

## **President's Report**

*A note by Serena Yuen – RCSU President*

This term has been, in general, a success for the RCSU. I feel that we have performed well and met expectations of our membership, however I know that we are not working at our full capacity. A significant, but by no means the main, factor is that we were without a VPO until mid November, meaning other members of the Exec had to make up for the missing committee member and were not able to perform to the best of our abilities. I took on the responsibility of acquiring sponsorship for the RCSU over the summer and successfully secured £7,700, which is, although more than last year's sponsorship, still not enough to make up for the reduced amount of carried-over SGI compared to previous years. However, with Nas recently elected, we can move forward quickly and efficiently ready for next term.

### Events

We have held several traditional events (such as the Balls and Freshers Fortnight events) as well as the first Tri-Union event of the year, selling out Metric. The Balls have both been popular, and seemed to be well enjoyed. However, we will be rethinking how and where our Summer Ball will be held as we feel that a change is needed from the usual proceedings.

We have had several ideas for events, which unfortunately did not materialise in time for this term. The feasibility of these events, including Comedy/Jazz nights and a trip to Europe, happening will be considered in the coming weeks. We are also enthusiastic for RCSU Sports Clubs to be re-introduced, either by bringing clubs back from dormancy, or by applying to NAC to start new clubs such as Netball. The focus of these clubs would be to allow members to play sports casually, with matches and practice sessions every few weeks, for example.

Finally, we will be aiming to work with the CGCU and RSMU again next term, for a possible sports day and further social events.

### Operations

The Operations Board have worked impressively as they were not given as much attention as they should have been if there was an active VPO for most of the term. Starting the term with the Freshers' Handbook, Ben has worked hard throughout the term only to end it off with a spectacular issue of Broadsheet. I hope the new direction of combining the science, society and arts will give the publication a new beginning. Good progress is being on the new RCSU Website, after a few initial complications, and we are hoping it will be ready to launch soon.

In terms of representation, Zoe has been working closely with the Dep Reps and Year Reps to produce a new Representation handbook, with guidelines and help on how to complete their roles, and has collaborated with the Faculty to discuss increasing the availability of Panopto across the Faculty.

The Science Challenge Launch was held at the beginning of December, where the four judges introduced their questions and various ICU Societies had stalls and provided demonstrations. Both the number of signups and the turnout were not as high as we would have liked, and this is thought to be due to the fact that publicity for the Science Challenge was slightly compromised by the Tri-Union Bar night. Our aim now is to ensure we get as many entries as possible over the coming months from students across Imperial, and especially School children from around the UK. We will be working closely with Outreach to advertise the competition to schools.

I am confident that next term we will be able to exceed expectations and work together to improve the RCSU and introduce new services which will hopefully stay for years to come.