

Report to Union Council

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With the largest number of clubs & societies in the UK, the largest part of the job is being the first point of call for representatives to raise issues (and then solving them). Outside of this, my time is spent on longer-term projects, which I have highlighted below to provide an update on progress.

CSP Funding

- This is my priority for the year
- I have gathered data from the last 6 years on costs, grant allocation and income via membership
- I have spent time analysing the data, including accounting for inflation, to develop an argument to increase funding to CSPs
- I will be developing this argument further over the next month to bring a paper to the Finance & Risk Committee (a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees) in December
- I will get feedback from CSPB and support from CSPs before completing the paper.

Management Group Development Project

- This was not on my agenda before I started the role, this has come up since the start of the academic term
- This project will include:
 - o Reviewing the financial authorisation chain to decrease lag time for claims and decrease admin time for student volunteers
 - o Increasing training to management group volunteers prior to the start of the year
 - o Reviewing where clubs sit in the management group chain and if they are in sensible categories
- I have spoken about this project at the first CSPB meeting and at a CSPB pre-term afternoon.
- The response from CSPB is positive; a focus group was created at the first CSPB meeting, which will be used to guide the project forward.

Head of Sport Interviews

- I sat on the interview panel (3 people) for the new Head of Sport
- I challenged the interviewees with a question about Sport Imperial's perceived lack of transparency
- I was promised a piece from Sport Imperial to explain what funding is available, where it goes and why

College Space Policy

- I have sat in various meetings regarding College Space Policy, which will have an effect on future space bookings for clubs & societies.
- We have ensured that clubs & societies take priority over commercial bookings
- Representatives from the project will be coming to the next CSPB meeting to discuss the policy.

Freshers Fair

- I started by reviewing each space and rescaling marketing materials to actual size to reshuffle tables and maximise use of available space
- I sent out a request form to students, I then read through each request to allocate tables accordingly
- Power
 - o Many requests referenced power, I wanted to try to power every table
 - o I received permission and a quote of £3000, this was rejected due to budget restrictions and failure to demonstrate a need over a want
 - o I will gather data from a freshers fair feedback form to demonstrate if this need exists to work into next year's fair
- The day itself appeared to be a great success, constructive criticisms can be received through the feedback form to feed into next year's planning.

Varsity

- I have been having regular meetings with Sport Imperial staff and students.
- I sent out a feedback form regarding last year's event
- 130 responses were received, many with great ideas for the coming year
- The priority this year, which Sport Imperial agrees with, is to ensure students have a lot more of an input.
- I have created a sub-committee of 10 students with the help of ACC Chair (Ellie) and ICSMSU Clubs & Socs (Tom)