

Faculty Representatives Termly Report

2017-18 (Termly Report 2)

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Faculty Priorities:

Reviewed priorities since last termly report:

Firstly, to encourage the development of group identity among PhD students at FPHS, to foster a community of peers that share tips, support one another, and potentially even lead to collaborative research.

Secondly, to improve communication of opportunities and benefits to PhD students across FPHS, in order to increase engagement with the student body.

These priorities have been developed following the audit of PhD activities across FPHS that I conducted in March.

Meetings in the Faculty:

I attended Faculty Research Degrees Committee meetings with the Faculty Graduate Tutor, Department Graduate Tutors, and Department administrators. Meetings discussed Faculty-level discussions to which I contributed the PhD student perspective. They often also triggered the cascading of information to PhD students (by me emailing the department reps).

Overall, the discussions were positive as the members of the Research Degree Committee are generally very sympathetic to PhD student needs. Often, discussions focused on/related to the poor levels of student engagement seen across the Faculty.

Meetings with the Union:

Unfortunately I have not been able to attend Council meetings due to having been writing and submitting my PhD thesis over the last few months.

Other comments:

No other comments.