

### Wye Executive Funding

A Paper by the Deputy President (Finance & Service)

During the CSB budgeting meeting in February 2007, the then Union President presented a paper (Item 24, WCUS Budget) that the WCUS (Wye College Union of Students) or Wye Exec, should be removed from the formal budgeting process. This was agreed and a sum was allocated (£8,000) based up the minimum allocation dependant upon the allocation and underspend from the previous year.

At that time, it was believed that Kent Union at Canterbury would take over our operations on the Wye Campus; however negotiations broke down, and are likely to be a result of less than 20 University of Kent students starting at Wye in September 2007. It was also suggested in the WCUS Budget paper submitted by the President, that the level of funding was to be reviewed when the MoU with Kent Union had been signed. Unfortunately this did not occur.

This academic year, Wye Exec started this year with £8,000, of which only £1,494 could be allocated across 23 clubs. This is due to the fixed costs incurred by the Executive due to the Union's operations at Wye, notably the anticipated £6,500 cleaning charges associated with cleaning the Union offices and bar. However, it is likely that these cleaning costs will not be paid for the full year due to on-going negotiation with College's Commercial Services.

#### Decision Required

- 1) To allow the Wye Exec to reallocate £6,500 across its clubs and the Executive to ensure that activities at Wye remain funded to a sensible level.
- 2) To charge the cleaning costs directly to the Wye Exec S.G.I. and accept that the cleaning costs should not impact on club activities.