

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

### ***A report by Natalie Kempston***

#### **1. Leave**

Since the last council I have taken 12 days leave, and as you read this I am probably sitting on a beach in Thailand. (I've only had 7 working days since last Council- hence the briefness of this report).

#### **2. Senate- Grade Point Average (GPA) Debate**

The Higher Education Authority is hosting a pilot of GPA in several universities- and Debra Humphris (Vice Provost Education) decided that College Senate should hold a debate on whether we should become a part of this pilot. Union Council last year passed a stance that we were against the introduction of GPA- and so I went to argue against the introduction of GPA. Thanks to all my Reps who came to the last Education and Representation Board and gave me some fantastic arguments to support this motion- all my arguments were really well received and I even got a "hear hear". Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof Jeff Magee, was also against the introduction of GPA, and between us we swung the room so now Imperial will not be a part of this pilot. The senior College staff now realise that there is no desire to move to a GPA-system, so all in all a very successful debate for us! #Councilwin

#### **3. NSS 2014 Promotion**

It seems like NSS 2013 has just finished- but it's time to go again! NSS 2014 opens for final year UGs on January 20, except for Medicine when the survey will open from January 13. (This is due to final year's being on placement from 20 Jan and being much harder to capture from this date). Promotion plans are similar to last year, with a joint email from myself and Debra going to students highlighting the importance of the survey, participation graphs on the ICU website and plasma screens throughout College (and this year I've managed to get graphs on Blackboard), promotion in Felix, a prize draw for those taking part etc...

#### **4. Rep Conference- Wednesday 19 February**

Plans for our first Representation Conference are underway with the line up now taking shape. All reps will be invited as well as all the DUGS/DPS- save the date emails have already gone out to all of these parties. Speakers include Lorraine Craig, Debra Humphris, staff from IPSOS MORI (those behind the NSS), and some of my wonderful reps.

#### **5. Committees attended:**

- Senate
- Appointments and Remuneration Committee
- Physics Staff Student Committee
- Vice-Provost's Advisory Group for Education
- Student Tutor System Project Board- Terminology Review