

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A report by Jenny Wilson*

### **Clubs & Societies Board**

We had a long and productive Tours CSB on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We approved 27 tours, though 1 of which has since regrettably been cancelled. We gave some tours conditions to meet by this Monday, so the cancellation has not affected overall allocations as these will be done on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

One issue that has come up is the Tours Policy (aka Environmental Policy Appendix D), which is up for renewal. This seems to be quite contentious and has been brought up in at least 2 CSC meetings. I've now got an email Working group and might be holding a sit down one if the demand is there. The aim is to have a proposal in place for next Council so that it can take effect in the new academic year.

### **C&S Handbook**

This has been taking up a large proportion of my time, working with Alex McKee and Phil Power to put together what will hopefully be some improved, in the sense of being more logical, resources for all Officers of the Union who use the collective resources. To achieve this, while much of the content is written and will only require amending, the sections are going to be reorganised to hopefully make them more able to stand alone. The aim is to have this rolled out in time for the new Officer training which will be happening in June.

### **Arts Partnership**

This has changed slightly from my initial words, but the sentiment is more what I had in mind – from Arts Imperial to the Arts Partnership, which is a parallel to what we have with Sport Imperial and the Sports Partnership. This has been coming on really well. I've now had a couple of meetings with some of the key stakeholders from College. It turns out that it's come at an ideal time as this sort of endeavour is what the Pro-Rector (Education) is looking to improve. As a result, we've decided to expand the existing Music & Visual Arts Committee, to have the DPCS on and the Membership Services Manager (primarily for continuity) on the committee. Additionally, in the next meeting we'll have a review of the current committee, its structure, and it looks like we'll be part of a new Arts Strategy Committee which will have a greater role in contributing to the direction of Arts and how we approach them. This is all due to happen in June.

### **Sports Partnership**

I've had a meeting with the new Sports Development Officer about where we'll be going in the next year with Sports. One of the more immediate projects is producing some material for Open Days and the like, to show the much greater breadth of University sport.

### **Training Review**

With officer training on the horizon, and reforms wanted, we've been talking a lot about the way this will be delivered in all of its manifestations. In particular, the discussions have been around the modules and ways of delivering it, and what is appropriate to whom. This is an ongoing project, but we now have the confirmed 'curriculum' as of the end of April. Now we are producing the

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content and appropriate resources in time for training which will be throughout June. This year, it became clear that actually there was a large group of officers who were slipping through our training radar but were the principle group making the mistakes, so we're doing quite a lot of e-learning for the higher volume required to be trained, and face-to-face training will be for a smaller number of people focussing on consolidating the e-learning as well as skills based.

### **Disciplinary**

I attended a disciplinary panel at UCL on 24<sup>th</sup> March, as well as a BUCS disciplinary on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Since the last Council, I've also attended a College disciplinary on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### **PG Awards Ceremony**

I marshalled for the morning ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> May. They forgot to reserve me a seat.

### **College Meetings**

I attended the Health & Safety Consultative Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Largely unexciting, though I'm trying to float the idea of College helping to First Aid train officers on a voluntary basis.

### **Magazine Group discussions**

This has taken up significant time with two, two hour meetings with the different parties involved, as well as writing up and co-ordinating time. The question is around how to we put in place a better frame work for the various magazines that have been operating within *Felix*. It should be noted that this happened prior to a certain Live! article. The contributing factors have been the *I, Science* contingency claim and an application for a new club which would be publishing a magazine. A concluding meeting will be set up for the current stake holders to decide on the final course of action.

### **New Clubs Committee**

The last NCC was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Gavin Evans (AEB Chair) was elected to stand on the NCC at the last CSB. One new club was set up, which was International Public Health, within the GSA. This raises some questions about 'Dep Socs' within the GSA and will be a topic of discussion at the next CSB as well as hopefully a section in a GSA survey. The next NCC will be in early May, and I've been getting a steady flow of applications, including Eton Fives, Chabad and Kenyan Orphan Project. I've also launched the new New Club Application form, which is a bit more comprehensive, but all questions that the NCC would expect applicants to be able to answer at the committee meeting stage anyway.

### **Clubs & Societies Metric Events**

The President, DPFS and I have been developing the protocol for how Clubs, Societies and RAG & CAG projects will be able to run events at Metric. This has been productive, and we've got people standing for the Ents Committee in the Summer Elections, which will be an integral part of the process. There should be an application form available to clubs, societies and projects within the next 2 weeks.