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| Meeting: | Academic Council |
| Location: | Microsoft Teams  |
| Date & Time: | 23 March 2021 15:00-16:30 |
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| In Attendance |
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| Apologies |
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| Item |  |
|  | **Welcome**  |
|  | **Education Officer Update (20mins)**Hear updates from your education officer on progress on The SU’s Top Ten and university wide issues. * Scaling
	+ Aware of the issue from faculty forums- you want more detailed information about why and how your results have been scaled
	+ This more detailed information is reported to your faculty board of studies. We are going to begin conversations proposing that this information could be shared with students
	+ We have also reviewed papers the SU submitted 5 YEARS AGO which asks for better communication of scaling, interestingly this feedback is still exactly the same at back then (showing the changes made have been adequate enough)
* “Kill the Bill” statement- we are working on a statement against the new government bill on stricter protesting laws.
	+ The bill is restricting our human right to peacefully protest, which is part of freedom of speech. As the SU we feel it is important to fight for our rights to protest, which has been a historically powerful tool for students (student fees, students against brexit etc)
* Decolonising the Curriculum
	+ We are working with the NUS to inform action plans for the university and faculty to ensure that more effective action is being taken
* Automatic Extensions & extensions app
	+ An app has been developed for extensions however it does not have a process to inform students why they have been denied an extension. The SU is pushing that feedback should be an integral part of any process of confirm/denying an extension.
	+ Still trying to push forward for automatic extensions.
* Exam timetables have been released
	+ If students have concerns about their timetables, make sure to try to work with your staff teams to resolve this.
	+ If you are not satisfied with staff response to student issues escalate the issue to your faculty reps
* New Faculty Reps- congratulations to:
	+ Engineering and Design: Francesca Marchetti, Mansi Ahuja
	+ Humanities: Rhea Menon & Zisis Tzifas Kratiras
	+ Management: Andrei Linguraru & Connor Mcmullan
	+ Science: Kieran Maharaj & John Ogunyemi
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|  | **Academic Representation Review (10mins)** Staff will introduce the Academic Represetnation Review |
|  | **Academic Represetnation Review Discussion (45 mins)**Academic Reps will be invited to join breakout rooms and discuss the following questions:* **What is working well and what practices should we keep?**
* **What isn’t working well and what should we change or improve?**
* **Share any ideas we have**

On the following topics: * **Recruitment-** elections and nomination process, promotion of elections by staff etc
* **Training-** core training, additions sessions provided the union, inductions organised by the SU
* **Academic Rep Responsibilities-** Collecting feedback, resolving problems with staff, representing in meetings, closing the feedback loop etc, SSLC chair experiences
* **Key Meetings-** how SSLCs, Faculty Forums, Academic Council are ran, their effectiveness, relevancy, productivity etc
* **Staff Support/Collaboration-** how are you supported by both univeristy and union staff, how you can collaborate with them to make change
* **Recognition and Personal Development-** what does or would motivate you to be a rep, what makes you feel recognised in the work you do?
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