

## Imperial College Union Council Report

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With the end of the year fast approaching, a lot of work is being done to finish off as much of my manifesto as possible and leave work in a sensible way for my successor. Budgeting has nearly finished with the last little details to be sorted over the coming days. Progress needs to be made on adapting some of our storage spaces, areas of the *Be Active* strategy need to be implemented and there are a couple of important lapsed policies to sort out.

### Operations

#### CSPB

- The appeals part of the annual budgeting process has been completed. Final allocations of grant to our CSPs will be released shortly (or may have already been done by the meeting)
- We have two more CSPB meetings scheduled. We will be using these to plan for next year's budgeting, adapt the procedure for creating new and closing down old societies and reviewing the CSP Policy.

#### Sport

- The IC VS LSE Varsity was played, resulting in an Imperial Win!!
- The Sports Board has released the new *Be Active* strategy. Originally meant to be released at VarsityFest, numerous emails have been sent to students to outline the big pledges we are making in it. This joint strategy between Sport Imperial and the Union will allow sport to develop and grow with improved, joined up support. More details, the strategy and what this means for students can be found here: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/about-us/strategy/>
- As part of this, consultation meetings have been scheduled so that we can implement the strategy in the best way for students. More details on these meetings can be found here: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/about-us/strategy/forums/>

#### Storage

- Reviews of the Reynolds storage area are under way – I have had meetings with the Building Managers and have been given approval to make some changes.
- Results from the storage are currently being processed. With the data collected we will now be aware of which clubs are storing what items where and we will now be able to offer better support for them

#### General club issues

- *Having the largest number of CSPs in the country, there are a number of day to day items that need to be dealt with.*
- We are in the progress of organising the Union awards and a celebration for all of the volunteers within the Union.
- With CSPs forming a large focus for the upcoming Summer Elections, I have played a part in the organisation of this.
- I am focusing time on reviewing and rewriting the Clubs, Societies and Project policy to ensure that clearer guidance is available.
- I am also working on the Volunteer Policy making sure the support offerings and expectation on the Union and our volunteers is clear and suitable.

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## Goals

### Training of volunteers

- *This year I want to see a redesign on the training offered to our student volunteers, and will provide progress updates through these reports.*
- 'The Training Hub' has been populated with most of the information available from the original .pdf files that were available. The team are currently checking through, updating and rewriting a lot of this so that it is as appropriate as possible! The aim is to have elections related material released in time for the Summer elections and the rest of the hub to be ready for officer academy sessions.

### Review of Room Booking procedure and systems

- With input from the Student Activities staff we have managed to be part of the pilot group for the College's new room booking system. We expect this to be launched later this year and it will give us a fantastic opportunity to shape this into something that will improve the current system massively.
- Following a meeting with the team at college who are reviewing the room booking procedures across the entire university, we have formalised our room booking procedure which has now been sent round to CSPs.

### Accessibility of information (openness)

- *The website is in the process of undergoing a redesign to change the look and several key features, this will hopefully make navigation easier for our members, and improve the way in which information can be accessed.*
- We have also included in the new *Be Active* strategy an "annual report for sport" and "termly town hall sessions". This will increase the openness surrounding sport provision and enable students to better understand the processes whilst providing a degree of accountability.
- Next steps: I am aware that the Union's annual report is lengthy and not aimed at a student audience so I would like to work with the finance department to review this.

As always, I am available in person and via email for any questions you may have on my report or the Union's work.

Ideally any questions you have should be sent to me before the council meeting so I can ensure I am properly informed for the meeting.

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