



Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Education Board

Held at 18:39 on 8th November 2018 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

PRESENT:

- Michaela Flegrova (RCSU VP Education) (MF)
- Isabel Esain (Biochemistry Dep Rep) (IE)
- Tim Marley (Physics Dep Rep) (TM)

Apologies: Lorenz Hoffmann (Chemistry Dep Rep) (LH)

Albert Muljono (Biology Dep Rep) (AM)

Absent: Michael McGill (RCSU President) (MM), Ankush Rajput (Mathematics Dep Rep) (AR)

Clerk: Kaifeng Wei (RCSU Secretary) (KW)

Meeting opened at 18:39.

A. Reports from Departments

- IE and TM will be present for the next SSC meeting.
- NSS comments, action plans, curriculum reviews: IE: Well-being reps and 3rd-year academic reps are being involved. Curriculum reviews are ongoing, and there will be major changes such as shortening the maximum number of years in a life science degree, but nothing about NSS comments are heard; T M: more but not enough corporation was observed among the staff at NSS, a well-being SSC will take place. NSS has not been improved unfortunately with some very disheartening comments. Becky Middleton should be invited to a meeting about NSS plans, curriculum review meeting will take place next week with a summary of NSS comments made beforehand by TM.
- Personal tutor survey is being conducted as advised by the Dean of Faculty.

B. FoNS SSC

- There has been rumour about occupying the medicine students' space for Life Sciences common room plan, and this is not true;
- Council paper that covers Union's support for Life Sciences common room plan has not been submitted and should be looked into;

- Two weeks between Chemistry exam results and resits is too short for students to prepare for resits, which is a month for most Life Sciences(IE), similarly for Physics, this NEEDS to be discussed at the SSC.
- More on SSC: IE: Staff were not happy about the rating system of teaching staff. TMsaid the timing of Physics SSC was not ideal and has been rescheduled. Inclusiveness of student reps should be encouraged as suggested by IE.

C. RCSU Events

- Rep Induction: positive feedback was given about the talk, but the social afterwards could be better organised. More specifically, the bar tab was not opened and it caused a few reps to pay their own food and drinks. There is also restriction on food order, and a bigger budget could help this situation. However it has not been properly proposed.
- Meet your reps: Date should be confirmed with all the reps. Life Sciences' is next Friday and Physics' the day before. Freebies will be given out.

D. Mailing list access

This has not been an issue in Biochemistry but problem was experienced by LH.

Meeting closed at 19:24.