

Imperial College Union
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
A note by Stephen Brown

Beit Redevelopment

Verbal update on Design Group meetings to date. I have contacted all members of the Beit Working Group and we will be meeting at some point either this week or next to discuss the progress made to date.

Planning round

Last Friday the DPFS and I attended the planning round meeting where we have to explain to College why they should give us a block grant. Verbal – this meeting takes place after I've submitted the report.

Elections

Congratulations to the Sabbatical Team for 2008/09 and many thanks to Danny McGuinness for ensuring that these elections were farce free. The subsequent set of elections didn't quite go as smoothly due to technical difficulties but they will be re-run early on in the Summer term. A full crop of NUS delegates was duly elected with RON not winning one position so well done to all those candidates. Unfortunately one of the NUS delegates has since had to pull out of Annual Conference due to other commitments and I have used the powers granted to me in Regulation 4, Part E to appoint Jess Marley to the vacancy as she has kindly offered to fill the space.

Tribunals

I have spent a lot of time sitting on various academic and disciplinary panels as per the College Regulations.

Union Court Recruitment

Is there anyone on Council who is retiring from being a representative but will still be a student of the College? If so I will come and encourage you to offer to serve next year on the Union Court. The Union Court met two weeks ago to discuss next year's vacancies and I have been charged with drumming up some enthusiasm for them. I would like to emphasise that you do not need to be a massive hack to be a Court member – you only need to have a good sense of fairness when it comes to adjudicating on possible breaches of the rules.

Trustee Issues

This Union is still in the process of getting our new governing body up and running and I have spent time drawing up a draft terms of reference for the Audit Committee which is a sub-committee of the Trustee Board and will have a focus on the financial risks the organisation faces.

NUS stuff

Recommendations of how to mandate our delegates are presented as a separate item. I attended NUS compositing which thankfully took place on a Sunday so it didn't interfere with the far more productive things I have to do in College.

ULU/Aldwych

ULU Senate overwhelmingly backed our paper in support of Student Military Organisations. I also attended the last meeting of the Aldwych Group in Sheffield where it emerged that the group is split over the issue of a National Bursary Scheme.

Varsity

I was present to watch Varsity sports matches at both Richmond and Harlington. Well done to all the successful teams on both sides of the medic/non-medic divide.

Code of Practice

I have begun the task of collating the various documents that will form our Code of Practice which is a formal agreement with College as to what our respective obligations are in a variety of areas. In years gone by this was known as the Memorandum of Understanding but underwent a name change during the governance review last year.

College meetings

Council, Rector, Pro-Rectors, College Secretary etc