

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Lily Topham

Clubs and Societies Survey

We have had 780 responses to this which is good, though perhaps not as good as I would have hoped. We will be analysing the results and announcing the winner of the iPods shortly. It should provide some very interesting findings – which will hopefully be useful for next year's Sabbaticals as well.

Sport Imperial Meetings

I chaired the Sports Partnership Board meeting on 23rd Feb and attended the Central Sport & Leisure Committee meeting on 9th March. The issue of space requirements by our sports teams was raised – especially in regards to allocated clubs and societies time in Sport Imperial facilities, which is something I will be discussing in more detail with Sport Imperial in the coming weeks.

IDEA League

Preparations for this are well underway. The event itself is happening in Aachen from 22-24th April. The sports which are confirmed are Judo, Table Tennis, Unihoc (which our Hockey and Floorball players are getting involved in) and a Fitness Challenge (which members of Rugby and Boat Clubs will be doing). Teams have been confirmed, with the exception of some Judo players which we are having difficulty finding – please get in touch if you know any female Judo players!

Room Bookings

We have introduced an online ticketing system for room bookings which makes the approval process easier and quicker, with the full support of Security. We are testing the system for now – with clubs and societies still handing in paper forms, but the rest of the process is now being moved online, which will hopefully mean that the process quicker and less liable to errors. My thanks to Ryan Dee, Phil Power and Andy Mason for testing and getting the system up and running.

Documentation

Inventory submissions have now been moved completely online, so club officers can now logon to the Documentation page on Workbench and enter or amend their Inventories. This should make handover and retention of knowledge much easier. My thanks to Ally Cott for getting this in place.

College Website

I attended a meeting about the student section on the College website with the DPEW on 11th Wednesday. College are looking to completely rethink the format of the main Student page on the College website which is good and are looking for some students to get involved in a focus group (with free food) on Thurs 26th Mar at lunchtime. Please get in touch if you'd be interested.

MDH Steering Committee

The MDH refurbishment project has been given the go-ahead, with certain downgrades and omissions from the original plan. It will still hopefully be providing students with better eating facilities and a venue which will be more useful for clubs and societies to book as rehearsal space.

Budgetting CSB

This was a difficult meeting and went on for around five and a half hours. One thing which made it more difficult than last year was because there was no 'real' increase to the funding level available to Clubs and Societies, unlike in previous years. I have received one appeal which will be heard at Exec this week, after which everyone will finally know their final allocations for next year.

Varsity

This happened on Wed 25th Feb and was overall, a big success. I have had a meeting with Sport Imperial in order to review the event, to address any issues which came up and in order to make it better next year. Some of the major things which were brought up which will be addressed were coaches (especially the last coach of the day) and misunderstandings as to what an 'All-day ticket' entitled people to, kick-off times at Harlington and the different ticket options.

Queen's Gate School Talk

The DPEW and myself visited Queen's Gate School on Thursday 26th Feb to speak to their Upper Sixth students about University life, and in particular welfare and clubs and societies. This was very enjoyable (even if it was the morning after Varsity!) and the students and staff seemed to react well to it. I would recommend that next year's sabbaticals get involved if invited as it's a good outreach-type event which we should be doing more of.

New Club Queries

Since last Council, the NCC met on Tues 24th Feb. The only new club set up was Palestinian Society.

The next NCC is on Mon 23rd Mar. Currently we have an application for Comedy and Indie-Electro Soc as well as several others which are not finalised.

Club Queries

I still spend a lot of my time dealing with general queries which are as varied as ever.