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Imperial College Union
Council Report
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Sports Strategy

I have been working on this for a few months now and since the last Council have gained feedback on a first draft at the Clubs, Societies & Projects Board and the Sports Partnership Board. I have included this feedback in a second draft which is on the agenda and I will go into more detail on later.

Sports Volunteering Programme

Developing a sport and physical activity volunteer program is included in the strategy and work on this has started already. A partnership between Imperial Hub, Sport Imperial and Imperial College Union hopes to deliver sport volunteering opportunities in local schools in term one next academic year. These will take two forms, one being one off sessions delivered by four different sports clubs or groups of students. The second will be an on-going opportunity for individuals to get involved in and run a number of sessions in schools throughout the first term. There will also be opportunities to work towards a Sports Leadership qualification through Sport Imperial and for Imperial Plus through Imperial College London.

Non-BUCS Funding

I sat on a panel of student representatives and Sport Imperial staff to allocate student groups money and developmental support from Sport Imperial over next academic year. We allocated the maximum available of £3000 to thirteen different groups who presented good ideas to increase participation and achieve more in their sport or activity. These groups will also be supported by Sport Imperial and Imperial College union to help them develop, grow and use the money in an effective way.

Union Awards

We have been working on developing the Union Awards and I have been encouraging students to nominate individuals and student groups for the existing and new awards. I was on the panel for all six of the new awards and union colours. I think the process for the new awards has gone well and there is room for improvements moving forwards in recognising our student volunteers and increasing the number and quality of nomination. I am very much looking forward to the Award Ceremony to recognise all the great work many of our members have done this year.

New Clubs Committee & New Projects Committee

We still have some outstanding applications to consider this year which will be done before the end of term. I am also trying to ensure all groups that have been in the New Club Incubator this year are considered by the committee to come out of it and become a full club, or if there has been no activity to be removed from the NCI. The benefits of getting clubs out of the NCI is that they will then be able to hit the ground running, going into next year in the A to Z booklets, have a stall at Freshers' fair and everything else that full clubs have access to.

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Contingency

I re-wrote the contingency policy based on experiences this year with how it was working. This was passed unanimously at the Clubs, Societies & Projects Board on May 27th 2014 and is now in use for any new claims coming through. The main changes were the explicit inclusion that a group's financial state and efforts to minimise the cost or find other sources of money are taken into account in decision making, and that when the contingency amount is exceeded, advice from the Deputy President (Finance & Services) and Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) is given.

Imperial Hub

The second Imperial Hub advisory board was held and we were presented with a plan from the incoming committee for what they wish to achieve over the coming year with support from Imperial Hub. There has been some progress in obtaining additional board members to provide advice and ideas. We were joined by Jonas van Hove from the Business School and are going to make some contacts in other departments of College, relevant to the board and the aims of the Hub committee.

College Meetings Attended

Sports Partnership Board
Health & Safety in Sport Committee
Indoor & Outdoor users Committee
Boathouse Management Committee
Student Centric Summer Term Meeting
Early Orientation Meeting