

Council Report 10 March 2015

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Rep Conference

The Rep Conference, titled "Feedback at Imperial", was held on 11 February with over 40 students and staff attending. We had two break out sessions and a discussion panel. The conference was well received by everyone and we are currently writing up a report that summarises the discussions and thoughts. We have also identified some points that we will improve for the next conference.

SACAs

The SACAs nominations closed on 13 February with over 800 nominations. Our target was to get 700 nominations so we are quite pleased with the outcomes. We are currently in the middle of shortlisting together with some dep reps and AWOs the candidates and identifying the winner. We will film the nominators next week and reveal the shortlistees over the coming weeks.

SSC Forum

In order to capture what was discussed during the SSCs in the Autumn and Spring terms I have asked the Dep Reps to send me three key themes from their departments. The findings were compiled and the two most common themes were lecture recordings and feedback. These findings and other SSC themes were presented together with Dep Reps and Ethan Butler to Debra and other members of the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee on 25 February. The discussion during the meeting was found really helpful by the committee members and the Reps and we are now going to hold these discussions annually.

Lecture Recording

I've been trying to meet with members of the University and College Union (UCU) who are holding an opposing opinion regarding lecture recordings. I've had a brief discussion with Anita Hall, who is a member of UCU, and I will be invited to their committee to find solutions together.

PG Representation Structure

I've met with various Director of Postgraduate Studies (DPS) to identify weakpoints and ideas regarding the PG Representation Structure. I will soon meet with the PGT and PGR Reps.

NSS Promotion

The NSS will close in less than two months and the Dep Reps, DUGS and I are currently looking into how we can promote the NSS further. The response rate can be found [here](#).

UROP Focus Group

I held a UROP Focus Group together with some Reps to identify which areas need improvements. The recommendations that we reached will be presented to the College soon and I will organise another meeting with the Reps and the Elspeth Farrar from the Careers Service.

Timetabling Project

The College has undertaken a lot of work on timetabling and the usage of rooms. I have worked together with John Crook to organise a drop-in sessions for Reps and students to come by and share their opinions regarding this.

Education Day

The Education Day is taking place on 11 Wednesday and is a conference organised by the Kate and Jo from the Education Unit of the College. The theme this year is "Students in Partnership" and will focus on feedback, course design and supervision. I have helped Kate and Jo to promote the conference amongst the reps and the design of the conference. I will be present on the day to facilitate break-in sessions and answering questions on a panel.

Cyber Security Campaign

The Representation and Campaigns Coordinator and I took part in a focus group that was discussing the Cyber Security campaign of the College. The campaign's aim is to promote awareness on how to stay secure in a digital environment.

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