

DPFS report to Union Council

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Updates:

- **Annual Budgeting:** Annual budgeting has taken a twist because the app has just ceased to be able to function appropriately (only mildly infuriating...). I have worked with India to release an alternative method for MG1/2 and resolutions to be completed which ensures we will not be subjected to loss of data.
- **Web Policy:** We have recently reviewed our old web policy for CSPs within the Union, and it is clear that it is in major need of updating! I am working closely with India to develop this revised policy and have discussed this with CSPB.
- **Summer Ball:** We had our first Summer Ball events committee meeting. We have decided a theme (you'll have to wait and see what it is!) and have discussed points around headliners and activities for the event.
- **UCH Fire Safety:** I have been working closely with our Facilities, Health & Safety Manager to look at ensuring the Union Concert Hall fire safety precautions and equipment is fit-for-purpose.
- **UCH Bar Service:** I have worked closely with our Venues team to deliver a bar service for the Concert Hall for show season this term. We were unable to deliver for the first show, but have ensured it is implemented for the rest of the season. This has been a contentious point in the past with issues of lack of service during event nights in the venues.
- **Ethical Framework:** We have re-prioritised the work focuses in this area to ensure we can enable student input and focus groups where needed. We are working on developing the Ethical Framework report and policy first due to the operational implementations required. More information is in my objectives update about the Sustainability Strategy work.
- **SSB:** We have scheduled the meetings for the rest of the academic year, and a notification has now gone around the casual staff team for sign-ups for the other casual staff role on SSB. I will give an update on this sub-committee at the next Council meeting after our next meeting.
- **Commercial Review:** We have now made public the Commercial Review paper (which can be found here). We have launched our new EPOS system which will make our stock management and bar service far better and easier to managed for continued safety and the wishes for students to have the nights out they want to have.
- **Elections:** I have been doing multiple lecture shout-outs and drop-in sessions for candidates wishing to run in the Leadership Elections 22. If any of you would like to sit down with me and talk about running for any roles in the elections please do! (Obviously before the deadline of Friday 4th March - so make sure you read this before Council!)

Upcoming:

- CSP Annual Budgeting MG2
- Ethical Framework Consultation
- Summer Ball 2022 Budget, Tickets & Marketing

Objectives:

Objective 1: Union Sustainability - [In progress]

I mentioned above the Ethical Framework Policy, but the Sustainability Strategy work has been put aside for the moment, so we can focus on the former. We will work towards the end of the year to ensure the Union can ringfence funds for the next academic year to get experts in Sustainability to co-develop a strategy with us.

Objective 2: Developing a coherent lobbying agenda for Campus Services & Estates [Started] - Joint Objective with President

Not much has developed in this area in the last month due to prioritisation of other projects. I am working with the Director of Finance & Resources to review our food offering and initiate an open conversation with Campus Services about being able to supply a provision of hot food for postgraduate students in h-bar during evening service.

We will be meeting next week with different College stakeholders to discuss the re-opening of hBar hot food, evening service.

Objective 3: CSP Systems and Processes [Ongoing] - Joint Objective with DPCS

We have had major issues with the Annual Budgeting app for MG1 reviewing. We have provided an alternative route for this reviewing to occur that is far more reliable in this circumstance. We have benefited from the app functioning for the more difficult part which is allowing all CSPs to submit appropriate budgets for next year.

Objective 4: Commercial Review - [Ongoing]

As stated in my updates, we have now released the Commercial Review paper for everyone to see. We have also launched our EPOS system in the Venues and will be launching in the shop over the coming week. We have also started fully planning both our Security & Safety review and our casual staff review has been initiated.

Objective 5: Services & Sustainability Board [Started]

As stated above, I have initiated a review of SSB with the Representation team. We will be utilising SSB in the interim to be a key player in the projects surrounding the Ethical Framework. We have arranged the SSB meetings for the rest of the year, and have sent messages to the casual staff team encouraging them to sign up to sit on SSB.