

Imperial College Union
Deputy President (Finance & Services) Council Report December 2012
A note by the DPFS – Stefan Nubert

Ents Working Group

The first Ents Working Group was held on Thursday 15 November at 12:30 in Metric. A discussion was led by myself between attendees and the Commercial Services Manager (Matthew Bowman) and Malcolm MacPherson (Entertainments Manager). The working group ran for two hours and the feedback gained was extremely useful. A number of minor changes to the running of Wednesday nights has already been made.

Entertainments

As a direct result of the entertainments working group, one area addressed was the lack of simple fun entertainment being put on at the union ('plastic fun'), such as inflatable games. As such these have since been re-introduced to the entertainments being offered.

Bars Recycling

A meeting was held between myself, Matthew Bowman and college facilities in regards to recycling at the Union bars. As a result of this meeting, it became apparent that we can significantly increase our recycling capacity, and as such reduce the waste we are sending to landfill dramatically. Matthew Bowman and myself are in the process of providing extra capacity within the bars for recycling plastics. Following on from this, we are in discussion with college in regards to sending kitchen waste to the college composting program.

Bar Drinks Offers

Significant positive feedback has been received via the Ents Working Group and other mediums in regards to the current £2 house spirit mixer deal. As such a second drinks offer has been introduced since, £2.50 for jagerbombs. Further work is being carried out in regards to potentially introducing further offers.

Bar Product Tendering Process

We have recently put all our spirits and softs out to tender. Matthew Bowman and myself recently met with Coe Vintners to discuss the various products they offer and pricing. This is part in attempt to consolidate product lines across the South Kensington bars and Reynolds. We are meeting with various other wine/spirit merchants over the coming weeks.

Tours

Henry Whittaker (DPCS) and myself have secured an increase of £3,000 to the IC Trust tours allocation for 2012-2013. The winter tour budgeting process has since been completed with allocations made to all successful club tours. Payments to clubs should be complete by the end of November.

We Are Metric

A number of further We Are Metric applications have been received and accepted. I have also created a feedback form for clubs to complete which has been sent to clubs who have already run We Are Metric events.

Casual Staff Recruitment

A second casual staff recruitment event was organized by myself for bars and stewarding. Applications were open for 6 days during the last quarter of November. In excess of 70 applications were received and reviewed by myself. Around 30 applicants were invited to attend the interview process with Marissa Lewis (Senior Steward), Mike Lancaster (Bar Shift Leader) and myself on Monday 26 November. From these interviews 16 applicants were offered casual work at ICU.

Banking Controls Meeting

A meeting was held between Malcolm Martin (Head of Finance), our relationship managers from the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and myself. This was an introductory meeting to discuss varying controls on our banking and our relationship with college and future changes in regards to a charity banking mandate and reserves, but also provide information to RBS in terms of how ICU operations with its clubs and societies.

Credit Cards/Honorary Senior Treasurers

A follow on from the meeting with RBS was confirmation of the Honorary Senior Treasurers (HSTs) on the banking mandate. Some uncertainty has surrounded the list of HSTs. Following this meeting the HSTs can be confirmed as Colin Kerr, Malcolm Aldridge and Shaun Crofton. Barry Coles has also been confirmed as an HST, but with an upper limit of £1,000. An application was made to RBS for additional credit card holders to be added to our mandate. This application will take a number of weeks to process, but once complete will hopefully go some way to reducing the occasional delays with credit card use at ICU for clubs and societies due to us holding only a single card.

Leave

I was on annual leave on Tuesday 27 November and Friday 30 November.