

Imperial College Union
Council Report
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Clubs & Societies Board

There have been two meetings of CSB since the last Council. In the first, elections to the Executive Committee and New Clubs Committee took place and the results are as follows:

Executive: AEB Chair, RSM President

NCC: RCC Chair, ICSMSU Representative, RCSU Representative

There was also an appeal by a club turned down at NCC in September which was unsuccessful.

In the second CSB, Winter Tours were considered with 15 successful applications. The DPFS also gave a presentation on the new Barnight Policy.

IC Trust Funding

On 26th October the IC Trust board met to decide upon funding for the coming year, which includes the Tours Fund. The level has been constant for several years despite continually increasing numbers of tourists. Thanks in main to hard work by my predecessor Heather Jones and the Membership Services Manager, the application for an increase was successful, increasing the Tours Fund from £19,500 to £27,000 for this year.

New Clubs Committee/New Projects Committee

NCC & NPC will meet on 27th October. There are 6 applications to consider of which 2 are Projects. I will give a verbal update on any successful applications in this meeting.

Sport Imperial/BUCS

Sport Imperial are looking at a new, more transparent way for Clubs & Societies to apply for funding from them. This will include a performance based system alongside the established DES (Developing Excellence Scheme) route. There will also be a Recreational route for applications which will open up funding opportunities to previously unfunded groups such as OSC Clubs which play sports recreationally.

The RCC Chair, ACC Chair, ICSMSU President and I had a meeting with Sport Imperial to discuss the proposed new funding scheme and raise any issues. It will come into play in November and will be presented to clubs in Management Group meetings. As an aside Varsity tickets will be free this year to all students.

On the BUCS front I am still waiting to hear any details from them.

Club Queries

This task absorbs over 50% of my time. I am working on creating an FAQ page on the website because many of the queries are duplicates. Almost all questions can be answered by reading the relevant booklet in the training section of the website. I will be reviewing how we train officers as clearly many of them are not reading the correct information.

Room Usage

There are two main issues with current room usage- clubs booking rooms and not using them, and clubs not booking rooms and using them. Another problem is with the rooms being left in the wrong setup or an untidy state.

To combat the first problem I will be doing random checks on rooms using printed timetables. The club will sign in to the sheet on the door allowing us to see who is not using the room. For the second the only option is to be vigilant and take the names of those using rooms without permission. This is a serious problem on campus particularly as College Departments can revoke our right to book rooms if they see people abusing the system.

We are gathering a set of room layouts for both College and the Union so that clubs can restore the rooms to their correct layout after use.

Storage

Storage issues have reached the point where clubs can no longer buy new equipment as we have nowhere to store it. I am trying to make a plan to move forward with this. It may involve a storage audit where Management Group Chairs assess the storage needs of their clubs and we look into reorganisation of the spaces. Unfortunately I cannot magic up more storage space.