

Deputy President (Finance & Services) Council Report

Proposer:

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1. Leave:

1.1. I have not taken any leave since last council

2. Budgeting:

2.1. We have now completed the appeals meeting

2.1.1. A higher than usual number of appeals were received meaning many of these were supported less than we would have liked

2.2. Overall, the entire budgeting process this year went significantly more quickly than last year

2.2.1. There is still a lot of work to be done on this

2.3. Now that we are back in term time we will be circulating something for feedback on the process and hoping to review it before the summer

3. Draught Tender:

3.1. The Union's Draught Supplier contract is up for renewal

3.2. I am working closely with the commercial services manager to meet all potential suppliers and we will take a decision on a renewal or new contract

3.3. Our primary aim is the best value for money for Students and our secondary concerns include:

3.3.1. Sponsorship for Summer Ball

3.3.2. Ancillary Event (such as beer festival) support

3.3.3. Partnerships for special offers

4. Summer Ball:

4.1. Progress on this continues

4.2. Announcement of our headliner will be on 1 May

4.3. I have been spending a lot of time chasing leads for sponsorship

4.3.1. As yet I have had little success

4.3.2. I am attempting to keep options open for broader sponsorship discussions as well as the summer ball.

5. Fund Education Fairly:

5.1. Significant work is going into this in the run up to the General Election

5.2. I have been in contact with all the candidates that we can find contact details for

5.3. We have asked them for a response on 3 Key Demands based on our Higher Education Funding Policy:

5.3.1. INCREASE Funding: Make student living affordable for all and reflect the true cost of living

5.3.2. REVERSE Fee Hikes: Stop saddling graduates with a lifetime of debts, without reducing support for Widening Participation

5.3.3. PROTECT International and Postgraduate Students: End the reliance on Extortionate International and Postgraduate Fees

5.4. Our first responses to this are already coming in and will be published alongside a 'Traffic Light' style rating system on our campaign page.

5.5. Please help advertise the campaign to your members and support it at www.imperialcollegeunion.org/campaigns/a-to-z/fund-education-fairly

5.5.1. You can also tweet using #FairFunding

5.5.2. And use the image below as an email signature

