Imperial College Union

Council Report

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Since Last Council

I have done some stuff. It was "really" interesting so you should definitely read the rest of this report.

Light bulbs:

As requested by George I have bought some bulbs for him after the artistic request I received (see below)



Thank You:

I would like to thank all of my management group chairs for doing such a great job of caring for all of their clubs.

Knightsbridge Association & Safer Parks Panel

Tonight I am attending a meeting of the Knightsbridge association with Marissa Lewis. The Knightsbridge association discus local security issues using crime statistics and set policing priorities for the area. The safer parks panel perform the same function for Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. As these meetings are best suited to Deputy President (Welfare) i have invited Marissa to the meeting.

Management Group Grant Tidy up

We have started the process of supporting the end of year processes undertaken by management groups in order to clear up unspent Grant within their group. Stefan and myself will be meeting with management group chairs and treasurers to carry out the corrections they want. This should be done in the last two weeks of June. I am hoping to prevent the mix ups and mess that ensued following last 12-13's year end. This year everything will be entered through eActivities with enough time to ensure everything is correctly posted into the finance system.

Beit Redevelopment

The Beit redevelopment of the West Basement is set to go ahead. This is a joint venture with Campus services but with the Union as the client on the project. This should ensure that we get the best results and that we receive the facilities as promised. We will be entering a lengthy design period and shall maintain high levels of consultation and involvement of those groups directly affected.

Management Group Review

Earlier in the year the Clubs & Societies Board discussed improvements that could be made to the management group structure and distribution. The current structure appears to work fairly well, so the main concern is maintaining a fair and reasonable workload and representation between management groups. Some of the larger groups for example ACC can be a huge amount of work for the respective Chair and Treasurer. The management groups we currently have were created a very long time ago from groups with similar activities. However some of them have grown disproportionately to others. I hope that CSB will be able to agree on guidelines and principles on which to reallocate clubs to new management groups in the next year.

Club Capital Expenditure Scheme:

I am hoping to introduce a Capital Expenditure Scheme for Clubs. This would seek to support those groups that need to periodically purchase equipment. The scheme very simply provides Clubs with a loan to buy the equipment which they would pay back over a period of up to 10 years. As this has the potential to be very risky clubs will have to provide evidence of a stable income.

Standing Orders:

After the request from a student group we will be releasing a Standing Order form to Clubs. This is a form that can be completed and signed by anyone wishing to make regular contributions to a club. This should be useful for those groups who have a strong Alumni base.

Tours Policy

We have been updating the Tours Policy which I hope to pass at the next CSB. This should make the process easier and less time consuming with no requirement for everyone to attend the CSB meeting. The form has been redesigned to clearly ask for the information needed and the disused budget section removed.