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### **Profile**

Increasing the profile of sport is the main aim for this year, by doing so participation is increased and the level of professionalism is enhanced. This year is showing record amounts of participation with the intra mural programme set to benefit. The AU has agreed to the idea of branding and generic kit which will enhance raising the profile of sport across campus.

### **Pre season week**

Pre season week was on the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> involving 7-8 clubs and over 100 people. Sports science provided free support for all clubs and sports and rec have given us the facilities for free. Has been a bit haphazard in its approach but will learn for next year to get more people involved, starting preparation earlier will be the key. As a direct result

### **Budgets**

Ongoing! Having spent time on them throughout the last couple of weeks they are looking a little bit healthier but there is still a long way to go before they are finalised. One point of note is that membership minimum has risen to £20 to make the numbers look more attractive.

### **AU exec**

Am currently working on what it is the AU exec should do and the roles they should have. In previous years the AU exec has not worked to its full potential, something I want to change. To encourage a more active AU exec I plan to introduce portfolios and proper training linked to set jobs they will have.

### **Sport science support**

Following the success of pre season week, sport science has agreed to help some AU clubs. It was originally agreed that 4-5 clubs would receive support but through high levels of interest 12 teams will now be benefiting.