

Faculty Representatives Termly Report

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Faculty Priorities:

For research students, the primary source of issues raised came from the results of the PRES. The two main issues have been resources and supervision. With supervision splitting students into two distinct categories of those who were extremely happy, and those who were particularly unimpressed, it seems like a difficult issue to tackle with formality. Resources and estates are an ongoing issue, however many research students in the KLB have just this week had a large amount of new hub spaces and meeting spaces made available to them, so this should improve the faculty's feedback on this matter.

Meetings in the Faculty:

So far, there has been one faculty FSSCC I attended. There were minimal negative issues raised in regards to PGR issues that were faculty wide, however, more integration with departments' PhD students was raised. One strategy to bring these groups together will be in the organisation and running of the 3MT event/s. It was also mentioned in the past, the faculty have run particularly successful 'PhesDival' events in the summer, and this could be a route to achieving more cohesiveness.

Meetings with the Union:

I am not a voting member of the council and have unfortunately been away/at conferences for broader faculty rep meetups. The current 'hidden costs' issue that has been raised by the union will particularly help students in the faculty, especially where funding bodies have very strict regulations that end up with certain students being out of pocket for conferences/fieldwork etc.