

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

FACULTY REPSCampaigns, projects and other work

Jamie Smith - FSE Faculty Rep

Update:

- Attending FEC (Faculty Education Committee) and discussed how poor the communication of the restructure had been. The faculty sympathised and said any issues or questions should be directed appropriately (as some of these issues will need to be taken up with a different faculty for where courses have moved).
- Collected feedback from students regarding books plus and reading lists. Would like some support on next steps as I feel this isn't just an FSE issue.
- Collected other feedback ready for the upcoming FPT meeting (18/10/18). When are SSLCs set to finish & is it my responsibility to set up a meeting with my coordinator to analyse the feedback?
- Would like to campaign for all bike locking areas to be covered as many people are now struggling to use the Science Centre bike locks in the awful weather as they're covered. Is this something exec thinks I can take forward in relation to the Save our Space policy? Is this within my remit...?

Alex Mead - AHSS Faculty Rep

Update:

- I was actioned by Matt Hayes at the previous Executive Committee meeting (26/09/2018) to arrange a meeting with AHSS Rep Coordinator, Demi Smith. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how communication to course reps can be improved. I shall also be using this meeting to get an email sent out to all newly-elected course reps in AHSS informing them who their Faculty Rep (Alex Mead) and Vice President (Amanda Campbell White) is as well as providing them information on course rep guidance. The date of this meeting has yet to be confirmed.
 - Attending the upcoming FPT/FMT meeting (24/10/2018) to discuss general student issues.
 - Attending the upcoming AHSS FEC (Faculty Education Committee) meeting (30/10/2018) to discuss the lack of communication to students regarding the restructure as well as other relevant student concerns.
 - I have emailed the Faculty Student Engagement Manager, Karen Sturt, to arrange a potential meeting in order to discuss potential improvements to the AHSS Buddy Scheme. The meeting has yet to be agreed.
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Ben Morris - HEMS Faculty Rep

Update:

- I am writing this update off the back of completing the ParaSoc 24hr CPRathon!
- I have been working on a campaign plan to support student paramedics at ARU and across the country. Please see '**Paramedic Support Package**'.
- I met with Laura Douds (SU President) to discuss the changes to the Books Plus scheme; although I do understand why the changes have been made I feel there will be difficulties and opposition to the change of scheme.
- Following the success of BNI/BNO in Cambridge, I met with Amanda (VP AHSS) & Fraser (VP HEMS) to plan BNI&O in Chelmsford! I am very excited for this event!
- I have been approached by 1st year Medical Students regarding an issue surrounding "MedSoc" - lectures have been pushing them to 'take over' the existing MedSoc, and have suggested it should be exclusively for medical students. The current MedSoc is currently run by the PAs. I have suggested organising a meeting with the current committee to see what can be done moving forward. Action for me to meet with Gavin (Course Based Societies Coordinator Chelmsford) & Rachel (HEMS Representation Coordinator).

Additionally, the Medical Students have shared they are feeling isolated due to an intense timetable and a perceived hostility between courses. I am hoping to organise a HEMS social event (? via societies) to overcome this.

- Unfortunately, I have been unable to attend the October FEC & FPT due to placement.

[Tavonga Roy Magwenzi/FST Faculty Rep]

Update:

- Update on the Up your Grant
- I have approached students from different Faculties and Society Reps and have brought to our attention that the Student's Union is not offering enough money for the budgets for activities going on with some societies.
- I have contacted the Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Administrator for Big Pitch, Lance Everett who can assist in increasing grants for the pot in the event.
- Lance has not got back to me yet so once i receive more information i will give a more informed update
- Unfortunately I was unable to attend the FEC and FPT due to lectures.
- I have looked at some of the concerns raised by students in the FST and the most popular was fear of unemployment because most courses do not offer a placement year.

- The courses which do offer placement years do not directly send offers to students in a similar manner to the students in the FHSCE i.e. the NHS directly having placements for nurses and other courses within the Faculty.
- Most students who are in the international society seemed to raise this point and indicated how their chances of employment would decrease significantly without any placement/experience at all which is different from the FHSCE students with enough experience that will set them up good for employment straight after university offering flexibility options for them.
- I want to start an initiative to have the FST to collaborate with various firms/companies respective to courses offered by ARU FST which in turn will have students wishing to have placement experience during their course or temporary positions which provide valuable experience for students after university.
- Action pending; I have already spoken with an official from Chartered Institution of Building and has shown interest in the scheme, and will consult the Dean about the scheme. I haven't had time to meet him because of busy schedule lately.

[Tiegan Lawson/FHEMS Rep]

Update:

- My original idea was having a placement group meetup to help students on Young Street engage with the Student Union and try to keep the uni life going when they might not have contact for weeks with other students.
- I then had a meeting with Rose, and this stemmed into gathering feedback from Young Street students via survey monkey about how students feel on the campus and how their experience differs to 'normal' university students, with engagement to the student union.
- The end goal is to act upon feedback and see if the isolation that I have had feedback about, is a shared experience for most Young Street students. Hopefully engage the placement students with the university while they are on placement/set up a coffee morning bimonthly or something similar.
- After the win with the tablets for one Cohort in Cambridge, I'd like to be able to spread this to other campus' and be able to get students the choice about what device they use. Will get into contact with Peterborough Rep, as they have a similar issue, however they do not have John Smiths. The main goal is to allow students to use any device that is compatible for MyProgress, and if mentors have an issue with using students devices, the student can be loaned a tablet for the placement. Aim to Work with the Reps to spread this to all future/current cohorts- Possibly resolved for current, needs more clarification and communication.
- Looking forward to meeting and working with my course reps, so looking to set up a tea and biscuits morning.

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- In conversation with the Nursing Society President, to get it known and advertised as there are very few members right now, so then events can be planned!
 - Awaiting meeting regarding placement electives/placement feedback group.
 - Had a meeting with Head of Nursing and Midwifery school Cambridge, working closely with her to try to improve communication between tutors/course leaders and students.