DPEW Report

A note by the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) - Kirsty Patterson

Summer Training

Don't forget to tell your successors (if and when you have one) to keep the 2nd July free for training. FU Presidents, keep the 3rd July free too!

Library Complaints

The Science Museum Library are trialling two late opening evenings a week for the rest of May following complaints received. These will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 7pm. Please, please use this space. If it is not utilised then it will disappear again.

Disabilities Forums

The College Equalities and Diversity Officer is holding a number of consultations with disabled students which will be facilitated by an external consultant and feed into new policies and procedures for helping and supporting student's with disabilities throughout their time at Imperial. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to attend or do not want to declare a disability then please get in touch with myself for advice and information about the events. For numbers and catering reasons please respond to c.yates@imperial.ac.uk or phone 020 7594 5558. The forums are on the following days and are all on Level 3 of the Sherfield Building, South Kensington:

Tuesday 27th May from 10:00-13:00 Room 311 Tuesday 27th May from 14:00-16:00 Room 307b Monday 2nd June from 10.00-14.00 Room 311 Monday 2nd June from 14.00-16.00 Room 311

Strategic Education Committee

RWB has now seen two draft forms of this presentation and lots of helpful feedback has been received. Meetings are planned with members of the Strategic Education Committee before the presentation on the 27th May to discuss the issues that we will be presenting on. Support is being gathered from academics on the proposals that are being made.

Meetings

Meetings are back! Since the last meeting of Council I have attended the Student Experience Stream, the Quality and Academic Review Committee, Humanities Committee, Careers Advisors Committee, Senate, Assessment Feedback Working Group and a Summer SOLE Steering panel.

I have also chaired two meetings of RWB and another successful Halls Committee which brought up some useful questions and problems with staff from Residences. Thanks to Alex Grisman and Tim Wills who accompanied me to QARC where we brought up lots of relevant questions on the papers being presented. Also thanks to the RCSU Dep Reps who attended the SOLE Meeting who participated very well in the discussion about increasing the participation rate in Summer SOLE.

I am out all day tomorrow at an Away Day on the Student Experience. This involves a presentation that I will be doing at lunchtime on some of the worst areas of the Student Experience. This will cover non-academic issues that affect students and how they enjoy their time at Imperial. I am discussing customer service, the business attitude and membership and community involvement.

Individual Case Work

The Student Advisor, Nigel Cooke, is due back on the 22nd May so I am trying to tie up loose ends with Casework and preparing a report for the College Welfare Committee on the cases that I have been covering.

All exam invigilators have been made aware of the importance of reminding students that they cannot take notes into exams for whatever reason after a number of instances were flagged up to Registry and the Union. Please remind people not to do this, it is an exam offence even if you simply forget that you had them with you.