

Council Report  
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**BUCS – Healthy Campus/ Healthy Living week**

Planning for this year's Healthy Living Week has now started, though I missed this meeting, I also am leading up the BUCS London division Healthy Campus working group which was held at City University. Here we are aiming to put together a resource that will improve the standard of Healthy Campus initiatives across all of our institutions, starting with a survey. This is support by Central BUCS and following on from the recent HEFCE document on well being which highlights the business and academic benefits of looking after staff and students well being. If any one is interested I can share the document. The other part of this was a session on sports development with a focus on widening participation to those groups which typically don't engage with sport or fitness, and how we should perhaps be looking to improve provision to cater to their needs.

**Naughty Clubs**

My disciplining skills are coming on leaps and bounds, as I have spent some time dealing with clubs who have been breaking some fundamental ground rules of courtesy. Though having said this they have not been doing so maliciously. They've realised the error of their ways now and I believe they won't be making the same mistakes.

In another interpretation of the term we currently have many frozen clubs as there was a paperwork deadline that has now passed. This was for affiliations, instructors and their risk assessments. There was also a glitch in the system that meant that many officers were being flagged as not having bought membership when they had and so I've spent a lot of time fire fighting this and making sure that they were

**Club Queries**

As ever, smaller enquiries are still taking up lots of time. I imagine this is because officers are still finding their feet to a certain extent.

**New Clubs**

I have been spending lots of time sorting out the large number of club applications. I genuinely believe that we have got ourselves into a rut of people thinking that they cannot do any activity at university without it being a club. I'm looking into ways to advertise the other methods of doing activities in and around campus such as RWB portfolios and projects with the Community Action Group. The next NCC is being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and so far there are four applications.

I think we might spontaneously start some more clubs though, because we haven't really got enough. My predecessor thinks we should start the Summer Holiday Adventures club because she thinks there aren't any other exciting, fun things like this at Imperial. and my pretend secretary believes that we should also start Lad soc. While there are implications on the Equal Opportunities policy we thought we could open up its sister club, the premenstrual stress club which would focus on duvets, chocolate ice cream and Hugh Grant movies. My only misgiving is that perhaps this should be under the remit of the Deputy President Welfare. The communications and sponsorship co-ordinator requests the Students with pets club which would tie in well with the President's estates management plan.

**Training**

Danny, Phil Power and myself gave the 'final' training session of the year on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 5-8pm. It was received well, and was located in the new meeting rooms 4 & 5 which was exciting. However there are still about 40 outstanding club officers who have not been trained.

I spent Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November in day 1 of 2 of a training course with the Staff Learning & Development department, called 'Training the trainer', to start to think about how we can improve training for next year. It was very useful and I'm looking forward to part 2 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. I was thinking of trialling my efforts at a re-jigged Principal Officer training session on those officers remaining that need to be trained.

**Meetings**

I have been to many Sport Imperial meetings: Health & Safety in Sport, Boathouse Committee, Sports Partnership. These have been productive but have highlighted in particular the low level of customer service that we get from BUCS in terms of transparency and data analysis of BUCS points.

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