

Design

What has been worked on in the past month? I have been processing the comments and feedback from Module Evaluations for the School of Design, I have also been in the process of voicing improvements to figures including that of the Head of School, which will in turn hopefully present solutions to facilitate possible improvements. I have been doing what I can, working with the reps in Interior Architecture to get their issue of security of their studios addressed. I have been informed as a result of following up on the issue of the AAD East lift periodically breaking down, that measures have been put in place that allows for quicker response times in the event that the lift breaks down. I have been working with the School of Architecture Rep, supporting her SUGgestion that will hopefully allow for a wide plotter printer to be moved to the West side of the AAD building that will allow easier printing access for Architecture, Product Design and Interior Architecture students. Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins Due to the AAD East lift issue being addressed, the lift itself breaks down less than it did in term 1 and in the event it does break down, response times for maintenance teams have improved.

Interior Architecture reps, particularly those in level 3 have been very conscientious and professional when voicing concerns about the security of their studios and fellow students to more senior staff, while acting in the same professional manner when acting in response to feedback from Module Evaluations. It is noteworthy that Course Reps from Interior Architecture, particularly those in Level 3 have put in an application to form an Interior Architecture and Design society following on from the last Rep Forum, starting in the next academic year. It shows real initiative and proactive character in responding to the needs of their fellow students and working with the Activities department of the SU to form something that should have a significant benefit for themselves, fellow students and allow for a wider external understanding of their course and the skills it provides.

Plans for next month I plan to continue voicing issues and successes from my Module Evaluation findings with the relevant academic committee meetings as well as contributing as best I can to solutions to those issues. I intend to work with Course Reps if necessary providing them with additional support on putting suggestions and changes into motion, especially those in response to Module Evaluations.

I will also be completing my proposal for a trial event in the effort to help launch an initiative for a student led creative art and design collaborative network based in the College of Arts. It will hopefully allow the opportunity for students across all of the art and design courses to come together and work on big creative projects and events themselves, furthering their employ-ability skills for creative industries while in time will aim to create a more active visual arts communal presence on campus. During this process, I will also be contacting Student Union staff, reps across the College of Arts as well as the Academic staff including Heads of School and Programme leaders to gain feedback and gain support for this initiative, and how best to implement it for the next academic year.