

Trustee Board
6th March 2012

Imperial College Union
President's Report
A report by ICU President – Scott Heath

Since the last meeting of the Trustee Board there has been a lot of Union activity and many significant successes for the Union.

At College Council and in meetings with the Rector I have secured the involvement of the Union in the appointment of the next Rector and Pro-Rector (Education) as well as guaranteeing our receipt of Management Board agenda items, to ensure we can adequately consult on student-impacting changes.

Staffing Matters

New appointments:

Matthew BOWMAN – the Commercial Services Manager.
He has joined us from The Roundhouse where he was the Bars and Catering Manager.

Anthony CROWTHER – the Student Activities Manager.
He has joined us from LSE Students Union where held a similar position. He is the former Activities Sabbatical from Durham SU.

Laura FELLOWS – the Membership Services Administration.
She has joined us from Nottingham Trent University where she has recently graduated.

Rhiannon HORSLEY – the Imperial Students Hubs Manager.
She has joined us from UnLtd, the social enterprise supporting charity, where she was development manager. She also has experience in the Union environment being the President of Reading University SU.

Resignations:

Mayuri PATEL – the Finance Manager.
On Friday 2 March Ms Patel left the Union from the role as Finance Manager. We are all appreciative of the hard work she has done; especially the assistance and guidance whilst we moved many of our systems online. We hope she has a successful career and we wish her luck in the future.

Executive Committee Update

The Executive Committee has gathered four times since our last meeting.

Elections

The Elections Timetable was approved and the 'Big Elections' are currently underway. This year we intend to elect the largest number of officers in one go and anticipate that we can beat the turnout from last year.

Summer Ball

A provisional budget was viewed by the Executive Committee. However the College has retracted its annual donation of £22,000 for the event, which enables us to host it on campus. Due to this we are now assessing alternative, low cost, arrangements for the event.

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Designated Members Funds

We have moved closer to bringing in the mechanism for clubs to accumulate reserves for large purchases in the form of Designated Members Funds.

RSMU

We approved a reformed constitution of the Royal School of Mines Union.

ICU Cinema

Due to issues of Union Building Access a contingency/compensation claim was received by the Committee for lost income at a cinema event. The committee approved the claim and has provided the society with £94.50.

Student Activities Support

The Executive Committee approved a reallocation of grant funding, which accounted for 10% of the pot i.e. A reduction of £337,000 of cash available for societies to use to £303,000. This reallocation will be combined with additional Union resources to expand our staffing, create a new website and fund new initiatives.

It means that, cumulatively, the Union shall be giving more support to student activities next year than it has over the past three years.

Verbal Updates:

Governance and Union General Meeting