

President Report
A note by Jenny Morgan

Governance Update

The Union will have to register with the Charity Commission from October 2009 as reported in previous reports. It was largely part of the Trustee Board Chair's remit to ensure that the registration process went as smoothly as possible and this responsibility should be carried over to the new Chair. The charity commission is working in collaboration with the NUS to help Student's Unions to register, however as we are no longer members we are having to search other avenues for assistance but this is all being taken in hand by our new Operations Manager.

The final versions of guidance on Public Benefit for charities which advance education, which applies to Students' Unions in England and Wales are available on the Charity Commission's website: <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/pblatest.asp>

Annual Report

This year's annual report was approved by College Council on 10 July 2009. Copies are now available for your perusal.

Subvention Bid

This year we were asked to make and present a 5 year plan for the Union which we presented to the Rector, the Chief Operations Officer and others. This was received and we were congratulated on our progress to date. We were required to make savings of 5% in our subvention that we receive from College this year, in line with all the College's departments during this economic climate. We found sufficient savings and have subsequently had our subvention bid approved. The 5 year plan can be found as Annex A.

Constitutional Changes

On 8 June 2009, the Union's Council passed some amendments to the Union's Regulations. The papers which went to Union Council can be found as Annex B. I ask the Trustee Board to ratify these amendments before they are taken to College Council in the Autumn term.

Elections

We're very pleased to announce the new sabbatical team and student trustees after the elections which took place in March. Results are as follows:

Sabbatical Officers 09/10

President - Ashley Brown
Deputy President (F&S) - Danny Hill
DP (C&S) - Jenny Wilson
DP (Education) - Jonathon Silver
DP (Welfare) - John James
Felix Editor - Dan Wan

Student Trustees 09/10

Amaury Fastenakels
Mark Mearing-Smith
Esther Kang
Shah Rahman

Trustee Board
14th July 2009

Trustee Board Chair

The Chair of the Trustee Board for 2009/2010 needs to be elected by the Board as you will see from the extract of the Constitution below:

“Chair”

1. The Chair of the Trustee Board shall be elected by the Board for a term of one year following the 1st August. A term may be renewed.
2. The Chair shall not be one of the *ex officio* Trustees.
3. If the Chair is absent at the start of a meeting, the Board may nominate a replacement for that meeting (which may include an *ex officio* Trustee but not the President).” Part B, Regulation 1 The Trustee Board, Union Constitution

The new member of College Council, who was ratified on 10 July 2009, would be delighted to join the Trustee Board is Julia Higgins, who Ashley and I are very pleased to accept. Julia used to be the Principal of Faculty of Engineering and has done a whole host of other roles within the College, always being known for her incredibly student friendly attitude.

Farewells and thanks

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mandy Hurford, who has been a pleasure to work with and highly proactive trustee. Thank you for all that you have done for us, especially when the Trustee Board was first set up and was just finding its feet.