

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Lily Topham

Club Queries

As expected, I spend a lot of my time dealing with multitudinous queries which are as varied as ever. I have most queries regarding storage, the website, room bookings and membership. Many queries regarding the Union website and Workbench have now been resolved after we finally got a meeting with Othermedia.

Naughty Clubs

I seem to spend half my time dealing with clubs who have been misbehaving, but for the most part my communications and meetings with them have been very constructive. Particular clubs who have been brought to my attention have been Racing Green, BioChem Soc and CSSA. These clubs seem to now be on the right track which is reassuring.

Dead Club and Clubs in Debt

The DPFS and myself have gone through all the dead clubs which still exist in our finance system. These will be removed in order to help with administration and to free up code codes.

The DPFS and myself have also gone through all clubs and societies with large amounts of debt to try to get a long-term management plans in place for managing the debt and helping the clubs to dig themselves out of it and to prevent similar occurrences. Meetings with these clubs are slowly happening and are proving very useful and constructive.

Wye

Phil Power, the President and myself visited Wye on 19th Nov to see how the students and the SU are and to address any issues which they might have. This was a very useful visit. We were able to have a tour around the campus and meet up with the staff who support the students and student activities at Wye, and the Wye SU Exec. We were able to sort out a lot of student activities-related queries, get a list of Wye clubs and societies, along with funding allocations and collect queries and concerns from the students to follow-up in S Ken. Christian and I are keeping a close eye on their finances, and I am hopeful that the students at Wye will be able to enjoy their final year there. We are planning other trips to Wye later in the academic year with different members of the sabbatical team in order to keep in touch with the students and see how things are going.

BUCS

I have attended a BUCS Disciplinary and the 2nd BUCS London Regional Meeting.

Room Bookings

I have had to spend a fair bit of time appeasing various departments, particularly Huxley regarding clubs and societies' use of rooms and the conditions in which they are left. After multiple reminders to clubs about leaving rooms clean and with furniture returned to its original state, I may have to start dealing out harsher punishments for offending clubs in the future.

Pleasingly, I have had a very productive meeting with the dance societies regarding allocation of space in the Mech Eng Foyer.

Posters

Another thing which I spend a lot of time appeasing various College people about is postering along the walkway and in the JCR. I have started to patrol the walkway looking for errant posters – again, I'd like to remind people that if they stick posters up over other people's in-date

posters using sellotape or (especially) pins I will take them down. Persistent offenders will be fined.

I spoke to Jane Neary regarding the JCR pillars and thought I had come to a compromise whereby our clubs are very neat and do not cover up JCR notices. However, I have noticed after this weekend that our posters are still being removed so I will chase that up.

New Clubs Committee

This met for the last time this term on 8th Dec. New clubs created were SCC Chocolate and A&E Percussion. As usual, a lot of my time is spent dealing with New Club enquiries and issues.

Rector's Visit to the Union

On Mon 8th the DPEW and myself showed the Rector around the Union. We visited the Union Offices, UDH, UCH, dB's, the Union Bar, da Vinci's and the East and West Basements. The Rector seemed very interested in the building and the redevelopment.

Clubs and Societies Board

There have been two CSBs since last Council, on 24th Nov and 8th Dec. The Reports from all members of CSB were very useful, with just a few outstanding reports or reports which needed some improvement. People are also remembering to submit tour reports which is encouraging and are very interesting to read.

IDEA League

I have been in talks with clubs and Sport Imperial about this year's IDEA League which will be held from Wednesday 22nd April - Friday 24th April in Aachen Germany. The sports involved are Judo, Unihockey, Table Tennis and a Fitness Challenge. Our clubs are showing good interest and I hope that we will be able to send full contingents for all sports to Aachen.

ULU Inter-Collegiate Sports Committee

I attended this meeting on 11th Dec, held at ULU. Changes were made to the composition of the committee meaning that it is smaller and only certain institutions have a guaranteed seat on it (Imperial, UCL and King's).

Varsity

I have had several meetings with Sport Imperial and ICSM representatives on how to make this even bigger and better this year. Varsity is on 25th Feb. There will be additional sports, e.g. tennis during the day, as well as possibly pyrotechnics and live music before the rugby.

Exploration Committee

I was pleased to sit on the Exploration Committee on 3rd Dec which was enlightening and very enjoyable. An issue was raised regarding the IC Trust and the money now awarded directly to the Union's Tours pot for club and society tours, but this will hopefully be soon addressed.

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My thanks to the A&E Chair for continuing to work on this with me. Due to one administrative error, the page failed to appear on 28th Nov, but has consistently appeared every other week. It will be a regular presence in all the Spring term's issues of Felix as well, providing there are enough things to put in it!