

Faculty Representatives Termly Report

2017-18 (Termly Report 2)

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Your Faculty & Role: SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, FACULTY REP

Faculty Priorities:

What do you think the most pressing student needs in the Faculty are? How/why have you come to this conclusion?

ANS:

I think the most pressing needs of students in the faculty is facilities enhancement – Most students were not satisfied with the classroom allocations to some modules. Because of high student intake in some modules, students are compelled to stand in the class and sometimes outside the classrooms during lectures due to limited sitting spaces in the allocated lecture halls.

You may wish to mention any sources of evidence reviewed, and work with Lead Department Reps, Course/Research Student Reps, or students in the faculty more widely.

Evidence

This was very evident in most of the elective modules within the faculty and I was also a victim of the situation. For instance, my Web Economics module lectures were so packed that some students have to abandon the lectures.

Meetings in the Faculty:

Discuss any meetings you've attended with the Faculty – this might include formal committees, such as Faculty Teaching Committees, and informal meetings with Faculty staff. What was discussed? What were the outcomes? What did you say and how did it go?

Response:

Having been elected in the second term of the academic, I was privileged to attend one Faculty Teaching Committee where numerous agendas were discussed including the new modules to be introduced in the next academic year.

I also had the opportunity to hold an informal meeting with all the departmental leads.

If there was any positive (or negative) outcomes to your discussion, what were they?

Response:

There was indeed a positive outcome in my meeting with the departmental leads which include the creation of group chats on WhatsApp and also the effort to have a Moodle page for the for the departmental leads.

Most importantly, we agreed on a suggestion that the faculty reps should be elected by the Departmental leads within themselves which will be helpful in the smooth running of the Faculty rep portfolio.

Meetings with the Union:

What priorities have you raised with the Union as a representative of your Faculty, either as part of Council, or in informal meetings with officers such as the Faculty Rep Forum? What is the Union working on that you think might have a positive/negative impact on your faculty? What would could the Union do for students in your faculty that you'd like to see?

Response:

Unfortunately, I could not have a face-to-face discussion or meeting with the Union, however, I had discussions on phone where I proposed some suggestions. I did mention about the outcome of my meeting with the departmental reps of electing the faculty rep from the within the lead rep by themselves instead of opening it to the general student body therefore delaying the process.

I also suggested the issue of bringing Unitemps to our campus which will provide avenues for student to get one off jobs thereby boosting the CV and againing practical experiences and some pocket money to get going.

Other comments:

Please include any other thoughts or anything else you'd like to tell students about here.

Response:

Will be available to provide more details on any issue of interest raised above.