

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Lily Topham

Sports Facilities Booking

We had the meeting for block booking requests for all Sport Imperial facilities, including Harlington and Teddington as well as the (new) Union gym and JCR for next academic year on 12th May. Allocations will be distributed to clubs within the next week (once Sport Imperial finalised their charges for next year).

Exhibition Road Music Day

This event is getting closer - Sunday 21st June. I am pleased that a number of our students are getting involved: Percussion, MTSoc, ICSO, String Ensemble, Dramsoc, Classical Guitar and the Techtonics are all performing in locations including Upper Dalby Court, Queen's Lawn and the Science Museum. We will also be hosting a Jazz Band on Upper Dalby Court.

The website is here: www.exhibitionroadmusicday.org. Please do encourage people to drag themselves out of bed to come – everything's free and most events are after lunchtime anyway!

College Open Day

This has taken a long while to organise, but there will definitely be a much larger student and club & society presence at this year's College Open Day on 25th June. There will now be lots of exciting things happening in and around the marquee on Queen's Lawn and should hopefully have a fun, festive atmosphere which will delight all the 6th formers. The clubs currently involved are: Felix, stoic, IC Radio, RCSU Motor, RSM Motor, VVMC, CAG, Dance Company, Cheese, Gliding, Fellwanderers, Outdoor and Fencing, and a couple of others who haven't confirmed.

Building Works and Space

The new SAC has opened, is functional and very shiny. A few minor things are still to be done. The builders have now started on work on the 3rd floor, building the new Union Gym, and will imminently start on work in the East Basement to make the new meeting rooms. Obviously, this has involved another storage relocation – my apologies to the clubs involved, but hopefully that should be pretty much the last and it should all be worth it in the end.

Room Bookings

We have had some serious problems in the last week with the Mech Eng department and our bookings in the Mech Eng foyer. We are still trying to come to an amicable agreement, but I sincerely hope that by this Council, we will have finally resolved something on this. This is particularly frustrating as there are only three more weeks during which we can use this space before the SEQ works start on it. My thanks to the President for all her help on this matter.

Union Meetings

Two CSBs have happened since last Council: CSB on 5th May heard the summer tours applications and CSB on 26th May heard two budget appeals. I sat on the Colours Committee on 3rd June which was long-ish.

College Meetings

I attended the Health & Safety Consultative Committee on 5th May. I have also attended many Sport Imperial meetings – Indoor & Outdoor Users Meeting on 14th May, Sports Partnership on 18th May, Health & Safety in Sport on 19th May, Boathouse Committee on 28th May, as well as a BUCS London Regional Meeting on 26th May.

Budgeting Appeals

Two appeals from ACC Football and ACC Boat were heard during a very long CSB on 26th May. The clubs and societies budgeting process is now complete for this year. My thanks to Ally and Will for all their work on it.

Security Review

After the various security problems we have had this year, particularly in the Snooker Rooms, we have a review of Security in the Union Building on 28th May. There are cameras in the new SAC and the new Union offices and the dorrs to the new rooms will be on swipe access. We will be aiming to put in swipe access for the snooker rooms as well, and are investigating cameras for the East Basement, once the new meeting rooms have been built.

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Club Review

A review of new clubs and

AGMs

Helped run LawSoc rerun of their AGM on 18th May with Peter Mabbott, SCC Chair. Happy to say they now have a full committee.

Training

A lot of time and effort has gone into putting together this year's training programme for new Club Officers. All details are now online at www.imperialcollegeunion.org/training. The training programme starts from this week and will run to the end of term.

We will be running the following sessions: Principal Officers, Finance & Workbench, Sports Team Captains, as well as a new session that has been designed with the College Conference & Events Office: College Events training. We are also introducing 'validation' (i.e. an online test) which will be short and should be easy (if people have actually gone to training and listened). Thanks to everyone who has put so much effort into this, and good luck to everyone who has to give all the training over the next few weeks!

Handbook Entries

We have got Handbook Entries for almost all clubs. This has been all done online this year and has had a higher success rate than ever before in terms of number of clubs completing their entry, and has been much more efficient as all the information is now held in one place, meaning it is much less likely to get lost and can be easily sent over to next year's Felix editor. My thanks to systems for all their work on this.

Hilton Hotels

I have been approached by a representative – they are keen to build up custom from our clubs and societies for events and dinners. They are offering discounts and are understanding of the constraints on volunteer officers and clubs and societies. More information is on the wiki.

PG Awards Ceremony

I marshalled for the morning ceremony on 6th May. It was fun.

BUCS Disciplinary

I sat on two BUCS Disciplinary panels on 7th May.

New Clubs

At the last NCC on Mon 11th May RCC Rounders were set up. However, they have since announced their decision to close.

The next NCC will be held on 17th June at lunchtime. Deadline for applications is 12th June. Currently we have applications for Comedy, Boxing, Baseball, Asthma UK, Flying and Medical Student Hospital Audit Research Exchange. I am pleased that some of the more expensive clubs have been speaking to myself and Sport Imperial in some depth about logistics for their applications.

Wye

I visited Wye with the DPFS, Membership Services Manager and Deputy General Manager to see if anything beneficial to the Union could be salvaged before the end of this year. I am also trying to coordinate arrangements for a coach for Wye students to take them to our Summer Ball.