Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Council Report 03/02/15

Your Idea

Working with the Campaigns, Volunteering and Activities teams within the Union we have created a new area of the website to create an easy and accessible way for students to tell the Union they have an idea and find the support for it. The 'Your Idea' section of the website now means that ideas are both replied to rapidly and funnelled into the most appropriate channel right from the start. This process has already led to some exciting meetings with students previously unengaged to talk through how to put their ideas into practice.

Training

In conjunction with Sport Imperial we held a set of Sports Club Officer Refresher training. This provided a good opportunity to further the interaction we have with the officers and the outcomes of the Open Forum and guiding the work that I am currently doing to do with storage and room bookings.

I have also been working on creating training documents for New Clubs and clubs in the New Club Incubator as they are formed during the year. It had been highlighted that the training and support for new officers whilst in progress for normal clubs is lacking for clubs that only form during the year.

We also took a day to go out to Silwood to train the committee, with a primary focus to prepare the Management Group for budgeting.

Women @ Imperial

Alongside the Representation and Campaigns Coordinator, President and DPW we have been working on creating the Union presence within the College Initiative that will be launching with a series of events in March.

Harlington

I have been working with the college to produce a new method for decision on Harlington Grant applications so that better feedback can be given on applications and greater transparency can be apparent in the decision making process.

Counter-Terrorism Bill

Working with the President, Deputy President (Welfare) and Deputy President (Education) we formulated an individual response to the *Prevent* Duty Guidance: A consultation document. We have since been working with student groups to formulate an official Imperial College Union stance in response to the motion currently being discussed in Parliament. I have also contributed to student media where appropriate.

BUCS Inclusive Sport

I attended a full day conference in Liverpool to discuss Inclusive Sport. This provided an interesting perspective on the world of disability but more importantly provided a large amount of discussion on Mental Health and wellbeing with particular focus on the specific concerns within the sport environment. We are now working on incorporating further welfare training into the standard training we provide for new club officers, particularly at the New Club Officer training days.

Interviews

I have sat on interview panels over the last couple of weeks for the roles of External Trustee and Student Activities Manager, this has been an interesting experience.