Council Agenda Item: 07 June 2010 Paper:

Imperial College Union Deputy President (Welfare) Report A Report By John James

Welfare Officer Elections

I'm currently running the elections for the Welfare Officer Positions on RWB next year. All positions have people standing for them apart from SHAG Week Coordinator. Nominations for this position will be taken from the floor at the next meeting!

Welfare Day

I gave a presentation at Welfare day on the <u>PhD Well-Being Survey</u>. I chose this to present on as it's a brilliant survey with excellent results which the Graduate Schools have kept secret.

Wardening Review

Rumour Control:

- 1. Everyone values the Wardens.
- 2. College wants to keep Wardens.
- 3. No one is going to lose their jobs (roles)/homes.

The Wardening review has many drivers, including HR changes, updating the accounting model, role definitions, management, reimbursement and budgeting requirements.

The rumours / drama in the student body / felix have concentrated on potential cuts. My stance on this is that we've spend a huge amount of effort requesting extra resources for Disabilities and Counselling in the <u>Student Written Submission</u> for the QAA audit and that when the Welfare budget is a finite amount of money (at best) it would be unproductive to resist all cuts elsewhere in the budget. Having said that I would be opposed to all but minor trims to the system.

Disabilities Focus Group

We held a second Disabilities Focus group which was really well attended and very productive. The report on the findings will be presented to RWB early next year.

Project Information Collation

I'm collating all relevant information with regards to Projects that currently exist. To make sure the union is aware of all aspects of their activity.

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