

**Imperial College Students' Union
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DPCS Report to Board of Trustees

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Purpose: To report on the work of the DPCS

Updates:

- **Getting set up** - Unsurprisingly, the thing I've been spending most of my time doing is just figuring everything out. I'm now pretty much there in terms of understanding all our systems, meetings and methods, so hopefully I will be able to focus more on projects from now on.
- **New Staff** - Our new Student Opportunities and Development Manager, Connor Walford started two weeks ago. I have been working with him to get him up to speed on how we work, and our structures. We have been planning and prioritising work for the upcoming term. I have also been on Interview panels for various new staff members and will continue to be as we go through our current recruitment drive.
- **Imperial Athletes** - Connor and I have been working closely with Move Imperial to finalise the club allocations within Imperial Athletes and making those transfers. Since this is the first year where clubs will be able to run activity under relatively normal circumstances, it has been tricky to figure everything out.
- **Welcome fair (Digital and In-person)** - I have been working closely with the team in planning the Welcome fair, making sure clubs get a stall and sorting out plans, one-way systems and all the associated complications.
- **Women focused departmental groups** - I've picked up a project that Ross didn't get around to starting last year, which is finding a way for the Union to support the creation of "Women In" societies to represent the female population of specific departments. Previously, Ross and the New Activities Committee had expressed concern around the similarity of their remits and had subsequently rejected their applications. We have a lot of societies, and it is difficult for the team to give them the support they need. I have met with current stakeholders and will be working with them to set up a solution that minimises the admin overhead and allows them to function as independently as possible.
- **Tour's funding** - There was remaining work from prior to the handover to allocate and send out Tour Grants from IC Trust, so this was something I completed in August to enable Summer tours to happen. • **Give it a go** - Ensuring the Union has a Give it a go provision this year to enable clubs to have an opportunity to have a taster session advertised and supported by the union. I have extended this from only one day to a weeklong series of event, to ensure more groups have the opportunity to take part. This is particularly important this year to ensure groups can regain membership after a year where they likely had a smaller intake than standard.
- **College facing work** - I have been attending ESOG-SE meetings as they wrap up their existence, providing updates to College Staff about CSP activity and our plans for Welcome. There have also been various College facing presentations about the OTs and the Unions plans and offering, which I have been taking part in.

Upcoming:

- **Start of term:** Welcome week and the start of term is approaching, and so there will be lots of work to sort all that out and make sure all activity is approved and running safely, alongside all the organisation involved in Welcome Fair and Give it a go.
- **Further Work on Women in societies:** the structure needs to be set up and enabled appropriately through NAC. 1 DPCS Board of Trustees Paper September 22, 2021
- **Objectives Beginning work on objectives:** The first ones I will look to tackle will likely be Training and Systems and Processes.

Clubs, Societies and Projects Board (CSPB) Update:

- CSPB Policy has been reapproved for the upcoming year with no changes
- We will be putting together an Imperial Athletes Policy to clearly define its role and who is responsible for what.
- Subcommittees will be elected in the next CSPB in mid-October.