

DPCS Council Report
A note by Heather Jones

Since the last Council life has been substantially less exciting for me. I have attended a number of Health and Safety meetings and continued building the Arts partnership. I have also written a New Projects Policy Document as well as suggested some amendments for RAG and CAG Policy.

Much of my time has been spent continuing to train new Club Officers both in their interactive learning sessions with me and helping them through the online training sessions which seem to confuse a number of people. I have also run the first tours CSB which didn't go fantastically smoothly due to the new online tour applications and website issues but I believe CSB reached fair conclusions.

Recently I went on a trip with Sport Imperial to see the new grounds for Varsity in Tottenham. They are very big and hopefully with reasonably priced tickets it will make this years' varsity the biggest and best yet. The signing of the three year contract was completed with Sport Imperial's and the Harlequins' mascots present and afterwards they all went outdoors for a photoshoot.

On Friday 29th October, I will run NCC which is unprecedentedly busy – 9 applications to consider! But hopefully we will have some fantastic new clubs set up at the end – and some enthusiastic students sent in the right direction to do their chosen hobby.

This month also had the first meeting of the student led projects working group which felt very productive. We established a good understanding of exactly which things were in the remit of the board to consider and will look forward to presenting our proposals to the next meeting next month. We hope to ultimately get some Departmental Safety Officers or similar on board to help consider ambitious projects where the Union lacks the technical expertise to determine if all risk factors have been considered. Alison Ahearn has been hugely helpful in developing ideas for student projects and I'm sure will continue to be a valuable asset to the Union for advice and support.

I was delighted to see the successful first screening of Cinema in over a year – filling the Concert hall and wiping out almost 1/10th of their debt in just one showing. Hopefully with Union support it can go from strength to strength, it certainly had a fantastic start.

I have also helped the Media Group set up Magazine Soc as one of their clubs which involved amending the seriously out of date Media Group standing orders. When they approve them at Media Group we can also approve them at CSB and make them the new policy. This took a lot of time to agree with all the various interested parties but hopefully a sustainable solution has been found.

Other projects have included collating tour reports, trying to make various stores neater and more compliant with the Fire Officers wishes and my risqué centrefold.

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Not everyone is happy with every decision but I try to make the decisions that benefit the most people wherever possible.