Council 11th June 2007

Agenda Item: 27

Imperial College Union Deputy President (Finance and Services) Report A Note by the Deputy President (Balls and Budgets)

Firstly, I would like to apologize to Council for the late submission of my report, I have been exceptionally busy with a small event happening on Saturday night, and so to the first item of my report:

Centenary Ball

Ball, ball,

I have been spending so much time sorting the final bits of the ball out that it has become a full-time job. With only five days to go I am confident that we have a fantastic event on our hands, well over 1800 tickets have already been sold and we are fast approaching a sell-out on Entertainments Only tickets as well as the dinner. With only five days left until the event, I would urge anyone who has yet to buy their ticket to do so as soon as possible.

The budget has been approved by the Executive Committee and the dinner seating plan is now near to completion which will be one more headache over and I am really looking forward to the event when I will be able to relax for the fist time since I got back from holiday. To give a rough idea of the amount of time involved in sorting out the logistics, I have had to respond to over 900 emails in the last month just about the ball. I have also sat in several hours of meetings, spent a number of hours walking the site planning, and have taken several years off my life-expectancy trying to get everything sorted.

Non-Ball Business Budget

I have been heavily involved in sorting out the Union annual budget, we still don't have a final figure for the subvention from College so the budget is an 'educated guesstimate'. However, the budget is, in my opinion, safely conservative and I have no hesitation in recommending it to Council for approval.

External Meetings and So On...

I sat in an highly enjoyable meeting of the Information Systems Security Group meeting today, just another facet of my somewhat diverse rôle.

I was on the panel for sub-warden interviews at Wilson house. I would like to wish all those newly appointed to the position of sub-warden the best of luck in what is a highly worthwhile and fulfilling rôle.

Internal Meetings

I have been in the usual tranche of internal meetings as well including a disciplinary meeting in my position as Clerk to the Disciplinary Committee, obviously it would be inappropriate for me to comment further at this juncture.

I hope to manage to call a New Clubs Committee this week although it may get pushed to next week owing to the ball.

Holiday

I took a short break in Biarritz just before the holiday and so was away from the office for three days (although that didn't stop me taking calls to sort out things on the ball, much to my girlfriend's chagrin).

Thanks and Good Wishes

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who have made my job easier and possible this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish my successor and all of next year's officers the best of luck.

And Finally

Don't think about the pink elephant.

JM - 11/06/07

