

## **DEPUTY PRESIDENT (WELFARE) REPORT**

Apologies in advance for the brevity of this evening's council report; it's only 3 weeks since the last council and I've had some time off.

- 1 week annual leave leading to full relaxation thanks to island life and local wine
- A day and a half off sick

### Committees and Boards:

- Attended Early Years Education Committee meeting in which campus services alluded to the possibility of the College subsidising nursery places for student parents as numbers of students using the EYEC nursery are so low.
- Attended Residential Life Committee which did not generate discussion of interest to council
- Attended Student Support and Wellbeing Committee. Although it came as an extensive foray away from the agenda (which contained very little which would interest Council: minor amendments to contact numbers on the College's mental health protocol and approving an updated protocol for cases of meningitis), a myriad of problems were identified with the College's current approach to interruption of studies. Although no consensus or solution was reaching in this meeting, the issue is very clearly in the remit of the Complaints & Appeals Task & Finish Group of which I am a member. Improvements to IoS will be discussed there imminently.

### Projects:

- HE White Paper: The Education and Welfare team have gone through the White Paper and the TEF Technical Consultation document and will be starting to put together responses soon; as with the Green Paper I very much want to take as much student input and opinion on this as possible. I'm in discussions with various members of College about what they think about the White Paper looking for opportunities for collaborative working and also to gain insight into what they are thinking – so far those that I've spoken to are fairly against the proposals laid out in the White Paper.
- Housing: I am making final amendments to the proposal for the College to act as a guarantor after feedback from various people in the Union and the College. This will be circulated to key people (the CFO and manager of the Hub) before going to Provost Board (hopefully for approval and to be implemented in 2017).
- EU Ref: campaigns for leave and remain are underway and marketing are pushing the issue via all our media channels to ensure students register to vote and make an informed decision. The EU Debate last week was a great success thanks to the students who organised it with some guidance from me. I chaired the debate.

### Other:

- I've been involved in Union Awards panels
- The Education & Welfare team and I collaborated successfully with the Mental Health Advisor to deliver mental health stalls across multiple campuses throughout national mental health awareness week in May