11 February 2014 Agenda Item

<u>Deputy President (Education) Report- 11 March</u> *A report by Natalie Kempston*

1. Leave

Since the last council I have taken 3 days leave.

2. Student Experience Survey Response

I wrote one of the 4 chapters in the SES Response- Academic Support. I analysed the data provided by Marissa and came up with some recommendations based on student comments. This should be available for you to see soon!

3. Business School extending lecture hours

The Business School has permission to extend lecture hours until 9pm on Monday and Tuesday for some PGT students. This is due to not having enough teaching spaces for their courses. I am consulting with the Faculty Operating Officer for the Business School and all the business school reps to come up with the best possible solution. Both staff and students aren't best pleased with this- but this was more popular than the other options of weekend teaching or teaching starting at 8am. I am trying to reverse this decision or at worst negotiate the best possible terms for those finishing at 9pm, such as not starting til 12pm the next day after a 9pm finish, and rotating between courses so you only have a few 9pm finished per term.

4. Student Academic Choice Awards (SACAs) nominations closed!

In the last few weeks I stepped up publicity, including flyering all over campus and the dreaded all student email! We managed a total of 600 nominations over the 8 categories, more than last year. The first decision/short-listing panel was yesterday. These panels were drawn together from reps and sabbatical officers, both PGT/R and UGs.

5. Rep Conference 2014

The day was attended by about 70 people- we were hoping for about 100. Despite lower turnout than we wanted the day was a success! It brought together staff and students... Opening speech, did a breakout session. Day was really well received by everyone who attended. Blogs/news article/felix article will be going up soon!

6. Rep Week

Rep Week ran from 17-21 February. Different departments held their own stalls so the red t-shirts would've been seen by more people. Prize winners have been contacted.

7. NSS 2014 Promotion

This is continuing! I'm sending nagging emails and updating the beautiful graph on the union website. 7 departments are over 80% now, and promotion has begun in Life Sciences. Survey closes 30 April.

8. Committees attended:

- Science Studies Committee
- Senate
- eLearning Strategy Committee
- Vice Provost Advisory Group for Education
- Student Enterprise Steering Board
- Faculty of Engineering Reps meeting
- 11 hours of CSPB budgeting!!!!!!!!!!!