

## **Deputy President (Finance & Services) Council Report**

**Alex Savell**

### **1. Leave:**

1.1. I have not taken any leave since the last Council Meeting

### **2. Fund Education Fairly**

2.1. We good a good response to our #FairFunding campaign with a number of local candidates engaging

2.2. The pages on the website got several hundred views

2.3. Now we are aiming to engage directly with the 5 winning candidates and have been working on having direct engagement with the new Minister for Science and Universities – Jo Johnson.

2.4. I have also been helping the DPE write the Union's response to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Consultation on the proposed Postgraduate Loans System

2.4.1. Thus far we have given college feedback on their response

2.4.2. We will be working to make sure we consult where possible with PGs but the timeframe for our own response is also very tight

### **3. Union Budgeting**

3.1. Along with the Union President I have been taking active part in this and by the time of Council will have attended 2 and a half days of meetings on this with another half day to come this week

3.2. At time of writing we are awaiting v2 of budgets where we hope to make progress towards our goal of a small budgeted surplus for the year

3.2.1. Continuing to make progress towards a financially sustainable level of reserves

3.2.2. We have about £300,000 to make up for this at present which is a large gap

### **4. Draught Beer Tender**

4.1. We are currently in the process of signing a new deal for all licensed venues supply of draught product

4.2. We are now working to finalise the details of proposals from several top contenders

4.3. I cannot publish the bottom line of these but our main criteria for selection will be value for money and then maintaining a spread of drink options

4.3.1. If anyone feels strongly that these are not the most important priorities please let me know

### **5. Summer Ball**

5.1. The Summer Ball continues to progress and has good sales

5.2. In particular we have produced a strong sponsorship package which I hope will soon attract some attention from potential supporters