

DPCS report to Union Council

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Updates:

- **IA Consultations** Throughout last week, I ran 5 consultations sessions with Sports Clubs, in order to establish what is and isn't working within Imperial Athletes. We had some productive discussions and I will be reviewing the comments over the course of this week to put a plan together.
- **President's Community Fund** I supported the running of and attended a brainstorming session for the presidents community fund, which will hopefully result in some good applications that allow this money to be directed towards projects that add significant value for students.
- **Tours (Reports)** The time is coming for me to persuade ICTrust we deserve money, so I have been collating tours reports to include in the report I write to them. If you are part of a CSP that received Tours Funding, make sure the report is sent in!!
- **Policy** I have been working on reconsidering how we implement our policies within our staff team, and considering further review of some of our subcommittees. Often, the process that the policy enacted was unnecessarily complicated, so there is potential for simplification. Any policy changes will come to December CSPB.
- **MG Elections** We are still trying to run Management group elections, but unfortunately have not received many candidates, and so have not opened voting. Two MGs still have no candidates for all roles (Community and Culture)
- **Large Society Events** Sam, Connor and I have been meeting with several different societies that run large sector leading events, in order to both make their events happen as well as improving the process behind it. The work is on going and we hope these events have a strong comeback post the COVID hiatus.
- **ADF** We are just completing the first round of the Activities Development Fund Allocations, outcomes of which should be communicated to clubs this week. I have also been working with CSPB and the Board of Trustees on details of how ADF is spent and formed.
- **Processes** There is constantly ongoing work on how our processes work. The team is actively working on improving every process, and simplify it from a CSPs perspective.
- **Budgeting** Budgeting is coming! A timeline has been created between me, Sam and the staff. This timeline has been approved by Finance and Risk (a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees) and discussed at CSPB. The policy needs to be constructed through both internal work and discussion at CSPB.
- **Budgeting for Sport** It became clear during the IA consultation that there needs to be a different process around budgeting for Sport. I have been working on a way to include them in the same process as the other groups, as well as defining specific Sport related principles in agreement with the Move Imperial team.

Upcoming:

- Planning for Budgeting - systems and policies.
- Reviewing the comments from IA Consultation
- Continuing work on processes
- Interviews for the new members of the Activities Team!

Clubs, Societies and Projects Board (CSPB) Update:

- A new version of the CSP Policy was approved, including small changes to the responsibilities of different Sabbs in relation to clubs, and some small wording changes. There were also some additions to the responsibilities of clubs.
- The budgeting timeline was discussed and provisionally approved, with full process and timeline discussion and approval to happen at the next CSPB

Objective Updates:

Objective 1: Training for CSP Committees - [Not yet started]

We currently anticipate commencing the full training review in order to have it ready for training the committee elected for next year, starting in June. Considerations of the form this will take are currently in progress, but there are more urgent issues.

Objective 2: CSP Systems and Processes - [In progress]

We have reached a point within the team that the processes currently are just about functional with reasonable expectations. We are forming plans to simplify these from both the teams and the CSPs perspective, as currently they are quite fragmented. We have already changed some processes, such as sponsorship, aspects of room booking and aspects of activity registration. There is still more to be done!

Objective 3: Imperial Athletes - [In Progress]

As noted in my updates, I have undertaken a significant bit of consultation to allow me to take the next steps of this objective. I will now be reviewing the key themes that came out of the consultation and deciding upon the best course of action. Outside of this consultations I have also been spending a significant amount of time supporting sports groups to function more effectively under the IA Structure.

Objective 4: Communication (Response Times) - [In Progress]

This objective had to be paused due to the complexity of everything else happening at the moment. I am keen for it to be picked up again as soon as is feasible, but as a team there is a huge amount of work to be done and change happening, so it is not the right time to change the entire way the team works.

Objective 5: Student Representation around Spaces - [Not yet started]

This objective still needs to be started - however, a brief planning discussion has occurred, and we anticipate scoping and planning of the project will happen throughout second term, with election of appropriate students to representative positions for the next academic year.