Faculty Representatives Termly Report

2017-18

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Your Faculty & Role: Faculty Rep of Brain Sciences (Undergraduate)

Faculty Priorities:

As faculty reps, Matt and I are putting our focus on gathering everyone in the faculty online in order to promote online contact and communication. One of the major concerns we had was the communication with students in other departments in the faculty due to the lack of a student-run society – like what we have in the Linguistics Department. One of our ideas is to either promote the power of LingSoc to 'BrainSoc' so that more activities of larger scales in the faculty can be arranged and relationships between students can be promoted, or to encourage all the other faculties to have a similar society like LingSoc and a conjoined society which manages all these societies can be set up to assure every member can stay in touch.

Meetings in the Faculty:

The main meeting held last term was the Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Committee. Most of the meeting focused on the feedback of previous issues raised while some constructive actions were agreed to be taken. A major concern from the Linguistics student centred on the timing cluster in Term 2 due to staff changes. Fortunately, the JE had agreed to follow up with the Head of Division. Another small but essential issue was about the poor room temperatures in Room BO2 and 118 in Chandler House, which also received promised action because the chair agreed to feedback to Estates.

Meetings with the Union:

First, I would like to express my apologies for my absence for some of the meetings with the Union. One of the major matter I participated as a member of union, and an individual, was the march on tuition fees. I strongly supported the idea that 'Education should be free' and I am looking forward – as many of you am too – to some feedback.