

Deputy President (Education) Report

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Rep Planning

I've met one-on-one with nearly every single rep now to discuss representation. Together we have produced plans for every department rep, shared best practise, helped form ideas for the future and collected some of the accomplishments already made this year.

My long term plan will have these published online for all students to view and communicate to the dep reps and AAO's on something similar to the current Sabbatical Blogs (www.union.ic.ac.uk/blogs). This has potential for reps to blog to students as well as having "random representation success" (like the "fact attack" we have currently) for the accomplishments mentioned earlier (already being used for my "You Said We Did" campaigns around campus).

Rep Week

I have printed several different posters per department for reps to put up around the departments (Appendix B). The JCR has been booked for Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. T-shirts have been ordered for all reps to wear while working on stand. There will be 5 people at all times, 3 on stand and 2 using iPads to get final years to fill in the NSS. We have "You Said, We Did" posters, "NoteBox" launch and "NSS" flyers. We have suggestion boxes to gather ideas for each department/Union in exchange for free sweeties. There will also be stands in department foyers arranged by dep reps and AAOs.

NSS Update

We are now at **27%** total participation, which is 2% higher than this time last year. We are also doing better than the sector average (which is 23%). Three departments have passed 50%, Chem Eng, BioMed and ESE (unsurprisingly, already on 96%) – Appendix C

I've contacted all the DUGS and HoDs and final year students to keep pushing, we want to hit our 50% MINIMUM completion as soon as possible (before Ipsos Mori start pestering our students by ringing them up). The student body need to keep pushing though, it's crucial we get the highest participation as possible (personally my aim is 80% per department).

NSS T-shirts have been ordered for final year reps (although if you want one – come get one from me – just make sure you wear it!).

Calendar Lowlights – Appendix A

Date	Meeting	Notes
13/01/2012	Periodic Review of UG Civil Engineering	Full day (external examination) periodic review of UG Civil Engineering
16/01/2012	ISE Rep Planning	Renaming of ISE, improve feedback (lecturers take responsibility), clickers and Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (UTA's)
17/01/2012	Civ Eng Rep Planning	UTA's, Buddy Scheme, Feedback, Video Podcasting, Exam Questions, Good Practise
17/01/2012	Quality Assurance Advisory Committee	3 hours of fun. Student Charter progress –delivery method, revision of roles and responsibilities of various college positions, Key Information Sets, Student Surveys Update and a whole lot more on regulations.
18/01/2012	Meeting with Pro Rector (Education)	Discussions on general educational areas.
18/01/2012	Prevent Workshop	I was the only brown person in the room....awkward.
18/01/2012	Chinese Ambassador	A talk by the Chinese Ambassador to the UK on Innovation. It was interesting – very...politically correct.
18/01/2012	GSA Exec	Second PhD Movie showing and Hammersmith facilities for PG students
19/01/2012	Biology Rep Planning	Mark schemes, online timetabling, effective buddy scheme, exam feedback
19/01/2012	Computing Rep Planning	Freshers handbook/video, open academic forum with DUGS, sofa in common room etc.
19/01/2012	Representation and Welfare Board (RWB)	DPE and DPW reports, RAF and WOF updates, passed podcasting and OpenCourseWare (blended learning) policies and Exhibition Road
20/01/2012	Mayoral Election	Went to LSE, finalised manifesto and discussed plans for Launch Event and Mayoral Hustings.
20/01/2012	ESE Rep Planning	ESE are already an excellent department so they have lots of best practise to share (especially on feedback). Also plan to get 100% on SOLE & NSS
22/01/2012	NoteBox Rebranding	Met with Union Sysadmin (Pual) to make edits to rebrand Union Wiki to NoteBox and website (www.thenotebox.co.uk).
23/01/2012	Election Planning	Discussions on the 2012 Union BIG Elections.
23/01/2012	Medicine Rep Planning	AAO 1,2 &GE – Steve Tran
24/01/2012	Materials Rep Planning	Neoh Kai
24/01/2012	BioChem Rep Planning	Faris Mustafa – issues with exam results
24/01/2012	Mech Eng Rep Planning	Sam Cooper and Leonardo Paoli – microwaves
24/01/2012	VLE Usability Testing	Alongside 6 other students I piloted the student usability of Blackboard 9.0 and Desire2Learn.
25/01/2012	Library Meeting	Sabbaticals discuss plans with library covering journal pricing success, safety and entrance.
25/01/2012	Head of ICT	Met with head of ICT to discuss setting up a student ICT group/forum for ideas to be run past and to

		gather opinions and analyse student demand.
25/01/2012	Chemistry Rep Planning	Douglas Hunt – 2 SSC’s a term
25/01/2012	FoNS Action Plan	Me and Scott meet with FoNS FTC Chair (Alan Spivey) and Maggie Dallman to discuss faculty action plan (by request from Sir Keef Sweet Potatoes).
26/01/2012	Rep Week Planning	Invited all dep reps to give ideas for rep week and to give them a brief. T-shirts specific for NSS (last year reps), dep reps and other year reps came out as well as poster ideas and sticking with the tagline “love your rep” and Twitter hastag “#loveyourrep” or “#icurepweek”
26/01/2012	Executive Committee	Nothing of representation significance.
27/01/2012	Student Enterprise Planning	Planning for events at the potential launch date of student enterprise hub.
27/01/2012	CGCU FRC Meeting	Discussions on awarding BSc for those who failed final MSci year and also potentially providing MSc to students in addition to BSc instead of just MSci
31/01/2012	Physics Rep Planning	Feedback issues, course teaching, microwaves etc.
31/01/2012	Aero Rep Planning	
02/02/2012	Postgraduate Quality Committee	
02/02/2012	Business Imperial	Introduction by David Begg (head of the business school).
03/02/2012	Integrated Master’s Working Party	Discussion of plausibility of “intercalated masters” – unique to the UK – being innovative in this area – however long list of complications.
03/02/2012	Undergraduate Admissions Committee	0.1% reduction in applications not too worrying. Increase in overseas numbers, decrease in EU, mild decrease in UK.
06/02/2012	Elections Meeting	BIG elections planning
06/02/2012	e-Learning Strategy Committee	e-LSC passed Panopto video podcasting. Proposal for management board is next to be written, fingers crossed. We will plan a rollout for this system with an aim to move forward in the Spring.
07/02/2012	Medical Studies Committee	
08/02/2012	RCSU Academic and Welfare Board	
09-11/02/2012	Bristol	I was away at Aldwych conference for these dates.
13/02/2012	Meeting with Julia Buckingham (Pro Rector)	
13/02/2012	First rep week stall	
13/02/2012	Admissions, Strategy and Policy Committee	

Appendix B

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13 - 18 February
Materials

“YOU SAID” There aren't sufficient computing facilities.

WE DID The computer room has been refurbished.

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Appendix C

