

Council
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Deputy President (Education and Welfare) Report
A Note by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)

SEC Presentation

The Presentation to SEC is taking place on the 24th of March. We are going to do a presentation on Personal Tutors but we can add another aspect if people feel strongly.

GSA

The Postgraduate Training event went well, with a number of both PhD and Masters Reps turning up. The presentation was followed by a discussion session so Reps could bring up issues that they have been facing. We have formed an action list and the Graduate Schools have responded very positively.

Ethical Careers Exhibition

This is no longer an exhibition as such- because of large drop-out rates it will be a smaller display of stands and a number of seminars, one of which I will be giving on the benefits of volunteering in association with Development in Action.

Welfare Campaigns

Beat the Blues and Personal Safety have passed (quietly)
Green Week planning is going well in most respects, as well as Fairtrade fortnight.

International Students' Officer

Congratulations to Saki Onda who won the election. Saki will now sit on Council, RWB and the College's Welfare Committee.

Quality Assurance Review

This review has been progressing well and has been taking up considerable chunk of my time. We have been reviewing everything from taught provision, appeals, welfare, collaborative arrangements etc to identify areas for improvement and make recommendations to put in place before next year's institutional audit.

We need to start preparing for our Student Written Submission.

Subwarden interviews/ warden interviews

We have recruited subwardens for the following halls:
Fisher

Accommodation/ Halls Visits

The Committee on Student Residences happens today when the rents will be announced for next year. I will keep you updated!

I took the new Head of the Student Accommodation Centre to Silwood so he could hear all the issues that Residents were experiencing. There have been some difficulties getting the College to take these seriously and this was a positive step in the right direction.

I visited Piccadilly Court and have received feedback on my feedback from Residences which will be reported back in Felix very soon.