

**End of Year Trustee Board Report**  
*A note by the Union President – Paul Beaumont*

**Bye-Law Changes**

I've written the minor Bye-Law change proposals based on the discussions had at Council and the last Board meeting. These passed unanimously at Council.

**PGT Fees**

Part of our strategy involved engaging with our local MPs. In our first round of this, we have had reasonable success, including two letters in response from our local MP Mark Field, and one from David Willetts. The Minister confirmed he preferred our suggestions for PGT funding to NUS's model and we have suggested the College investigate this further.

**Charitable Incorporated Organisations**

Joe, Malcolm and I attended a BWB LLP presentation on Charitable Incorporated Organisations to see if it would be a suitable charitable form for the Union to register as – our joint view (though happy to expand on this is that we didn't believe it is.

**Impact Report**

The Union's Impact Report has been finished and it available at the meeting. I have already done 6 presentations to the College and students based on the report and would encourage next year's sabbs to continue to do this over the summer – it is important that the *whole* of College respects us for not being just a bar, but everything else too!

**Budget**

Stefan, Joe, Malcolm and I have worked with the Senior Management Team to agree a budget that passed unanimously at for 2013/14.

**Union Awards**

A number of Union Awards have been approved by the Council, including Fellowships and Life Membership for Dr Lorraine Craig, and Fellowships with Distinction for Professor Stephen Richardson and Nathaniel Bottrell.

**Open Day**

This year the Union has had increased participation in the College Open day for undergraduates. I made 4 speeches with the Pro Rector in the headline "This is Imperial" talk.

**Green Fund Bid**

Becky and Education & Welfare Manager Andrew Keenan have been leading on a bid to HEFCE for £240k over two years to fund green initiatives at Imperial and the Union.

**Summer Ball**

Early indications from students in our after-event survey, and anecdotal feedback is extremely positive, at the time of writing averaging 86% satisfaction with the event. The whole sabb and staff team pulled together, with great help from Dramsoc to put on a fantastic event. The finances are yet to be finalised, but unfortunately, due to a lack of ticket sales, potentially due to our weak line-up, we will make a financial loss on the event. This won't affect to our ability to hit the budget however.

### **Harlington Committee Changes**

I have written a paper for the College Council after a meeting with the College Secretary, Pro Rector Education and Head of Central Secretariat. We have resolved (and hopefully the College Council will agree) to:

- Automatically re-invest underspend and non-accessible cash into the fund, to increase the value of the fund
- Allow access to £250k of the underspend/non-accessible cash in a one-off allocation, to fund larger projects (potential bids include renovating the Concert Hall)
- Clarify the meaning of the terms to ensure the fund is spent on equipment only

### **PRES Response**

I have finished writing the last of our 4 responses for this year: the PRES Response. The response has been approved by the Exec and will be circulated around the College shortly. This completes our reports on the NSS, Student Experience Survey and International Mobility, and is in addition to our feedback to the IPPR Call for Evidence on the future of HE.

### **Silwood Park Students**

Henry, Joe and I travelled to Silwood to discuss their gym, tennis courts, squash and trim trail facilities and working with Sport Imperial to bid for money to upgrade the equipment.

I would like to formally report my best wishes to next year's sabbatical team and those of you who will be returning to the Board next year.

Good luck everyone!

Paul