

Deputy President (Finance and Services) Report

A Report by Chris Larvin

Clubs and Societies

Despite all involved being plenty busy, the Clubs and Societies Group (DPCS, Membership Services and Finance) has met regularly. Current issues include minibus replacement, credit card issues, and treasurers' report. Regarding the latter, each week CSC chairs and treasurers will be provided with an Excel spreadsheet which details the spending within their CSC broken down by clubs. Due to the file size, this will be placed online rather than being emailed. Currently, there is a bit of a on-going saga with ICT regarding email and logins for clubs, password resets, and mailing lists. After quite a lot of whinging this week, I think everything is moving forward.

One of the most important meetings of the years for clubs, the CSB Budgeting Round, passed off with only a couple of hiccups and on the whole ran pretty smoothly. My sincere thanks to all those who put considerable amount of time and effort! Also in the last meeting of CSB, spring tour allocations were reported and the grants for both tour periods have now turned up in the accounts.

A topic discussed fairly regularly in the Offices has been the delivery of training to clubs, officers and Sabbaticals over the next few months. Originally we had planned to deliver some training at the end of this term to catch the keen, newly elected officers; however this was shelved due to workloads and general unhappiness with the quality of the training. However, early discussions regarding training have proved productive and I hope to have a newly revamped Finance training ready in the new term.

Additionally, I was invited to sit on the ACC Colours committee which took place on Tuesday 11th and proved quite interesting, thanks to the ACC Executive for the invite.

Summer Ball

Planning for the Ball is moving forward and hopefully you will have noticed our increased over the last few weeks prior to the impending price rise. I urge everyone to buy their tickets as soon as possible (shameless plug) and before the hike at 2pm next Wednesday.

There have been a number of meetings within College including productive meetings with the Head of Catering and the Office of Alumni and Development. This year we are utilising a much closer relationship with the OAD and in return are gaining valuable experience and resources. I have concluded a number of issues with Beit Hall regarding access and security arrangements after dialogue with the Halls Committee and Neil McIntyre.

Three Year Plan

I will give a verbal report as the Union's Three Year Plan is due to be presented to College on Friday 13th March.

Felix

Thank you to the Felix Editor for spending time last week to discuss and work out the financial position of Felix as it stands this year. I am confident that Felix will have a surplus which would enable them to upgrade some of their decrepit machines/have a lot of bar nights.

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ICU Cinema

Currently the financial situation of ICU Cinema is somewhat unclear, with the All Nighter this term being cancelled by the Cinema Chair.

Varsity

On Wednesday 27th I watched the Varsity rugby match as well as watching some of the games in Ethos. It was a great day of sports finished off by an excellent rugby match, well done to all those involved. For all those who were disappointed with the bars closing early in Beit, I can only apologise and hope you'll forgive us!

Commercial Services

After some discussion at the Sabbatical Hustings, it was agreed that Stoic and IC Radio should be played within the Union bars during certain times of the day (for example, at lunch). Currently both clubs are trying to establish whether this is going to be possible, with thanks to Ashley Brown and Karl Bonney for running about the Union building following various cabling systems.

Together with the Entertainments and Promotions Manager, I have been planning to improve the lighting system in dBs. The Executive Committee will be presented with a paper on Monday 15th outlining potential cost scenarios and the business case for upgrading and expanding the current lighting rig.

Planning for the Easter Carnival is going well with Alexa Chung confirmed as our headline act. Sadly, plans to have a huge helter skelter in the Quad were scuppered due to the width of the archway but we're working on something else! Alexa went down very well at Summer Ball last year so I envisage everyone will have a great night and preliminary ticket sales going well.

The last Colin Murray night was not overly well attended but I've had excellent feedback (including a number of Freshers in halls) with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. For those who didn't attend, you missed out of Colin buying everyone in dBs a shot of sambuca!

Webserver

Following approval of the Executive Committee, a meeting of the stakeholders involved with the webserver met, unfortunately I missed it (despite it being in my office) as I was running around campus for 45 minutes trying to get a cheque signed.

Other meetings

On 28th February I sat on the panel for three examination offences related to the business school. Finally, in the last week I have spent a few hours reviewing the applications made to the IC Trust in order for the Trustees to make informed decisions.