

Deputy President Education Report to Union Council December 2020

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Highlights:

- Representation to the College
- Many NSS updates (now picking up speed!) around SOLE etc.
- Digital Education Recording Policy

College Meetings & Prep	Student + Union Meetings & Prep	Operational work (day-to-day)	Project work (incl. NSS)	Miscellaneous
30%	30%	15%	20%	5%

Updates:

NSS response 2020

Have met with (almost) all staff members who will be working with us on each recommendation. Some highlights:

- **SOLE:** I have now been involved in a group which is looking at teaching surveys around the College. A trial survey (different but similar to SOLE) will be running in a few departments around the College alongside SOLE this term. Based on this trial we will look at what changes should be made for next academic year (also likely to run another trial in Spring/Summer). Currently the biggest obstacle is the system SOLE runs on (very archaic) and how data is fed into it.
- **Assessment & Marking policy:** The College will soon start an Academic Regulations Review group – we will address the NSS recommendations there as a first step.
- **Timetabling:** Biggest obstacle in releasing timetables early is room availability, and space sharing is key – not all Faculties want to share space though. To be brought up at Heads of Departments lunch; further updates in Jan/Feb.
- **Management of Staff:** Now have key staff contacts for each sub-point. Next to review current regulations & policies and bring up issues at HoDs lunch to present issues with staff management directly to the managers.

Rep support and training

- First Academic Representation Forums took place (Taught 19/11, Research to go ahead 26/11) - good attendance from PGT reps (maybe *too* good – quite a few people in the meeting), not many UG dep reps attending
- Regular catch-ups with Faculty Reps and Research AWOs
- Currently second round of Dep Rep 1-2-1s – not much uptake
- Year rep training contents now up on the website
- First steps with the PG Rep Network review done – hopefully will pick up speed soon

Digital Education Recording Policy

- Helping gather student consultation on the policy
- Hoping to ensure the outcome is lecture recordings (Panopto) for everyone, forever
- See separate paper for more details

SSC guidelines document

- Made some minor updates to the document, brought it to the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee, they said it needs major updates on top of the minor ones...
- Will need to do much more work on it to have a better version ready for next academic year

“How is it going?” survey

- Worked with DPW on an all-student survey about teaching, PhD research and wellbeing
- Used results in our discussions with College

Working with the College on...

- Guidance for “Pulse Surveys” - ensuring students can give feedback on lectures regularly
- Chemistry 5&6 redevelopment
- Deferral package for students
- Prep for Christmas (incl. Christmas survey)

Upcoming:

- PG Rep Network review
 - Map the current structures
 - Start discussions with reps in departments
- Rep Support
 - Come up with a way to track rep progress better
 - Celebrating rep successes – collect feedback from reps and publicise on website
 - Start thinking about rep training for 2021 (dep reps, faculty reps)
- More NSS:
 - Start on the comms and spaces recommendations properly
 - Follow up on the other recommendations (see above)
- SSC Guidelines updates
- Christmas planning in the College and in the Union
- Library Head of User Services recruitment
- Learning & Teaching Promotions Panel
- UROP bursaries discussions
- Really a lot of different College meetings and committees in the next few weeks, I’m not looking forward to that...

Thanks for reading! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at dpe@ic.ac.uk, send me a message on Teams, or call me at 45646 (internal only, and it works only when I’m in the office, but if you’re ever on campus then give it a try, maybe you’ll be lucky enough and reach me). You can also send me a letter to the Union Address (I love receiving letters)