

DPEW's Report
A report by the DPEW

In General

This term proven a lot quieter on most fronts, which has given me chance to do a few different things (such as re-drafting the SSP). So here goes:

Training

Been working with Union staff to organise this years Sabb training and handover. Slightly different to last years (and I think we're saving money) in that it should cover more skill on project management etc. I'll also be organising some in-house training with NUS.

SSP

As mentioned I spent some time redrafting the SSP. I don't expect it to be perfect but I do believe it addresses many of the gaps left by the current version. Anyway, it's up for discussion.

Review of Exam Feedback

This is something which is moving fairly quickly so I bit of an intro is probably needed. Feedback and assessment is one of the weakest areas of education within the College (as borne out by SOLE, the NSS and any amount of anecdotal evidence). Last week at QAAC the issue of whether or not we need a policy on Feedback was raised, and the outcome was to establish a review. This may sound like a stalling tactic but I have been promised this will be 'months not years', so we live in hope. I'm kick-starting the review by feeding in some suggestions from other Universities.

Libraries

Held a useful meeting with Library staff regarding the on-going redevelopment and how this will affect students. There are some unavoidable closure periods over this summer, and some collections (including all journals) will be in-accessible for periods of time. Full details will be publicised soon, and if there are any major problems I'm sure we can work something out.

The rest

Continued usual round of College meetings and case work.

BTH – 27/04/07