

Imperial College Union
Deputy President (Welfare) Report
A Report By John James

Casework

Two cases have taken up the majority of my time since last Council. To give some brief details as to why so much of my time has been taken up on this, but without breaching confidentiality. One was regarding the death of a student, I believe soon to be reported on by the Student Media. The other was a case repeatedly handled inappropriately by college staff.

Halls Visits

I have visited all halls apart from Clayponds and Silwood park. The most common themes highlighted were aggressive cleaners; broken fixtures, fittings and equipment at Evelyn Gardens and curfews on social spaces.

One World Week (01-05/02/10)

I have put a lot of time into organising One World Week. Some events were successful others no so. The film screenings had minimal attendance, but the film produced by WSET, the Religion and Science Forum by 'Interfaith' and International Night were all received very well. Many thanks to everyone who contributed. For more information please see my report to the next RWB.

Finance

I have quite a bit of time last week post processing claims from both Green Week and One World Week. There are still one or two outstanding transfers for One World Week.

Disability Focus Group/Blog

The Disabilities Survey included a question about participating in a Focus Group and Blogging about experiences. I have set up several meeting to get this off the ground. This is in response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, who stated that college is not getting enough information from disabled students.

Smoking Ban

I took a paper to RWB on the prospect of a smoke free campus. It was determined that council should be asked for a referendum on 'Do you want a smoke free campus?' Unfortunately I've been too busy with the above to write the paper for this council. It should go to the next one but in any case, I'll make sure it is online at least a week before and is well publicised.

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