

# Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report to Union Council – January 2021

Ross Unwin

## Summary:

- Supporting our Clubs & Societies
- CSP Support 3-year Development Plan
- Imperial Athletes support, framework development, and varsity planning
- Welcome Back Fair
- CSP Annual Budgeting
- Discussions with RBKC in regard to active travel and safe cycle lanes
- Disciplinarys

College Meetings & Prep	Student + Union Meetings & Prep	Operational work (day-to-day)	Project work (major goals)	Misc
20%	30%	20%	20%	10%

## Updates:

- Training – The focus of training for CSPs and MGs now shifts to Annual Budgeting training which will roll out over the next few weeks. I am also trying to roll out some personal and professional development for our CSP volunteers – watch this space.
- Reacting to COVID and government announcements – Government guidelines mean that there will be no CSP in-person activity until at least mid February. It is likely that restrictions will be in place until March.
- Supporting CSPs - This has included routine and recurring matters, such as resolving individual queries and sorting all eActivities issues, as well specific matters resulting from COVID. Online risk assessments are simplified, and most societies are now risk assessed for everything that they are doing online.
- Imperial Athletes – I have been working closely with Move Imperial to understand the situation for BUCS and LUSL in term two. BUCS announced this week that they are cancelling all individual competitions and all leagues for the remainder of this term. There are planned talks from renowned sports men & women that all Imperial Athletes members will be invited to. Work is also being done to ensure that as soon as activity can restart, then students will have opportunities to get back into training. More work continues developing a framework for Martial Arts, Individual, and more recreational sports to fit within the IA framework – this will only be finalised after approval by student volunteers.
- Club Development Plans – The Senior Sports Development Officer has been working with every sports club to build these plans that will fundamentally change the way these clubs plan for the future. I'll be taking some of the learning from these plans and rolling them out to other CSPs as a tool for their own growth.
- Student & club disciplinarys – there are several ongoing cases. However, I'm glad to report that there has not been a need to implement the COVID strike policy this term yet.
- Student Experience Meetings – My predecessor wrapped up the stream of ESOG-SE that he chaired, but I have continued to be part of ESOG-SE meetings, discussing issues from student mental health, and re-purposing of college spaces to student sport & music during the pandemic.
- CSP funding model – A Covid adjustment working group was formed by volunteers from CSPB. We worked to realise a saving of ~£130,000 at the end of term 1. This now sits with finance, and clubs will have access to all grant funds in a timely manner. The Sports Clubs Board agreed to a further reduction to sports clubs given the lack of activity this term, and

have agreed to place these increased savings in an ADF pot. I am yet to calculate the exact size of this pot, but CSPs are encouraged to apply for ADF funding if they need.

- Student Experience Survey – This has launched. I'd encourage every student to fill it in as it's super helpful to make informed decisions! Survey link is here:  
[https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eyfnyYVSYeUaoBL](https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyfnyYVSYeUaoBL)
- Hello 2021! – A welcome back fortnight will run from 25<sup>th</sup> Jan with lots of activities and ways to get involved for all students.
- CSP Support 3-year Development Plan – I have worked closely with the Head of Membership Services, the Student Opportunities & Development Manager and the DPFS to establish a realistic 3-year development plan to improve the support for our CSPs. This starts with training and storage review which are currently underway and are being undertaken whilst the demand on the co-ordinators is lower.
- Conversations with Move Imperial, College and Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in regard to the cycle lane on High Street Kensington and active travel remain priorities.
- UCH redevelopment – work on this progresses and working with DPFS to ensure the project meets student requirements.
- Silwood campus – reassessment of transport provision here, and enabling training of drivers to use the minibus for essential journeys.

#### Upcoming:

- Work towards Objectives, see October Report, in particular increasing accessibility and fixing broken processes.
- Imperial Athletes will take up a considerable amount of my times as I fully model IA membership and tiering system for individual and martial clubs, I will also be working with the team at Move on a Kit tender – all of this will need lots of input from and consultation with students.
- Reassess CSP support and how we can facilitate more activity under current government guidelines, we will be directing particular focus at helping CSPs with their online capability.
- I have met the most senior volunteers from CSPB on a one to one basis alongside the HoMS to better understand the issues that our students and CSPs are currently facing. I'll be pulling a report highlighting the key themes, and establishing some better protocols and ways of working from this.
- CSP Annual Budgeting is a huge time commitment and I will be delivering training session for all CSPs and MGs. Lots of meetings to be had, and lots of support for CSPs required.
- CSP Transport consultation – genuine consultation and needs assessment to understand full requirements of our clubs and develop solution ready for rollout next academic year.
- Student spaces: College have two funds to spend on improving student spaces. More in Michaela's report, but will be working with CSP Volunteers to identify some quick projects that will benefit from this spending.