

Imperial College Union  
**Deputy President (Finance & Services) Report**  
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**Accounts**

Following the approval of the statutory accounts by our *Sub Audit Committee*, I presented the accounts to the *College Audit Committee* last Wednesday with the *Union HST* and *Union Finance Manager*. The Committee seemed to be happy with the accounts and the accounts will now be sent to *College Council* as part of the College Accounts.

**Clubs and Societies**

Again, November is much the same as October by way of dealing with the nitty gritty Clubs and Socs enquiries. I have highlighted some of the more interesting C&S projects below.

**Systems**

Testing of the new online budgeting system has now begun and has already brought up several issues. My thanks to the *Arts and Ents* board for agreeing to test this system (Particularly to Rupert Levy who has given his all to breaking the database).

The online finance pages are continually being updated and improved throughout the year with the addition of little extra gizmos and correction of errors. In particular please notice the new vans pages showing the bookings of our minibus fleet.

My thanks to the *Business Systems Manager* and the *Web and Database Systems Consultant* for writing and the continual improvement of these systems.

**Events**

Some of the bigger events throughout the year are ever getting nearer, I have been working with the some of these clubs to ensure their budgets and expectations are still healthy. I still have one or two clubs to approach later this month.

**Training**

The final Finance Training has just happened prior to this meeting, hopefully everyone who should have attended the training sessions have done so by now.

**External Bank Accounts**

I am currently investigating two clubs who have been found to be operating external bank accounts as well as those who have been breaking other of our financial regulations.

**Summer Ball**

Planning continues with budgets and costings are being revised. I am meeting with various College departments to discuss different areas of the Ball and finding solutions to problems faced in the past and those that are upcoming.

A reminder that the working group meets on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and currently only has four people on it, ten is a good number – so six more people interested would be great!

**Feedback**

In order to receive your feedback for commercial services, I will be running an informal Trading Forum in Meeting Room 7 on the 25<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm till 6pm. Please please please let people know about this. This is your opportunity to try to correct anything you're not happy with in the Bars/Catering.

I am still looking for feedback from the students on Freshers' Week and the Entertainments to date. Please email [dpfs@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:dpfs@imperial.ac.uk) with any comments.

### **Union Webserver and ICT**

After long discussions with the Union Sys-Admins and the College ICT department, we have finally “spec’ed” a new Webserver to replace *Heeps*. This will hopefully be up and running in the next few weeks, with the aim to have all data transferred by Christmas.

### **Meetings**

The *Trustee Board* met last week where it received the management accounts to date. The board seemed, on the whole, pleased with the current figures. One of the Lay Trustees made positive comment with regard to the Bars refurbishment. I would like to extend my thanks to the *Deputy General Manager* again for the work that was put in here.

I attended Senate last week on behalf of the President. My thanks to Jen for this opportunity, it was thrilling.

I will be attending several college meetings with regard to the College ICT systems next week. If there is anything you would like raised with regard to the College Systems please get in touch.

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