

## **Deputy President (Education) Report**

*A report by Douglas Hunt*

Between 09/03/13 – 22/04/13 I have been up to the following:

### **Alternative prospectus**

I have so far received over two thirds of the contributions needed for every UG subject Imperial offers. I plan to work with Paul and Tim in securing the subjects I don't currently have.

### **International Mobility Survey 2012 Response**

ICU's IMS 2012 Response was passed on behalf of the Executive Committee and has already had over 1000 views online. All the relevant staff across College and the students who filled it in were emailed when it was finished. I organised follow-up meetings with key members of staff to discuss our recommendations since then. It is also great to know that due to me lobbying Imperial has set up an IROP scheme with Nanyang Technological University, Hong Kong University (initially only for Computing, Civil Engineering and EEE) Seoul National University (initially only for Physics) and MIT (initially only for Physics and Materials). I have been told that these IROPs will be supported by a generous bursary, while the International Relations Office and certain Departments are keen to set more IROP partnerships up.

At Imperial's Education Day, I gave a 20 minute presentation on the IMS 2012 Survey to the College's key academic staff, which was well received.

### **Student Academic Choice Awards**

I have worked with Union staff on the Student Academic Choice Awards (awards for staff and GTAs that are picked entirely by the students). I picked the selection panels, which were made up of academic reps and ERB members, while 5 of the 8 panels are chaired by me. I have shortlisted my 6-8 nominees for each of the 5 awards and will wait to see who the other selection panel members have shortlisted, to reach our final shortlisted nominees. I have found the number of nominations overwhelming and I have found it very hard to get from 115 nominations to 8 in one award category, which I feel shows how many great academics are here at Imperial.

### **Russell Group**

The Russell Group wanted their Student Unions to tell them about the activities they run that directly help those outside their student body. I therefore contacted all of the charitable societies asking them to tell me what they have achieved in the last 12 months and used the replies to create a report for the Russell Group, which they will hopefully use in one of their reports.

### **SSC Summary**

I have been working with Zoe and Andrew on collecting the SSC papers and creating a summary on them over the Easter holidays. The summary report will be placed on the ICU website, presented at College's Quality Assurance & Enhancement Committee and ICU's ERB.

### **Dep Rep and Dep Soc training**

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I have been working with Union staff on separate Dep Rep and Dep Soc training sessions and booklets, which include handover checklists. We will be delivering 2 separate sessions to them, where I will focus on Mums & Dads 2013, which I have already started planning.

### **Exam dates**

After emailing each department's examinations officer, I have collected all of the UG exam dates, so the bar can be adequately staffed and so the Union can plan our events around them.

### **Conferences**

I attended three conferences in this time: Quality Assurance Agency's annual conference in Edinburgh (please read my blog for details), Internationalisation of Higher Education (this helped shape my talk at Imperial's Education Day) and Engagement Unconference (this was at the University of Kingston, which centred on student engagement).

### **Surveys**

I have pushed 4 surveys over Easter (SOLE [both UG, PG], PRES and NSS) and this year we managed to get the highest participation rate ever achieved in UG SOLE within the Autumn and Spring terms (see one of my blogs for more details). The SOLE webpage I created and updated received thousands of unique views, while the NSS page has also attracted a similar number of unique views, as academics and reps are using it to track their subject's progress.

### **Next year's academic reps**

After working with Union staff and through emailing current year reps, all of next year's Rep positions are filled - including the JMC Dep Rep position!

### **Debra's strategy**

I organised a dinner with the GSA reps and Debra so she could discuss the next stage of her education and student strategy, while also inviting all the academic reps (both UG and PG) to a updated talk Debra was giving in April. The white paper will be completed by July and Debra would like to give another update to the academic reps in November.

### **Holiday**

When the College was mainly closed, I went on a lovely holiday in Croatia (and a tiny bit of Bosnia) around the Easter period.

### **Attended various College meetings and committees**

- 11/03/13 – Meeting with the Library Management staff
- 11/03/13 – Meeting with Adrian Hawksworth – Registry
- 12/03/13 – Quality Assurance Agency Conference in Edinburgh
- 13/03/13 – Careers Advisory Service Committee
- 13/03/13 – Engineering Studies Committee
- 18/03/13 – Master's Quality Committee (Humanities, Life Sciences and Medicine)
- 19/03/13 – Rector's telethon meeting
- 20/03/13 – Meeting with Debra Humphris and Simon Harding-Roots
- 21/03/13 – Master's Quality Committee (Business, Engineering and Physical Sciences)

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21/03/13 – PG Rep dinner with Debra Humphris  
03/04/13 – Meeting with Nazia Hirjee, FoNS  
08/04/13 – ICT Support Meeting  
09/04/13 – FoNS UG open day workshop  
10/04/13 – Meeting with Adrian Hawksworth – Registry  
11/04/13 – Meeting with James Stirling, Imperial's new Provost  
16/04/13 – Usability session on the new student information system  
17/04/13 – Meeting with Helen Challis – International Relations Office  
18/04/13 – Debra Humphris' talk on her green paper  
19/04/13 – ICT's iCalendar demonstration  
22/04/13 – Imperial's Education Day