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3. Reports from School Presidents and Faculty Presidents

Everybody presented a short report. Eleanor informed that the FPs attended the Academic Council meeting, where they also discussed the impact of the HE governance bill on the position of the Rector. Eleanor informed of what had been discussed during the last SRC meeting: there will be an NUS Referendum on 19 and 20 November (voting); the petition to strike the 2-term limit for Councils members failed; there is a new SRC member for Widening Access and Participation. Eleanor also suggested SPs put PGR reps first in SSCC agendas.

Some SPs informed of recent and upcoming social and careers events and of the progress of their SSCC meetings. Among others, Hussain mentioned that the School of Medicine has recently lost some members of academic staff and some others are leaving soon, and he thought that feedback was more important than ever. Verity informed that the ModLang conveners are chairing SSCC meetings.

Nils stated he would try to tackle the problem of advertising careers events. A solution would be for employability reps to run lecture shouts to advertise events, also in other relevant Schools. He asked SPs to email Emily, the outreach officer, with a calendar of events.

Action: SPs to email Emily at elb23@ with a calendar of careers events.

Nils also informed that he was trying to introduce a matching funding model for employability events (Careers Centre and Schools supposed to contribute to this + £750 from the SRC Employability Committee's budget). He asked if SPs were willing to contribute to this fund taking £750 from the Education Discretionary Fund. The total of the fund should be at least £3000. This would be a one-off approval for this year as budgets have already been decided. Next year an additional budget will be created to cover Careers events.

With no objection, it was agreed to transfer £750 from the EDF to the new employability matching funding model.

Nils asked SPs to tell him the names of all employability reps.

Action: All SPs to enter names of employability reps on a spreadsheet created by Tania. Ilaria to share the spreadsheet with Nils.

4. Recap and moving forward: class rep elections, SSCC, class rep training

Tania asked for opinions on the fact that class reps elections happened one week earlier this year (week 1-2 instead of week 2-3). Opinions were mixed, with half of the SPs being in favour of this change, and half in the negative. This discussion was postponed until next semester. All SPs unanimously agreed that they should have access again to the election portal. Some issues about the portal were reported. Tania stated that Ilaria, Joe and herself would meet Stuart Purdie to discuss problems about the portal.

Deborah said that one of her reps cannot attend the core training.

Action: Ilaria to upload the handbook and slides on the website.

It was asked whether PG reps should attend SSCCs. Tania answered that yes, they have to attend, unless there is a separate PG SSCC in the School, which should be chaired by the SP.

5. Collaboration statements moving forward: Early Information, Feedback, Supervision

Tania explained what a [collaboration statement](#) is.

Early Information: Louise is the group leader.

Action: All SPs to email the FPs with details of what has changed form last year in regards to early information.

Feedback: Raghav and Claire were appointed as leaders (plus Sally, who had been appointed at the previous meeting.)

Hussain mentioned that the School of Medicine is seeking feedback from students because the School is currently short-staffed.

Action: Hussain to send report on feedback to Sally.

Supervision: Deborah was appointed (plus Mira and Amelia, who had been appointed at the previos meeting.)

The Faculty Presidents sit on all the Working Groups as a support to the School Presidents.

6. Our strategic goals

Goals decided at the previous meeting:

- 1) Increasing inter-departmental collaboration
- 2) Increasing study spaces

It was agreed that the second point should be struck and replaced with another goal.

Eleanor proposed 'Joint Honours', as currently there are no clear guidelines. There should be more consistency between Schools. It was highlighted that Joint Honours are different from interdisciplinary degrees.

Imogen mentioned the LGBT+ committee's Open Door initiative to support LGBT+ students in Schools, i.e. lecturers would have a sign on their doors to signal that they are available to be approached by students on this matter. Lily stated that some lecturers do not want to provide pastoral care and it could look bad on them if they did not participate. On a related note, Raghav proposed to focus on mental health, through a support scheme and more training for academic staff. Mira informed that the LGBT+ initiative is on a voluntary basis for academic staff. Hussain mentioned that an ongoing problem for Medicine students is that they are less likely to seek support for Mental Health issues because it would go on their

record. Tania proposed to invite Miriam Chappell, the Wellbeing Officer to the next meeting to discuss further actions.

Action: Tania to invite Miriam to the next meeting.

The final three strategic goals are:

- 1) Increasing inter-departmental collaboration;
- 2) Joint Honours (**decided through voting, with 10 members in favour**) (**Leader: Eleanor**)
- 3) Wellbeing/mental health support (**decided unanimously**) (**Leader: Raghav**)

7. Joint Honours students

This item has been discussed under point 6.

8. General Degree students

This item was discussed under point 6 but it was decided not to take this forward.

9. Reading Week alternatives

Action: All SPs to send information on reading week to Ilaria by Wednesday.

10. Diversity of assessment

This point was postponed until the next meeting.

11. Agenda for School Presidents' Forum

- Mental Health training for academic staff and other ways academic staff can be more involved in student welfare
- MEQs online turnout (end of semester)
- Diversity of assessment
- Reading Week arrangements
- Budget for School Presidents within Schools

Action: All SPs to email information on current money available to SPs to Ilaria by Wednesday.

12. AOCB

Tania asked for opinions on the poster for the seat hogging campaign designed by the Library. Tim proposed that belongings should be moved by members of staff instead of students. Verity pointed out that staff should not do it, as in this case they would be liable. It was proposed to take out the phrase 'can be moved by anyone'.

The meeting adjourned.

Next meetings:

School Presidents' Forum, Monday, 12 October, 5.15pm, Committee Room

Education Committee, Monday, 26 October, 6pm, Committee Room