

Presidents Report - A note by Jenny Morgan

Governance Update

The Charity Commission has issued their final versions of guidance on Public Benefit for charities which advance education. This guidance applies to Students' Unions in England and Wales who shall be required to register with the Commission from October 2009. Although there was a debate as to whether ICU should register it is still our intention to register with help from the Trustee Board when the time comes. You can read the guidance on the Charity Commission's website: <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/pblatest.asp>

Finance

I have asked our Finance Manager Yildiz Kaya-Forster to present a report on our Finances which will appear as a separate agenda item.

You may recall that my last report stated, "We may see a restructure in the Finance Department to facilitate a vast undertaking of work to overhaul long standing poor finance procedures, but this is still awaiting confirmation from myself, although initial investigations have taken place with HR for viability and grading of the possibility."

Unfortunately this has gone ahead without consultation and should be discussed at this meeting.

The SLA agreement has been changed to include the changes discussed at the last TB, please see appendix A, and I have a meeting next week with the Rector where I hope to have it finally agreed.

NUS

We are officially no longer members of the NUS!

Representation Review

A proposal to create a new Sabbatical and supplementary note are presented as a separate agenda item.

An International Students' Officer and a new PG representative structure has been created, with those papers being passed at Council being presented here as a separate agenda item for ratification, with an accompanying Court determination on the constitutional changes.