

Deputy President (Education) Report

A report by Douglas Hunt

Between 23/04/13 – 20/05/13 I have been up to the following:

Student Academic Choice Awards

I chaired 5 of the selection panels and the sheer number of student nominations that praised academics, support staff and Graduate Teaching Assistants was heart-warming. I personally found it very hard to narrow 115 staff down to 6 for one of the awards. I have also been working with Union staff with respect to the operational side of the SACAs and inviting College members of staff to the event. The awards ceremony is on 21/05/13 and hopefully my speech will be well received.

Interim SSC Summary 2012-13

I have worked with the representation coordinator in producing the Staff-Student Committee Summary, which encapsulates what takes place across the 86 committees, gives key recommendations and cites good practice. This document will be presented at the College's Quality Assurance Committees and placed on our website. If there are any corrections to be made, we will make them for the final annual report, which will be presented by my successor in November 2013.

Dep Rep training

For the first time this year the incoming Dep Reps have been trained, where 12 attended and I personally would have found this really useful, when I was incoming Chemistry Dep Rep. We also produced a training booklet for them, which will be placed on our website in the near future.

Dep Soc training

I have been working with staff in planning, coordinating and putting together all of the material. The training presentation and workshop will focus on the unique needs of departmental societies, so it is not unfair on other clubs and societies, who are not receiving this training. We have also produced a Dep Soc training booklet that will be placed on our website after the training session.

Quality Assurance Training

I have arranged one-on-one meetings with the incoming UG Faculty Reps who sit on the College's Quality Assurance Committees, so they are fully up to date on what their role is and what Quality Assurance (QA) is. I feel this is important, as QA was the hardest part of the DPE role to get my head round and the training is essential to have effective reps on these committees.

Rectors Awards

I sat on the Rector's Awards for Supporting the Student Experience panel, which required me to read through 17 different nominations and rank them on various criteria. The selection panel all agreed on the winners for this award last week.

Mums and Dads 2013

I have collected all of the Dep Soc logos/crests and met up with the "tech. people" that do the coding for the allocations and also met with the marketing team in the union so the online system

can be personalised and branded better. I have also organised a meeting with two departmental staff to see whether it can meet some of their needs in the future.

PRES and our planned response to it

The PRES has closed and Imperial got a 44% response rate (a 9% increase on last year), which was helped by the PG student reps pushing it.

Paul and I have come up with a list of recommendations from speaking to the GSU, a range of PG students and from ideas I have heard from committees throughout the year. We aim to put these into a PRES Response, which will be taken to the next Union council. We hope will have the same positive effect the NSS Response has for UG students and for it to be carried on by our successors.

NSS post-analysis

81% of final year undergraduates filled in the NSS, which is a massive 10% increase on the year before. The increase was largely helped by the work of the student reps and the interactive graph on ICU's website - these increases would not have been made possible without them. I have emailed all of the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS) to find out what was done in each department to increase the NSS turnout, where a document will be produced and distributed amongst College staff and the DUGS, so next year the College can improve on the 81% turnout and hopefully get at least an 85% turnout.

Subject	2013 Response Rate	2012 Response Rate
Earth Science & Engineering	100%	98%
Chemical Engineering	93%	77%
Aeronautics	91%	90%
Civil Engineering	88%	71%
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	86%	72%
Business School	85%	62%
Computing, JMC & EIE	84%	76%
Biology	81%	71%
Medicine & Biomedical Science	81%	64%
Mechanical Engineering	80%	82%
Bioengineering	79%	74%
Materials	79%	58%
Physics	75%	73%
Biochemistry	74%	66%
Chemistry	70%	62%
Mathematics	70%	58%
College - Overall	81%	71%

Attended various College meetings and committees

- 23/04/13 – Attended a prevent workshop with College staff
- 23/04/13 – Met with ICT about a scholarship search engine
- 23/04/13 – Met with Jeff Magee, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering
- 24/04/13 – Postgraduate Professional Development Committee
- 24/04/13 – Meeting with Debra Humphris, Pro Rector (Education)
- 25/04/13 – Meeting with ICT about the planned personal tutor logging system
- 25/04/13 – Met with Denis Wright, Director of Student Affairs
- 25/04/13 – Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee

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29/04/13 – Met with Jenny Cooke, Education Strategy Manager
30/04/13 – Met with Bridgette Duncan, Chemistry DUGS
02/05/13 – Met with a member of staff from the Co-Curricular Studies
02/05/13 – Faculty of Natural Sciences Teaching Committee
03/05/13 – Imperial College Court meeting
04/05/13 – Helping out at the Imperial Festival
07/05/13 – e-learning Strategy Committee
08/05/13 – Senate
15/05/13 – Science Studies Committee
15/05/13 – Undergraduate Admissions Committee
16/05/13 – Strategic Education Committee
16/05/13 – Student Centric Board
16/05/13 – Rector's awards panel