

Deputy President (Finance & Services) report to Union Council

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In light of COVID-19, and with July 31st fast approaching, the focus has shifted to ensuring our services, structures and processes are in a better shape than they were pre-COVID, to ensure it aligns properly with student needs and expectations. There is also a shift in what services in 2020/21 may look like, how training is delivered for new committees, and overall how this affects the finances of CSPs and the Union.

Updates:

- B.A.U priorities are refunds, DPFS objectives, CSP support and contracts
- Summer Ball
 - o The go/no-go date is officially May 18th, at which point comms will be prepared and an update for students with tickets sent out
 - o Looking ahead, the Summer Ball Committee will continue but will change in structure, putting a greater focus on creative control and removing operational responsibility. This will enable students to shape the Summer Ball, and for the DPFS & the Union to deliver that vision effectively.
- Welcome 2020
 - o Considering different scenarios of what Imperial may look like by October 2020, and what potential guidelines/restrictions may affect how we welcome incoming students.
 - o Greater focus on working with students in delivering appropriate and engaging events throughout Welcome Week, and improving inclusivity.
- DPFS Objectives for the next 3 months:
 - o DPFS Role Review
 - o High Risk Event Management and Debt Management for CSPs
 - o Finance Training Review
 - o Summer Ball/Major Events Process
 - o Handover
- Block Grant bid has been submitted and is with College, who are currently in their budgeting round
- Staffing at the Union:
 - o Sat on the interview panel for, and appointed, the new Finance Director at the Union
 - o Events & Conferences Manager started in April
 - o Empty roles paused upon lockdown

Finally, I hope you and your loved ones are all well and staying safe during these unfamiliar times