

Faculty Representatives Termly Report

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Your Faculty & Role: Faculty Representatives for IOE PGT students

Faculty Priorities:

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

Some service system can be improved: for example, hot water drinking system in IOE.

Dissertation support, especially for international students.

I attended a teaching committee in IOE. And have discussions with our course reps to share our ideas and opinion. In this way, I can know more about our students' opinions. In addition, I also do some interview with our students to know more about their feedback.

Meetings in the Faculty:

I attended Faculty Teaching Committees. It talked about the policy, assessment and situation of the whole faculty. I put forward some problems which were raised by our students. Some department thought that their teaching quality was not so satisfied because of the number. In addition, some students wanted to have a chance to audit. As a result, staff discussed and gave some suggestions. They agreed that they will reduce class size and control the number. They also suggested me to tell students that auditing is not allowed and permitted, which is a rule for students. Some other problems were also answered staff members. They promised that they will take measures in the next year.

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

Meetings with the Union:

I attended a union service focus group. I really enjoy the focus group and learnt a lot. They encouraged us to consider the problem existing in college. Then give us some ideas about how to improve our faculty and how to promote the service. I gradually realized that we should contact staff by email and if we cannot, contact them, And the service of website update should be done by some students or staff to improve the students' feedback!

Other comments:

The combination between union, faculty and department should be strengthened in some way. Now the link is relatively weak and loose. I believe in the future, with union and reps's efforts, it will be better!