

Imperial College Union
Structure of the Entertainments Working Group
A paper by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

Background

The Executive Committee originally formed the Entertainments Committee in April 2010, in a paper titled 'Creation of an ICU Entertainments Committee'. The brief of this committee was to assess applications for events hosted in Metric under the 'We Are Metric' scheme. This body was an elected group via a cross-campus ballot. The Entertainments Committee was dissolved at the May 2012 meeting of the Executive Committee. There was a view that there were more effective ways of gathering feedback rather than a termly meeting of elected students.

Michael Foster (DPFS 2011-2012) created the Entertainments Working Group as an open group designed to gather feedback from students on the entertainments run. No paper was submitted to create this group as a formal body.

Issues

The Ents Working Group, whilst potentially an effective mechanism for gathering feedback and steering entertainments, has no core structure nor was advertised at large. To encourage attendance this group requires advertisement and a basic structure.

Previously the Ents Strategy Working Group meetings, whilst relatively productive were not well attended and solely composed of senior stewards/entertainments staff and council members, not an accurate cross-section of the student body. A number of the issues raised at the original Ents Strategy Working Group meeting have not been addressed to this date.

Currently there are no simple official channels for which students can provide feedback and views on commercial services and entertainments currently in place at ICU. Entertainments and commercial services are still strongly steered by ICU staff, rather than by students. The proposal of the formalization of the Strategy Working Group is intended to address these issues.

Proposals

- The Ents Strategy Working Group will remain a open working group open to all students that will gather feedback and ideas related to entertainments and commercial services. The group is not an elected body.
- A core structure of student members will be put in place to steer the working group. The core structure may consist of (but not solely of) the following:
 - Deputy President (Finance & Services)
 - Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)
 - Other student group representatives (to be decided)
- Attendance from ICU staff (e.g. Entertainments Manager and/or Commercial Services Manager) will be encouraged.
- Meetings will be held at a minimum termly basis, with a look to meet on a monthly basis to monitor feedback and proposals related to commercial services.
- The DPFS and DPCS will provide a brief agenda for group meetings, with all individuals/groups able to submit agenda items before meetings.