into your future”

Nothing to report.

Activity – “Improving the resources available to support you in your role”

- There have been a number of additions to the Union website containing information and key dates for various club processes.
- The budgeting process is underway, and notes are being taken to inform a complete review launching in March/April.
- The approach to club handovers will be reviewed later this month, with an update to come to the next meeting of Council.

Training – “Making CSP Training more relevant and helpful”

Nothing to report.

Sports Review – “Creating a new Sport Strategy for Imperial that includes all”

- The timeline for this project seems to have been stretched. I have raised concerns about the engagement with students, and Sport Imperial staff, with the process, and will be following this up next week to bring the project back on track.
- The Union are likely to ask YouthSight, who produced the Market Research on the Imperial student body, to come back in to run a series of “Strategy Workshops” to ensure the strategy caters to stakeholders. I do not intend this to be the only way in which we connect with current sportspeople.

Outreach – “Making Club, Society & Project activities part of our local community”

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- I attended the second meeting of the “Supporting Our People” workstream as part of the College’s Societal Engagement strategy – and passed on various suggestions related to accessibility particularly for UG students. Following from the meeting, myself and Toni Semmence met with College staff to discuss the particular needs and peculiarities related to societal engagement and especially outreach.
- I have suggested that all outputs from the strategy be built up incrementally, with a small cohort of students as in the Imperial Award, as well as requesting that contributions be recognised on volunteers’ academic transcripts.
- CSPs have been encouraged to get involved in RAG week this week as far as they can. There are some fantastic stories, including ICSMSU’s Circle Line Charity Collect, which raised over £5,000 for the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.