



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Of the fifth ordinary meeting of the
Education and Representation Board
Of the Imperial College Union
In the 2014/2015 session

The fifth of the Education and Representation Board was held in the Union Building on the 21st May 2015 at 6pm in Meeting Room 3, Imperial College Union

Present

Deputy President (Education) – Chair	Pascal Loose
Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)	Abigail De Bruin
ICSMSU AO Year 4 Biomed, Pharm	Cyin San
Biology Dep Rep	Sinziana Giju
Chemical Engineering Dep Rep	Emilie Lunddahl
Materials Dep Rep	Iacopo Russo
Mathematics Dep Rep	Arijit Gupta
Mechanical Engineering Dep Rep	Parikshat Singh
Representation and Campaigns Coordinator (Minutes)	Sky Yarlett

Apologies

Tom Wheeler, Alex Savell, Chris Kaye, Tim Munday, James Murphy, Stuart Haylock, Daruish Hassanzadeh-Baboli, Usama Asif, Salma Haddad, Emma Toms, Alexander Nash, Rachel Hounslow, Clark Baker.

CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Pascal Loose welcomed those in attendance to the final ERB of the academic year 2014/15.

- a. ICT/eLearning Updates
 - i. PL has previously circulated the ICT Student Forum Minutes. One of the key points is the college is looking further into Cloud Computing so students can have access to key software via the cloud and can have access to it in a variety of locations.
 - ii. PL – the College Strategy is being finalised for the next five years. The college and the union are both currently replying to a government consultation in regards to postgraduate loans for PGT courses.
 - iii. The Business School and Engineering are going to have an online MBA next year. PS inquired whether they are they looking into removing business school courses to which PL could confirm that they weren't.

1. MATTERS ARISING

- a. E-learning Focus Group – It wasn't possible to get the Reps together, so it will be assigned to the DPE's successor
- b. PS – is speaking to the entrepreneurship group.

2. SACAs

- a. The SACAs were seen widely as a successful event.
- b. Academics and students enjoyed the evening.

3. Summer Elections

- a. The Summer Elections nominations are shortly open and there are three positions available, GSU President / LGBT Officer /BME Officer

4. Education Day

- a. This was held in the beginning of March by the College's Education Development Unit (EDU).
- b. Content is already in development for next years Education Day, looking at new themes such as Students as Entrepreneurs.
- c. IR – the different sessions were good, enjoyed the morning and the afternoon.
- d. The afternoon session was pretty busy and the lecture theatre was full.
- e. EL – As a topic for the next day, there is a problem within Chem Eng in relation to competitiveness between students, in a survey conducted by dep reps they found that students can spend 150+ hours extra on their coursework outside the assigned hours.
- f. AdB, this pattern is also visible in 5th year Medicine where they are competing for jobs.
- g. EL – these are coursework only modules. The pressure is caused because the department cannot give out too many first class classifications, but must choose a percentage to be first class.
- h. Wider than this, there needs to be more of a focus on the students *learning* and less about marks. But this is unlikely due to the competitive nature of getting into imperial and also students paying more for education.
- i. AdB – it sounds like the root of the problem is moderation.
- j. PL - there needs to be parity across departments, that they follow the same marking guidance.
- k. PL – for Education Day it seems that Entrepreneurship might be already a good front runner because there is already a lot of stuff happening on it in college.
- l. AG – How can courses / coursework help out the idea of entrepreneurship?

5. REP THANK YOU EVENT

- a. Organised by Debra Humphris and Pascal Loose. Held last week.
- b. The timing was not ideal as many reps are still in exams. In future the 1st week of summer term might be more practical.
- c. CS – it seems weird to have it as a drop in – maybe more like the Rectors ambassadors thank you event with more structure.

6. MENTALITY REPORT

- a. SY introduced the key findings from the Mentality Report, and that the report was almost completed with the launch set to be for the Welfare Seminar.
- b. It was well received with many reps agreeing with the pressure at Imperial having a negative effect on many students.
- c. EL and PS are keen to be involved in the work going forward on the mentality campaign.

Pascal Loose closed the Education and Representation Board for 2014/15 session and thanked all those in attendance.