

Imperial College Union
Council Report
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Handover – July

A month of handover where Heather Jones showed me the day to day operations of the Union and where the DPCS fits in. This included introductions to senior College staff as well as those within the Union.

Progress was made on working with College Conferences to provide a formal Space Users Agreement which will ensure clubs are aware of the rules behind hiring College spaces and protect them should things go wrong. The document is now finalised and will be published soon.

BUCS Conference (12th-15th July)

Attended with the Sports Partnership Administrator and Services Manager from SportImperial. This is an annual conference with workshops and keynotes from leaders in both the university sport sector and wider sporting world. In the year of the Olympics it was particularly useful to hear about the changes coming.

‘Inspire Marks’ (an official logo for events inspired by the Olympics) are one very useful thing taken away from BUCS this year, amongst other advice on volunteering within sport. The proposed merger is discussed below.

BUCS Medic/non-Medic merger

In the BUCS AGM there was an item on the agenda as part of another paper which would have forced the merging of Imperial College London and Imperial College Medicals under one banner.

Due to the reaction from those at the conference on the first day (as well as the threat of 2000 protesting students arriving at Leeds) the item was removed from the agenda. However BUCS are running a consultation on the merger and have said (when pressed) that information will come out before October. I still have not received this information.

Volunteering

The DPW and I are working on a new format for the provision of volunteering opportunities to our students. At this stage we are exploring options with a variety of external people from V-Inspired to Student Hub.

Online Claims, Purchase Orders and Income

Online claims have gone through testing over the summer and have been launched on eActivities. This represents a huge step forward in making the lives of both staff and volunteers easier. The system is working and students have been paid using it.

As of the 1st October, Purchase Orders and Income forms are also live on the system. We recognise this is a big change from club finances in the past and are arranging drop in sessions for those confused by the system. Management Group Chairs and Treasurers have also had additional training.

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New Clubs, Societies & Projects

One New Club Committee meeting and one New Project Committee have been held over summer. Both were chaired by the DPCS and the New Project Committee standing orders will be changed to reflect this. The DPW will be a permanent observer on NPC.

Two new clubs were created, and a third will be created given they fulfil certain conditions. The two are SSAGO (CAG) and Overseas Christian Fellowship (SCC). One club has decided to appeal to CSB about the decision.

Freshers' Fair

By now, Freshers' Fair will have been and gone on the 4th October. Planning began in July with special requests from clubs and applications for the use of many spaces in College.

Before the plans were finalised, Security, the Fire Officer, Facilities and Soft Services were consulted to check the activities. The final plans were created and sent out to new students. At time of writing the weather forecast looks promising, so hopefully no gazebos will be required. The plan this year is applicable for both wet and dry weather, so the plans should be accurate.

I would like to formally thank anybody who helped with Freshers' Fair, whether this was before the event, behind the scenes on the day, on the ground on the day. Thanks go to all of the Clubs, Societies and Projects, but special thanks to Dramsoc and Management Groups for their help on the day and being there so early. Super special thanks to Phil Power, Alex McKee, Olle Akesson and Rob Osborne who were the best team you could wish for when trying to organise something as large as Freshers' Fair, and kept me sane! There will be a prize for best stall which I will update you on in this Council.

Freshers' Fair Afterparty

The 4th Freshers' Fair Afterparty was held after Freshers' Fair. I am so impressed that even after Freshers' Fair these people were able to summon the energy to put on a show for the rest of us who were kicking back after a long day.

My thanks to all of these groups who took the time to practice and perform on the evening after a busy day for the benefit of their peers. Also thanks go to Malcolm MacPherson and his team for their work on the night.

Leave

6 days of leave were taken between 19th and 29th August