Activities Forum

3. Chair's Report

Author(s): Tom Gordon — Deputy President (Activities)

Decision(s): To **note**

1. Subcommittee Updates

1.1 New Activities Committee

All approved groups (from December 2025) have now been sent their Starter Pack (included as a starred item in the paper pack), as well as their allocated student mentor. The deadline for the "fast-track" round is February 22, and the committee will meet soon after to finalise the New Activities Incubator (NAI) groups for 2025-26.

After the December meeting, I offered to meet with all rejected groups to discuss their application and whether they may be viable with a revised application. I have met with seven of these groups.

1.2 Activities Development Fund Committee

The Activities Development Fund committee met for its second session on February 10. The quality of applications was particulary high in this round, and every application submitted received partial or full funding. **So far this year, £39,007.87 has been allocated** — roughly double the amount allocated in the entire 2024-25 academic year.

The approved allocations were as follows:

Committee	Decision	Allocation	Description of allocation
SPC ACC Volleyball	Partially fund	£3,479.00	Support the creation and growth of a new M2's team, and entry into Student Cup.
CGCU Racing	Fully fund	£2,000.00	Materials for two sub-projects: a pneumatic shifter, and an electronic throttle control system.
CGCU Robotics	Fully fund	£1,216.00	Equipment for ~60 students to compete in UNIBOTS competition.
ICSMSU Water Polo	Fully fund	£300.00	Hire of a pool at the London Aquatic Centre for the UH cup.
REE RCC Mountaineering	Fully fund	£1,168.00	General top-up of annual grant to reflect 55% increase in memberships.

CTN USA	Partially fund	£208.87	Expenditure for Super Bowl watch party event.
CTN Italian	Fully fund	£289.00	Investment in equipment for pasta making.
SPF ACC Sailing	Partially fund	£575.00	Club won bid to host the prestigious BUSA Finals. Funding to support the event and prevent damage to boats.
CGCU Prototyping and Hacking	Fully fund	£2,300.00	Club has never received Grant funding. Funds allocated to support them in hosting workshops and purchase some initial equipment.
ICSMSU Medical Women's Federation	Partially fund	£430.00	Suture practice kits, CPR kit and female skin for CPR mannequin.
KNC Bioscience Review	Partially fund	£200.00	Support in printing physical copies of their Summer Term magazine.
KNE Sign Language	Partially fund	£3,000.00	Support in hiring interpreters for their Sign Language Conference.
		£15,365.87	

Following this ADF round, **£30,992.13 remains** in the fund to be allocated in Term 3.

More information on the process here:
https://imperialcollegeunion.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/101000533687.

1.3 Trips Fund Committee

The Round 2 Trips Fund application deadline was Febuary 6, with outcomes due by February 27. I will prepare the paper pack over the coming days, and look forward to meeting the Trips Fund committee soon.

£17,573 remains in the fund to be allocated in Terms 2 and 3. More information on the process:

https://imperialcollegeunion.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/101000533688-trips-fund

1.4 Harlington Committee

By way of a reminder, the membership of the Harlington Committee is as follows:

- Vice-Provost (Education and Student Experience)
- ICU President
- ICU Deputy President (Activities)
- Two former ICU Presidents
- ICU Activities Manager (Operations), in an advisory capacity

Initial screening is carried out by the Deputy President (Activities) before being passed onto the Committee. The Harlington Grants Fund Committee met for Round 1 on December 5, and successful applicants were informed on January 29. In some cases, a revised application was requested, and these were approved by Chair's action.

The Round 1 awards were as follows:

Committee	**Allocation**	**Description of allocation**
ICSMSU Lacrosse	£2,299.99	Ten STX Aero helmets to replace outdated stock.
SPM Kendo	£695.11	Repair and replace the club's shared armour sets (bogu), which have been in use for 28 years.
SPC Ice Hockey	£1,639.56	Assorted sticks, skates, and safety equipment to accommodate influx of new members.
REG RCC Chess	£946.85	New chess pieces, boards, and a DGT competition smartboard to supplement current stock.
ICSMSU Women's Hockey	£950.00	Kickers, hand pads, leg pads, and shorts masks.
SPF Football	£2,828.72	Ball launcher, first aid kits, as well as an assortment of training equipment.
CGCU Prototyping and Hacking	£3,000.00	Equipment to support First Order Robotics: a team building a fleet of autonomous football-playing robots.
ICSMSU Dance	£130.00	Two ballet barres to support new members.
SPM Tae Kwon Do	£772.80	25x kick paddles and forearm guards.
SPF Cricket	£4,794.00	Wicket cover to be used at Harlington and shared with other users.
SPF Baseball	£225.10	Practice net, base plates, and equipment bag.
ICSMSU Rugby	£269.00	Purchase of two kit bags.
ICSMSU Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières	£478.00	CPR Training Mannequin (to be shared with Remote Medicine), and Airway Management Training Mannequin.
ICSMSU Remote Medicine	£235.13	Wound packing and torniquet training kit, suture training pads, and a CPR training mannequin (funding provided to Friends of MSF for shared use).
REE RCC Mountaineering	£5,000.00	Ropes, helmets, harnesses, cams, sleeping mats, nuts, and belay devices to top up current inventory.
	£24,264.26	

The deadline for Harlington Round 2 is February 20, and the Committee will next meet on March 6. I will unfortunately need to send my apologies for this meeting, but will send a proxy in my place.

2 Student Experience Fund Update

For 2025-26, SEF launched on 23rd October. This was two weeks later than the launch of last year's fund, which opened on 9th October 2024.

Table 1: SEF usage comparison for Activities Forum 5, Activities Forum 4, and this time last year.

Date	Eligible students	Students having spent	Eligible students accessing the fund	Total allocation	Total spend	Proportion of pot spent
14/02/2026	2,393	1,009	42.2%	£130,380.00	£32,880.90	25.2%
05/01/2026	2,269	765	33.7%	£123,390.00	£22,009.53	17.8%
14/02/2025					*£29,803.55*	

The transition of Student Experience Fund to the new SUMS webshop will begin on the morning of Monday, 16 Feb, and complete on Tuesday, 17 Feb, This will allow for partial payments using SEF.

As senior student volunteers, please continue to spread awareness of the fund to your club and society leaders. To strengthen the case of expanding eligibility for the fund, it will really help if I can show that the fund is being well utilized.