

**Imperial College Union**  
**Union Council / 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Clubs, Societies & Projects Board – Update to Council**

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Purpose: To update Union Council on the work of Clubs, Societies & Projects Board  
Decisions: To note

## 1. Introduction

Clubs, Societies & Projects Board (CSPB) met for the first time this academic year on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The next meeting of CSPB is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## 2. Key Achievements

The first meeting of CSPB saw:

- **Elected members of CSPB to all 3 sub-committees**, for Trips, New Activities, and Activities Development Funding.
- Introduced the **Union Strategy (2023-2028)** to students for the first time, followed by a constructive discussion.
- Initial discussions were held surrounding **student group funding and grant allocations** from last academic year. Further, in-depth discussions are planned for the next meeting.
- Introduced the “**Principles of Socially Responsible Engagement**” Board of Trustees policy, which outlines how the Union engages with funders with sustainability and human rights concerns. Very positive feedback was given about the intent of the policy, with suggestions that the policy could be made stricter.
- Discussed and fed-back about **Welcome Week 2023**. Welcome week was the most successful on record, with more memberships on the day than ever before.
- Introduced the **Student Experience Fund** and discussed with student leaders about how to move forward with the fund.
- **Activities Development Fund committee awarded over £10k** to clubs, societies and projects (CSPs) in funding round 1 of 5, for CSPs with new, developing activity or unbudgeted success!

## 3. Ongoing Projects

Key projects for CSPB this year, besides from the standard work of CSPB, are:

- Space usage and the White City Development.
- CSP funding efficiency.
- Student Experience Fund refinement & CSP barriers to entry
- CSP policy review.

## 4. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Currently, key points to discuss are:

- CSP funding efficiency project – CSPB discussions to inform the Union project.
  - Focus groups and discussions around CSP funding and budgeting.
  - Discussions around financial approvals.
  - Determining what better student support looks like.
  - Discussing what student volunteers like about CSP funding and what they don't, and the impact on members.