

Council Report, 12 January 2016

Ben Howitt – Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Administration

- I have taken 6 days of annual leave.

Operations

- I have been on the interview panel in the recruitment of a new Finance Administrator.
- I will be on the interview panel for the recruitment of a Systems Manager.
- The majority of room booking approvals have been delegated to the Student Activities Team, as have Speaker Approvals. This seems to have reduced wait time.
- I ran a series of training sessions on the 16/17 budgeting process.
- I have chaired a meeting of the New Activities Committee and Activities Development Board, the decisions from which have been communicated to clubs.

FATSO – My Annual Objectives

Future – “Ensuring you carry the skills you learn into your future”

- I have been working with the Student Development & Student Activities teams to develop the Imperial Plus offer to recognise a wider gamut of skills, in particular those directly related to club volunteer activity and casual bar work.

Activity – “Improving the resources available to support you in your role”

Nothing to report.

Training – “Making CSP Training more relevant and helpful”

- We carried out a short meeting relating to the vision for CSP training at the close of last term. Most of the feedback has centred around the length of sessions, and duplication of information. We will be working to reduce this going forwards.

Sports Review – “Creating a new Sport Strategy for Imperial that includes all”

- The market research on the student body has now completed, generating a number of key barriers and student groupings to which we will be tuning further developments.
- There are a planned four focus groups to be run with current participants in sporting activity, with a focus on capturing the value already present in our provision and creating a vision for an offer that appeals to each of the student groups identified by the research.

Outreach – “Making Club, Society & Project activities part of our local community”

- I attended a meeting of the “Supporting Our People” workstream running in Societal Engagement, and passed on thoughts relating to making sure that students are adequately supported if they wish to take part, despite more limited access to systems than academic/support staff.