

Deputy President (Education) Report

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College Council Away Day

The President and two other students and I were invited to attend College Council Away Day (for the first time). There were some interesting discussions regarding the strategy we should use for Accommodation, Teaching, Feedback, Bursaries and Scholarships. It was refreshing to see the most senior members of Imperial College and several world leaders care so much about the student experience.

SOLE

SOLE was launched on 5th December and finishes 16th December. Posters for You Said We Did are up and I have plenty more I'll be saving for Spring and Summer SOLE as well as the NSS. For more information please read my section in Felix this week which is also online on my blog and attached as appendix 1: www.union.ic.ac.uk/blogs/2011/12/08/autumn-sole-and-student-representation/

Helping Students Adapt

Debriefed on what went well and what went not as well. Discussed long-term strategy and scalability of the project as well as beginning planning for our next event in February.

London Mayoral Election

Scott and I have been attending meetings with other London Student Unions to put together a manifesto for students in London for the Mayoral candidates to consider. After much discussion we have a good idea of what it will contain and when it's finished Scott and I will present it to council.

Notable Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
16/11/2011	ICT User Advisory Panel (ICTAP)	Update and discussions on future ICT services, including discussions on the expansion of Imperial Mobile, 3D printing, expansion of internet connectivity, electronic timetables on Outlook and more.
17/11/2011	Master's Quality Committee (MQC)	
18/11/2011	London GLA Election Discussion	Meeting at Kings College London to expand on final selected points under "Crime", "Employment", "Housing" and "Transport".
22/11/2011	Quality Assurance Advisory Committee (QAAC)	

23/11/2011	Lunch with the Rector	
24/11/2011	Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC)	Discussed the potential impact the proposed methodology of Post-Qualification Admissions could have on the college and UK as a whole – hugely negatively at the moment.
25/11/2011	e-Learning Strategy Committee (e-LSC)	
25/11/2011	College Council Away Day	
29/11/2011	VLE Review	
30/11/2011	Education Day	
01/12/2011	Representation and Welfare Forum (RAF)	
02/12/2011	Student Charter Discussions	
06/12/2011	Science Studies Committee	
07/12/2011	Postgraduate Open Day	
08/12/2011	Helping Student Adapt De-brief and planning	
09-10/12/2011	Aldwych – Widening Participation	

Appendix

The first SOLE of the academic year (third of 2011) is now LIVE! (www.imperial.ac.uk/sole)
The Student Online Evaluation (SOLE) Survey is designed to gather information from undergraduate students on their lecture modules in the term that has passed.
It provides vital information for students, staff and the Union; this information allows us to acknowledge courses which are well run, and address issues which need to be taken care of.

Give constructive, anonymous feedback on lectures and labs

SOLE runs once a term and is one of the few chances you will get to give constructive, anonymous feedback on lectures and labs that will help mould your course for future students. It only takes a few minutes to make a real difference, so do the right thing....fill in SOLE at www.imperial.ac.uk/SOLE (plus the top three departments with the highest participation get money for their DepSoc).

Student Representation

You may have seen the “You Said, We Did” posters around campus asking you to fill in SOLE. But even though I’m trying to convince you to all do SOLE, it’s important to bear in mind that SOLE has helped improve the teaching of your course, but not the wider student experience. All of the improvements to the student experience seen on these posters come directly from Student Representation.

SOLE is just one part of student representation, focused on improving lectures and labs. The other, hugely significant, way for us to improve our student experience via Student Representation is by fully utilising our Year and Dep Reps.


If you can think of something to improve not only your own, but also future students experience at Imperial College contact your year rep and/or dep rep to make sure it's discussed at Student-Staff Committees, from which your recommendation can be enacted on.

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If you don't believe me, read the posters for examples. They include providing your timetables on your Imperial Outlook, getting microwaves in departments for students to use, getting reading weeks, spacing out exams more, getting Apple iMacs for app development, getting more social spaces, getting more computer rooms and more! None of these changes would've been possible without Student Representation.

So make sure you're fully utilising the year and dep rep positions and make sure you fill in SOLE before it closes on Friday 16th December.

Mechanical Engineering

“YOU SAID”  There was not enough computer room space.


WE DID

We created an awesome new computer room on level 2.

Help mould your course/Have your voice heard. Filling in SOLE is one of your main chances to give constructive, anonymous feedback on your course, It only takes a few minutes to make a real difference for the better.

Make a difference, fill in SOLE at
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