

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

## Summary:

- Roadmap out of lockdown for Clubs & Societies
- CSP Annual Budgeting
- Summer Tours allocations
- New Activities Committee
- Building & Space review
- Imperial Award Development
- Imperial Athletes Development and focus group sessions

Prep time and meetings with:			Operational work (day-to-day)	Project work (major goals)	Misc
College	Move Imperial & Sports Exec	Students & the Union			
5%	17% (inc. Budgeting)	26% (inc. Budgeting)	29%	15%	8%

Since my last council report we have moved into step 3 of the government’s roadmap out of lockdown. That means that many of our clubs have been able to resume more indoor and outdoor activity. It’s fantastic to see so many people resuming activity, and I’m working with the Ops & Dev team to approve activities on a timely basis whilst ensuring that everything remains safe.

All rooms within the Union building are bookable for indoor sport & access to storage facilities has been possible to facilitate any approved activity. We’re still ironing out a few things with regard to storage access, but this process should be much simpler and we are upgrading doors across the building to key card readers, so that access will be given to individuals as needed at the time of your room booking, or to the society members on “key” lists. All committees received instructions on how to ensure their key lists are up to date.

CSP Annual Budgeting continues to be a lengthy process, resolutions are currently with Management groups. The process and final provisional figures for societies and projects will be finalised at a final CSPB meeting at the end of June. For sports clubs, a holistic Imperial Athletes budget has been completed, the sports exec are involved with finalising what services will be paid for centrally and the grant that clubs will receive to pay for club administered core costs. Systems and Finance team are finalising details and logistics of memberships which will be ready for 1<sup>st</sup> August on the system. With regard to Imperial Athletes,

I have met with the IC Trust secretary and secured £55,000 of funding for our clubs to go on tour this summer. The summer tours period runs until the end of term 1 next academic year, and we have received 32 applications. The majority of these were approved, and budgets need to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The New Activities Committee continue to meet and are waiting for a discussion between all “Women In” societies, DepSocs, CU President’s and relevant MGs. We are looking at the best way to introduce the plethora of “Women In” societies that want to start up. This was discussed at the latest CSPB meeting and it was agreed that this needs more discussion before they can all be approved.

Storage improvement projects continue. Work has been quoted on for the Reynolds music room/dance studio to resolve the damp issue, and this will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. A new martial arts mats solution is in progress, and some societies are accessing ADF to improve how they store equipment.

We are undergoing a Building & Space review at the Union, and by the time of the council meeting, I hope to have circulated a survey to all students. This will complement the audit of our spaces. Once I have been able to collate the audit and survey together (working with HOMS and DPFS) I will develop the foundations of a long-term strategy for continual improvement, combining funding from the Harlington Fund, The President's Community Fund, Union investment and any other relevant income streams. This will meet my manifesto point of improve Union facilities and spaces.

At the time of writing CSP elections are in progress online. CSPs were able to opt out of online voting, but the majority have stuck with eVoting for the ease that it brings to it's members. By the time of the council meeting we will hopefully have elected a Felix Editor and the majority of CSPs will have elected their principal officers at a minimum.

A significant amount of my time has gone in to Imperial Athletes over the last few months. We have finished a kit tender process and will be working with a kit partner for the next 5 years. This will deliver good value sports kit to all societies. We start the design process on 10<sup>th</sup> June, and all Clubs will be involved in the process. The tender went extremely well, with a survey filled in by 397 committee members from a variety of clubs, 5 focus group sessions with every club captain able to express their opinions on potential suppliers, and a robust process with College purchasing office to ensure the process was fair and all due diligence was done. Imperial Athletes requires some policy changes that will be coming to CSPB at the end of June. We are also writing a handbook to ensure transparency for all involved with Imperial Athletes. This is currently 40 pages long and I had hoped to bring it to this council meeting. Nothing in there requires approval by Council as it is just implementation of the Sports Hub document. Policy owned by CSPB does need changes and these will be discussed there. If CSPB feels anything needs to come to council, it will be brought for the July meeting. This will meet my manifesto aim to make sport cheaper and more accessible.

Volunteer training week takes place 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June. All incoming elected committee members will have been invited to this, and we already have sign ups in their thousands. I'm really excited to introduce some of you to the Union, and we hope to give you a basic overview of some things you need to know for next year. These sessions will all be recorded. At the end of the summer we will run another Volunteer Training Week to cover specifics more in detail and give you the most up to date information that you need. All articles on eActivities have been remapped and updated to ensure that they are found in the most relevant folders and so that they are all up to date. You may also have seen that all elected officers received a welcome pack shortly after elections introducing them to the Union. The booklet contains different details for those in a CSP role, compared to those in an MG or CU role. We are also introducing session specifically for certain roles so keep an eye out for these. This meets my manifesto objective to Overhaul all Union Training.

You may also have heard that Rachel, our current Student Opportunities & Development Manager will sadly be leaving at the end of July. Rachel has been fantastic, and many of you will have interacted with her during her time here. Please do reach out to her to congratulate her on her new job, and express how sad you are that she is leaving us. The job advert is out for the role, and we are actively looking for the best candidate for the role. I will be heavily involved in the recruitment of the next SODM and hope to have someone in post asap.

As always, I continue to support CSPs with any questions and queries they have, and I welcome any questions you may have on this report.