

**Deputy President (Education) report to Council**  
**A note by Alex Dahinten**

**Holidays**

Happy New Year! Hope all of you had a great little holiday and as I'm sure all of you are dying to know, I had a wonderfully snowy Christmas break back home in Frankfurt. I took the first few days back off, and therefore have been doing a lot of catch up until now.

**SOLE**

The SOLE participation for this August survey has been incredibly successful. Together with the AAOs/AWOs and student reps we managed to considerably raise participation in most UG departments. PG SOLE ran for the first time and the rates were promising, however need further improvement in the future. A SOLE awareness campaign was run for the first time, and was well received by students.

For the Autumn SOLE participation results see Appendix.

**Working Group on Extending the College Day**

By the time Council meets, I will have sat on a working group looking to extend the College day. If you have not yet heard about this proposal, please read the paper on it (matter for report). This document has been seen by most of you and thank you to everyone who contributed. If you have any recommendations or would like to voice any issues which are not included in the response, please email [dpeducation@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:dpeducation@imperial.ac.uk).

I will give Council a brief update of what was discussed at the meeting.

**National Student Survey (NSS)**

The NSS survey opened on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. This year we have decided to go with the earliest possible start; usually students can only begin filling out the survey in February. Since most students have had/ are having exams now, promotion will begin around February time. This will include branded posters, pens and coasters (provided by the NSS guys) as well as a daily updated participation bar chart which will be available on the Union webpage. I will try to construct a similar campaign around the NSS as was done with SOLE and hopefully that will make a difference to the participation. The goal this year is get a participation rate of 60% for every department.

The survey will run until April; please begin spreading the word to your peers, and fill it out if you haven't done so already - [www.thestudentsurvey.com](http://www.thestudentsurvey.com).

**Feedback Policy**

It's getting there, slowly. Due to other commitments I've had to put this on hold, however hope to have a presentable draft in the next few days. Once again thank you to those which contributed so far. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January I am meeting with College Staff to show it to them, so it will be done latest by then. Once a final draft is complete, I would like to bring it to RWB and Council for consideration before it can pass within College.

**Appendix**

UG SOLE

Department (UG)	2010 Autumn Participation Rate	2009 Autumn Participation Rate	Δ
Earth Science & Engineering	100%	99%	-1%
Bioengineering	84%	69%	-15%
Joint Maths and Computing	83%	79%	-4%
Materials	77%	75%	-2%
Medicine	75%	80%	5%
Life Sciences	74%	70%	-4%
Computing	72%	63%	-9%
Mathematics	67%	41%	-26%
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	64%	63%	-1%
Civil and Environmental Engineering	63%	64%	1%
Chemical Engineering	62%	61%	-1%
Mechanical Engineering	62%	68%	6%
Aeronautics	61%	64%	3%
Physics	61%	52%	-9%
Chemistry	56%	51%	-5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>3%</b>

Life Sciences Degree Streams (UG)	2010 Autumn Participation Rate	2009 Autumn Participation Rate	Δ
Biomedical Science	77%	52%	-25%
Biochemistry	77%	71%	-6%
Biology	71%	75%	4%

Business School BEST Modules	59%	52%	-7%
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Humanities Modules	66%	60%	-6%
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PG SOLE

Department/Division	Participation Rate
Bioengineering	78%
Sustainable Energy Futures	70%
Mechanical Engineering	69%
Chemical Engineering	67%
Earth Science & Engineering	63%
Computing	56%
Humanities	51%
Physics	50%
Biology	40%
Centre for Environmental Policy	36%
Chemistry	36%
Aeronautics	33%
Mathematics	33%
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	32%
Molecular Biosciences	28%
Materials	24%
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>49%</b>