

Now that the nightmare of Semester 1 is over and the exams are done. It all seems a long time ago now.

With that huge backlog of stuff to write about and so little time to write this report it'll have to be a quick run through!

This report is also available in full colour at: <http://www.mharrison.eu/union.php>

Current Intensity

Light - OK - Busy - >>>Very Busy<<< - Extreme - Critical
 "Yeah!" ----- "Umm..."

1. Online Voting

Is in the new Constitution ☺ Halleluiaah, finally after a referendum and an online survey we can accept students want this!

A lot of my time last semester was spent on trying to get this Council to act on the referendum result whilst battling with everything else that was going on. I will not write more about that save: remember who elected you and who you serve.

2. EPS Faculty TLC

I attended February's TLC and gave a presentation on Student Reps that was well received. Full report online.

Joe attended December's TLC on my behalf due to the Funeral. January's couldn't be attended due to exams.

There was a worrying item on Disciplinary Committees. Nearly all students do not get representation when they attend these meetings. From personal experience I can tell you that anyone without someone in support gets torn apart by the committee. We really need to encourage students involved (especially international students who seem particularly affected) to take someone with them. I have a few thoughts on this and will be pursuing them to see if something can be done about this.

3. Equality and Diversity

I've taken part in a trial for the Universities new E&D module that's about to be rolled out. In my opinion it's pretty good and I got them to give everyone a certificate for completing it!!

4. The Hive

I'm continuing to collect feedback for staff in EPS about this and promote it. It's a great space on North Campus and a sort of Learning Commons if you will.

5. Promoting Useful Stuff

I've been promoting the Book Fair and the ever useful Rate Your Digs. I believe we're still at the Union lawyer stage. Rate is on my priority list for getting sorted by the end of the year. We need legal approval for it and be in a position to take it over as a student run volunteering project by the end of the year if the site is to survive when the owners leave Uni.

6. Team EPS

We had a great meeting. Some actions still to be followed up on. I'll call a meeting and we'll review where we're up to with the ongoing Student Rep project getting each Council member to link up with a school.

Need to have discussions with Exec regarding the new Union structure and how we are going to get the apathetic rep structure fitting in.

There was a discussion around North Campus and how we can get societies more involved, as well as supporting WiSet; something we'll revisit next meeting and I'll chat with Emma.

7. Internationalisation

This is an issue that has become steadily more and more important to me. It solves so many problems and really it's common sense for both Home and International students. As well as the tackling discrimination by default; we also give students a more international experience; something employers value. It's win-win; so for example: in streamlining the Student Reps system I'll be looking at how to get more international students to stand to be reps. It's more of a "being aware of promoting internationalisation in everything I do" thing. Important non the less!

I will be promoting Global Week later this month.

All files and reports are on my website. Too many to mention!

Hours and Expenses

Week Commencing	Hours worked	Cumulative total
<i>To date</i>	365	-
Semester 1, Week 9	18	383
Semester 1, Week 10	34	417
Semester 1, Week 11	2 (Away; Funeral etc.)	419
Semester 1, Week 12	8	427
Christmas "Holidays"	6	433
Exams	5	438
Semester 2, Week 1	1 (Week off)	439
Semester 2, Week 2	16	455

No expenses claimed in this period. Total claimed since June: £195.