

Deputy President (Education and Welfare) Report -
A Note by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare))

Case notes training

In the move to improve the advice service we offer, case notes will now be contained on a secure database that will have shared access for people who are working on particular casework. There is the ability to upload files, add notes on progress, record appointments and share your progress with each other. We will also be able to print off anonymous reports periodically showing, for example, which departments students are from or what types of cases are coming up most frequently.

Zohair Update

Since the last Council meeting, the Islamic Society have composed letters to consulates in the UK and in Jerusalem which were sent on by the Union. Jenny also emailed David Miliband and David Lamy explaining the situation. The Rector granted permission to extend the period for his arrival but due to a number of hurdles it is looking less and less likely that he will be able to arrive this year. We are going to work with College on facilitating his arrival to the UK next year.

Undergraduate Admissions Committee

A* Grades at A Level were discussed- many departments are going to make this a part of their offer now. Also discussed was the pilot entrance examinations- they had asked 2nd years from some departments to trial this which has had mixed reactions from students.

Engineering and Science Studies Committee

This is the forum in which aspects of all courses within these 2 faculties are discussed and decisions made. Issues that were brought up by students were trying to ensure that new courses are run by established lecturers, making software programmes accessible on more computers and examiners reports.

GSLSM

The PRES (Postgraduate Research Experience Survey) results have been compiled. Worryingly, there were students who said the frequency at which they were meeting their supervisor was lower than desired and some students said they would not recommend Imperial to friends for Research. One thing that came up quite frequently was the lack of a Postgraduate Community, which is something we are addressing within the GSA.

QARC

Discussed were having 'senior tutors' available in each department who female students would be able to approach if they found it difficult talking to a male about a particular problem.

Rector meeting

Jenny and I met with the Rector and he has given his approval for the Prayer Room expansion. He has also said the College would like to get involved with Green Week this year and will write to some potential speakers on our behalf.

Condoms

We are set up with the PCT as a primary provider of sexual health resources. We can now order condoms in large quantities along with a range of sexual health leaflets and demonstration tools for no charge. This was previously done through the health centre with a much more limited range of products.

SHAG Week

SHAG Week is happening next week. For more details visit www.imperialcollegeunion.org/shag.

Patient Participation Group

We talked about the postcodes that the Health Centre covers and what students should do if they lie outside of these postcodes. Also discussed was sexual health testing- Chlamydia screening should be in place in the next few months. Another thing that keeps coming up is students not turning up for their appointments. It has been suggested that a reminder service is set up so that students remember to either turn up or cancel.

Outreach

Teachfirst are organising an outreach event at Imperial on the 24th. They are keen to get students down to encourage students to go to uni. If you're interested please email me!