

Deputy President (Education) report to Union Council

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Hi all, I'm Ashley, your new DPE this year! In case you're not aware, I've been a PhD student (a.k.a. PGR student!) in the Civil and Environmental Engineering department for a few years and wanted to take some time out to be DPE (currently on an interruption of studies). Formerly, I was a teacher for a few years, too, so expect to bring this experience!

It's been a busy and fruitful summer and hopefully this report will give you an idea of what I've been up to.

Highlights:

- Settling in
- NSS Response 2019
- PRES Response 2019

College Meetings & Prep	Student + Union Meetings & Prep	Education/personal project work (major goals)	Other matters
22%	30%	45%	3%

Updates:

- Handover with predecessors, Jul 15 - Jul 26; training Jul 15 - Aug 2.
- **NSS Response 2019** (please read full report [here](#))
 - Consulted and collaborated with reps
 - Report highlighted lack of **parity of student experience** and the **interconnectedness of issues**
 - **16 Recommendations** to College across 8 categories/areas (e.g. Teaching on the Course, Learning Opportunities, etc.)
 - Well-received at Faculty Education Committees, and Learning & Teaching Committee
 - Recommendations presented at, and endorsed by, the Provost's Board
 - Referred to **NSS/PTES/PRES Working Group** for actioning
- **Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) Response 2019** (produced every other year) currently being worked on in collaboration with GSU/PGR reps

Upcoming:

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) Response 2019 will be completed soon and presented to the Postgraduate Research Quality Committee (PRQC) on 23 Oct

Key goals:

Goal 1: NSS & PRES Response – **NSS complete, PRES in progress**

- Consult and collaborate with appropriate reps
- Write response (& recommendations) to NSS and PRES surveys asap in order to send to relevant committees
- Send, present, discuss at appropriate (senior) College committees

Goal 2: Assessment & Feedback – **Beginning**

- Ensure clear assessment criteria and quality, timely feedback
- NSS recommendations regarding Assessment and Feedback will be discussed and worked out, to move toward implementation, at the NSS Working Group
- Will require **input** from the **Education and Representation Board** along the way

Goal 3: Student Engagement in Curriculum Review – **Not yet started**

- College rolling out new curricula across many (most) UG programmes (degrees) — and some PGT programmes, particularly in Faculty of Medicine — and will require ongoing input and review from student reps
- College undertaking PGT curriculum review, and will require student consultation
- Will require **input** from the **Education and Representation Board**, and many reps, along the way

Goal 4: Postgraduate Research Student Experience – **In progress**

- **Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) Response 2019** will be completed soon and presented to the Postgraduate Research Quality Committee (PRQC) on 23 Oct
- Recommendations will also be taken to the **NSS/PTES/PRES Working Group**
- Ensure services/communications/activities (both from the College and the Union) are targeted specifically at PGR students to increase sense of belonging and wellbeing
- Will require **input** from the **GSU**, and many **PG reps**, and **PGs**, more generally along the way

Thanks for reading and I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon! Please do get in touch!

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