

## Deputy President (Finance and Services) Report

A Report by Chris Larvin

### **Clubs and Societies**

The newly formed Clubs and Societies Group (which involves DPCS, Membership Services Manager, Finance and I) has been useful in managing my workload and giving priority to various projects. Current items I am working on include the same old contracts, mailing lists and email applications; issues with booking rooms in College, web policy and web server development, chasing bounced cheques, event and tour budgets, flight bookings, and reports to CSC treasurers on spending within their clubs.

### **Three Year Plan**

The Union's three year plan was delivered last week which highlighted the need for a strategic review to be completed in this calendar year. Thank you to everyone who assisted and provided input.

### **ICU Cinema**

Together with the A&E CSC, the Cinema chair and I have been investigating the situation regarding the loan made to the Cinema which enabled them to purchase a new 35mm projector. The £21,000 loan was granted to the society during a period of great growth with a huge turnover in the cinema each year, however the activities have since declined with a drastic fall in attendance and increased competition from outside cinemas. We are also looking at whether a 35mm projector is still suitable for the Union and whether it would not be more sensible to purchase a new digital projector which would allow a multitude of input sources (including DVD).

### **Summer Ball**

The Executive committee will be presented with a report outlining progress made with the planning of the Summer Ball, but things are moving forward and I am happy with progress so far. On a similar note, I am working with our Entertainments and Promotions Manager on the Easter Carnival event at the end of term.

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### **Audit Committee**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> I presented the Union's accounts which have been passed by the Executive Committee and the Trustee Board to the College Audit Committee. The Audit Committee are required to sign them off before they are presented to College Council.

### **Wye**

I will be visiting Wye on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the changes that will be occurring on campus and discussing the budgeting process with the Wye Exec.

### **Minibuses**

With the Low Emission Zone affecting Union minibuses next year, I am working with the Membership Services Manager to work out how these minibuses will be funded whilst importantly not depleting the Union Reserve during our redevelopment program.

### **Commercial Services**

I have spent time reviewing the management accounts for the half-year and I am pleased to report that things are looking to be going well.

Our new cutlery and takeaway dishes should be delivered on Monday which are made from potato starch and provide a good alternative to the environmentally-unfriendly polystyrene takeaway plates and boxes. On that subject, if anyone sees a large number of knives, forks and plates which have been taken from Da Vinci's; could they please return them? Thank you.

### **Trading Forum**

I am in the process of arranging the next trading forum towards the end of the term which will hopefully be as well attended as last year. Last year, our feedback service lacked support and essentially died, and I am looking how to reinvigorate our feedback service in order to obtain the views of the students who regularly use the Union's services. I would not favour going down the paper form route due to the potential for abuse in the bars, however I hope to deliver a method of online feedback by the end of term.