

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report
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Clubs & Societies Policy

I've been working on this to bring the document up to date to accurately represent the protocols that we currently follow, particularly with regard to setting up new clubs, merging and splitting clubs and making clubs dormant. This was as a result of a very successful CSB where there was a productive discussion about how we can ensure that the clubs that we have are active and representative of the interests of the student body. This is being looked over currently by members of CSB and should hopefully have an updated draft ready in the new year.

In addition to this, I have also been writing a document detailing the procedures for the allocation of resources to clubs and societies as required by the Education Act 1994. The aim of this is to make explicit the processes, roles and considerations of everyone involved when allocating resources such as Union Grant, but also things like Freshers' Fair tables. The procedures outlined are taken from those points in the C&S Policy which set out the 'Duties of Imperial College Union' and the things which it shall provide. I believe this will be a very useful document for my successor and for clubs in the run up to budgeting rounds next term.

BUCS

I attended the BUCS 3rd BUCS London Regional Meeting located at LSBU on Friday 4th December. As a part of this, I am heading up the Healthy Living Week sub-committee and myself and my staff counterpart, Bill Thompson (City University) launched the HLW survey. The aim of this is to gauge the level of involvement of London Universities in their HLW strategy, with a view to making a resource for all London Universities. Other key topics that were discussed were the way that some of the leagues were structured and drawn, which mean that some Universities get kicked out of a league after their first match. While this doesn't apply to many of our more established teams, this year we've been looking to get more unorthodox teams competing for the University so this may have an impact on them.

HLW

I attended the second meeting of the HLW planning group, along with the Deputy President (Welfare). This is directed at both staff and students and is looking to be very good- covering more than just sport. Of particular note are plans for an interdepartmental sports day where staff and students compete together for the pride of their departments. Also, cycling will be the focus of the Friday of the week with the annual bike auction taking place.

New Clubs Committee

This met on the 24th November, and we created 5 new clubs: History, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Romanian and Robotics. Because of the high volume I developed and delivered a training session for all of them to be trained together, which differed from the standard training resources. I tried to incorporate what I learnt from the Training the trainer course that I went to in November by making it more interactive, as well as the contents being 'de novo' assuming no prior knowledge or handover.

Clubs and Societies Board

There have been two CSBs since last Council, on 23rd Nov and 7th Dec. I asked all CSC/FU's to submit a report on their CSC/FU. These were gratefully received and useful in planning for the future and highlighting/ foreseeing any problems. There were just a few outstanding reports or reports which needed some improvement. One key aspect that came out of these were problems with college catering prices, so we've decided to collate the evidence and then take this to relevant parties in college.

IDEA League

I have been in talks with clubs and Sport Imperial about this year's IDEA League which will be held in May (which we appreciate isn't ideal) in Delft, Holland. The sports involved are Badminton, Rugby 7's, Basketball and Swimming. Our clubs are showing good interest and I hope that we will be able to send full contingents for all sports to Delft.

Exploration Committee

Exploration committee was the best committee I've been on this year. It only meets twice a year, but it was disappointing to see only two applications. Myself and Joe Rumer (RCSU representative on the committee) are going to work with the chair of the committee, Dr Lorraine Craig to try to advertise the work of the committee more and get more students involved doing exciting explorations.