

Imperial College Union

DPFS Report

A Note By the Deputy President (Finance and Services)

A brief rundown on what I've been up to since last Council.

Governance Review

We have now finished all the meetings and I have spent a lot of time finishing the re-write of the constitution to include the changes proposed by the Governance Review (including a number of nights still working on it at gone 0200 hrs!). It's now lovely, please don't reject it. I can't stress how grateful I am to those people who have helped with the whole process of the review and John Collins and Hamish Common both deserve a special mention for spending equally inordinate amounts of time working on the re-draft, it is amazing just how much time something like this swallows up and it would have been an impossible task without the teamwork and insight provided by those involved in the re-write.

Freshers' Week

As John has mentioned, this year, for the first time since 2001 (and possibly before, I don't have figures back further than that) we beat last year's figures for Freshers' Week despite being in the middle of the refurbishment. I would like to thank all involved for their efforts in pulling off such an impressive feat.

Union Disciplinary Issues

Unfortunately, I had to organize a Union Disciplinary Hearing last week. Needless to say, I am unable to comment further on this.

Club Finance Issues

I am still working with some clubs and societies to help them recover from previous years' debts and am optimistic that these clubs will recover during this year and be able to improve their financial situation.

External Relations

I, along with Eric, had the dubious honour of sitting on an Emergency Disciplinary Panel Meeting for the University of Westminster Students' Union. Obviously, I cannot comment on any details of the case, but I can say that I think UWSU benefited from our input and slightly different way of looking at things, including freedom of the press.

Centenary Ball

I held an initial discussion meeting for the Centenary Ball with John and members of the Union staff and have also had some initial meetings and contact with potential sponsors. I will shortly be calling for volunteers to form a Centenary Ball Team, this will give everyone a chance to get involved and have their say in what will be the biggest party we have ever thrown.

NUS Referendum

As you will now know, a petition was submitted to the Executive calling for a referendum on affiliation to the National Union of Students. I have been spending some time working on setting up this referendum and hope that we have a smooth, exciting and well debated referendum with the massive turn-out that it deserves.

JM – 23/10/06