

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A report by Jenny Wilson*

### **Club Queries**

As expected, I spend a lot of my time dealing with multitudinous queries which are as varied as ever. I have most queries room bookings and membership.

### **Room Bookings**

These started successfully at the beginning of last term and the processing of them has gone smoothly. One club has been slightly taking advantage of the system either maliciously or unknowingly by having several committee members make bookings at different times, which has meant that they now have an alarming number of bookings. This has been to the detriment of other clubs so we'll be looking into how to make sure this doesn't happen again. Many thanks go to Rikki, Chris and Olle who have done most of this processing without a complaint... mostly.

### **New Spaces**

Following on from the above, we've now got the use of two new spaces in the Union building: Activity spaces 1 & 2 on the first floor. These are exciting and couldn't have come at a better time because in the Spring term many clubs put on large performances so the extra rehearsal space is very useful.

### **Budgeting Rounds started!**

The online budgeting for clubs have now started as of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Unsurprisingly we haven't yet had many submissions thus far. It was a team effort, but biggest thanks go to Ally for the technical side of things and Alex for the beautification side of the process including the budgeting guide. While we did have online budgeting last year, a lot of work has been done behind the scenes to make this system integrate with current systems and pave the way to be the central website for all club document submission which is a functionality it did not have last year.

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### **Clubs & Socs survey**

I have been working on the results of last year's C&S survey and writing what we have done in response to the findings. The aim is to create an online document to show responses to areas that we did not do so well in. One point that came up was that around 30% of participants said that they were more likely to join a club if they could go to a taster. Because many clubs already do this I thought this was more a case of advertising what we do have. So during the week prior to the beginning of term many clubs contributed to a new webpage called 'New Year's Resolution' where clubs could submit any taster events they were doing at the beginning of this term which might help others to stick to their new year's resolutions. This received a great response from 37 societies with some exciting events going on this month! Many thanks to Alex for putting the page altogether!

### **CV2012**

This has had a couple of meetings planning the next stages of verification and assessment. This is quite exciting because it's a blank slate so with a small crack team we are devising everything afresh. With this however, comes quite a bit of work in producing the new materials. Later this term, Ashley, Robin (Operations manager) and I will be doing the assessments.

### **HLW & One World Week**

These are the two campaign weeks that I am actively involved with, and are both taking place this term. Healthy Living Week is running from the 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January, and is broader than sports. A whole range of clubs are getting involved with the week eg. Christian Union as part of Healthy Mind Wednesday are having a talk as part of their FREE Thinking week. More details can be found at <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/sports/healthylivingweek>. The DPFS has also facilitated the Union's input by arranging for a healthy food option to be made available from our catering.

One World Week is taking place the following week, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February. This has been in close collaboration with DPW and various clubs who have kindly agreed to take charge of a day. This is particularly exciting because it is a new initiative this year, and is enhanced by Imperial's new place on the Stonewall top 100 employers. It has however been hindered by a couple of groups in college being horribly non-committal.

### **Training**

This has taken many forms. There have been a couple of individuals and new clubs who have come out of the wood work needing training. We've also been doing run through's with CSC/FU's about the budgeting system and highlighting FAQ's. We've also been reviewing how we do training, and my part of this to focus on is the Sponsorship workshop.

### **Annual Leave**

At the time of this Council, I will have taken 2.5 days since the last Council.