

Volunteer Officer Report October 2018

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What has been worked on in the past month?

I have attended several committee meetings in the college including academic board, academic affairs and education and students. In the education and students committee an agenda point was allocated to me for me to present my plans for the year, predominately based around postgraduate representation. All staff present seemed very on board with my proposed plans and offered very useful suggestions on how they could help.

I have attended all rep training sessions and rep forum in order to meet as many course reps within the college as possible. I believe that it is very important that course reps feel supported not only by their school rep and vice president of education, but also by their college officer.

I have met with the college director of education Mark Smith and the college intern Chloe Rollings a few occasions to further discuss my plans for improving postgraduate representation within the college and discuss the logistics behind how to implement my plans. I have also discussed with Mark what I may be able to do to benefit undergraduate students in my tenure as college officer, as it important to me that I have positive impact across the whole college.

I have met with the newly elected Social and Political Sciences school rep to work on the TEF student feedback form. This will be completed as soon as we have received feedback from course reps and submitted.

Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins

My main success from the past month was meeting all of the course reps within the college. During training it was highlighted to me that there was not a single rep who did not seem enthusiastic about the role, which bodes well for student representation across the college as a whole. On a similar note, I am delighted that the role of Social and Political Sciences school rep has been filled as it completes the senior rep team within the college of social science.

Plans for next month

Over the next month I plan on contacting various staff within the college in order to further my plans for improving postgraduate representation. As well as this I will be visualising ideas of how I can better represent undergraduate students and likely will be contacting staff in a similar way.

I plan on meeting with the Sports and Exercise Science school rep in order to discuss the possibility of forming an academic society, as currently it is the only school in the college

without one aside from the school of education, which this year has only taken on its first undergraduate courses.