



Education Committee

25th April, 5pm

Students' Association Committee Room

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Questions for School Presidents
4. Questions for Faculty Presidents
5. Questions for PG Academic Convenor
6. Matters Arising
 - a. Digital Strategy Presentation
7. AOCB
 - a. Social (Gianluca)
 - b. Cake!

Reports from School Presidents

Art History - Meredith Loper – arthistorypresident:

Biology - Roisin Gendall – biologypresident: no report submitted.

Chemistry - Ailsa Edward – chemistrypresident:

- Met with coordinators for the mentoring scheme next year and head of school to discuss the next stages for setting up the scheme
- Holding chemsoc AGM on Tuesday in collaboration with new school president
- In process of organising an (un)official prizegiving, prizes like most likely to win a Nobel prize etc., for the graduating chemistry class as a fun final gathering before graduation

Classics - Rebecca Hachamovitch – classicspresident:

Computer Science - Martynas Noreika – compscipresident:

Divinity - Rachel Miller – divinitypresident:

Earth & Environmental Sciences - Evan Margerum – earthscipresident:

Economics & Finance - Rachel Williams – economicspresident: no report submitted.

English - Jessica Armstrong – englishpresident:

Film Studies - Lyndsay Townsend – filmpresident:

- Last week, myself and Jess ran the Alumni in the Creative Industries event, which took place on Friday April 19th, at 4-6pm. Following a meeting with the Employability Fund on Friday morning, we were able to secure all funding for the event and believe it was a great success. Many students turned up, and found the Q&A useful at the end – both myself and Jess received very positive feedback from students, stating that the event ran smoothly and was extremely useful. Overall, it was an exceedingly rewarding experience and I am so pleased that everything ran accordingly.
- I also set up a cinematography workshop for Film Studies students, with one of the alumni who attended our Alumni in the Creative Industries. Ben Hecking, who is a freelance cinematographer and director, held a workshop on Saturday April 22nd, and we had 12 students reserve places on the workshop. All went well, and this was a great

experience for students who have asked for more practical film skills through the Film Department.

- On Wednesday 17th April, I attended the Honours Module Event which was run at The Byre Theatre, and a chance for 2nd and 3rd year Film Studies students (who will be in Honours next year) to learn more about the Film Studies modules that will be running next year. I also spoke to the audience about transitioning to Honours, and how it will differ from Sub-Honours. Overall, this went well and was a great chance for students to ask any questions they had.
- I also chaired my final SSCC on Thursday April 18th, which went smoothly – the new Film Studies President, Elisa, was also present at the meeting as she is currently shadowing me in preparation for the role next year.
- This week I plan to arrange a meeting with my DoT, and new SP Elisa, to have a chat about the upcoming academic year. I also plan to arrange a focus group for my Equality and Diversity meetings, and lunch will be provided by the University – this is in response to both Sophia (Philosophy SP) and Rikke (Social Anthropology SP) holding focus groups in their respective Schools.

Geography & SD - Rhiannon Potts – geosdpresident: no report submitted.

Graduate School - Jemima Williamson – gspres:

History - Sahil Ali – historypresident:

International Relations - Kat Lawlor – irpresident:

- Final TLAf meeting
- Met with next year's head of school to talk about better accessibility training for staff and tutors on disability issues
- Presented Careers Subcommittee results at Equality and Diversity Committee, sent out Careers day survey
- Had the Ambassador's Ball! Still adding everything up, but didn't lose money, the event went smoothly, and guests had fun!
- Getting the ball rolling on going paper-free as a School

Management - Philip Caraci – managementpresident: no report submitted.

Mathematics & Statistics - Kamilla Rekvenyi – mathspresident:

- Attended a meeting in the School of Maths with the incoming Proctor
- Had our last Staff Student Coffee and Cakes of the Semester
- We will have our last SSCC of the year tomorrow

Medicine - Kay McGillivray – medicinepresident: no report submitted.

Modern Languages - Amy Bretherton – modlangpresident: no report submitted.

Russian

- It's been a busy few weeks in the Russian Department.
- We had a pretty successful Russian Play "Squaring the Circle" which was part of On The Rocks and which we hope will be a yearly occurrence.
- We also enjoyed a Departmental Lunch last Tuesday and a lecture from Victoria Merzlyakova last Friday which was in Russian and attended by students from all year groups.
- Coming up this week, there will be a talk on Tuesday evening "Lost Detectives: Adapting Old Texts for New Media".
- I have had my handover meeting with the incoming Russian Convenor who is very excited to get started next year.
- Thank you to everyone at Educom for the advice and support in the past year!

Music - Aileen Walsh – musicpresident: no report submitted.

Philosophy - Sophia Rommel – philosophypresident:

Thank you to everyone in EduComm for making my time as a School President so special! You are all so great in your roles and very inspirational! All the best!

- Sorted out handover date with successor, and several meetings which he will be shadowing me to (including an Athena Swan meeting and a TLA meeting (the latter of which I will be absent from))
- Had an Athena Swan Survey Group meeting; organized an equality and diversity focus group to take place in the Philosophy Dept. on Friday (26th) – have put an open call out to hopefully get 15 student volunteers (I have ~13 so far). Booked the room and catering for the focus group
- Met with DOT to touch base, discuss the upcoming Honours Module Talk (at which I will speak with my successor), promoting MEQs and NSS. Also, organized a meeting between herself, my successor and myself (during revision period)

- Have convinced the Head of Dept. to proceed with my idea of hanging a sign up outside the Edgecliffe library, to hopefully deter some non-philosophy students from studying in the already-too-small library (especially with the new 'find space' app., and upcoming revision and exam periods. The above issue was getting so problematic that many philosophy students could basically not study in their own library – many students complained (and rightly so, in my opinion!) ...)
- Attended the last School Presidents' Forum of the academic year!
- PGR Rep has sent out the letter (signed by roughly 70 tutors!) regarding tutor pay to the Proctor; he shall keep me in the loop
- Class Rep pizza dinner's coming up soon (very excited to celebrate the reps' hard work)
- Everything's in place for the Panel Discussion event on May 7th – now it's mainly about promoting it further online and in person. Having a meeting with Kirsty and Jimena to discuss making posters, some finalities, etc. It's been so lovely to work with them!
- MAP ran a very successful workshop on creating inclusive classrooms, alongside Diversity Reading List, which is awesome! A great initiative!
- Promoting PhilSoc's AGM and many external speakers' lectures/talks (it's a busy week for the Philosophy Department, especially for CEPPA)
- In the process of creating the handover document
- Sent out my weekly emails, as usual, and am also keeping up with the Tweeting

Physics & Astronomy - Amy Suddards – physicspresident: no report submitted.

Psychology & Neuroscience - Winnie Li – psychpresident: no report submitted.

Social Anthropology - Rikke Nedergaard – socanthpresident

Reports from Faculty Presidents

Arts and Divinity - Gianluca Giammei – artdivfp

- Nothing to report.

Science and Medicine - Alisa Danilenko – scimedfp:

Report from Postgraduate Academic Convenor – Ashley Clayton – pgconven: no report submitted.

