

So I'm now a lame duck Faculty Officer and my time is coming to an end with UMSU; this is my penultimate Council report. That doesn't mean I have nothing to do...far...far from it...

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1. Handover

I'm currently in the process of preparing handover to Ghalia. This is quite exciting as a lot of the problems that I have faced this year have been due to structures just not existing and a slow start from me having to work everything out for myself. Ghalia actually gets a handover, and all the structures/groundwork in place. I have high hopes for EPS next year!

One recent innovation of mine (no really, you're too kind!) was to include the EPS Council-elect and Ghalia in our EPS Team meetings to form:

2. Super Team EPS

We had a meeting last week (Ghalia managed to run off with the notes; so no minutes yet!) and North Campus was a major issue (see below) and we also discussed the Course reps and how the new Council members can continue and improve on our current work next year.

What a Faculty Officer can achieve in a year is severely limited by time, I formed a team with the excellent EPS Council members, but it was November before it really got off the ground (by-election was required to fill three seats). Ghalia has until the end of the year to get to know the new team and pump us poor out-going lame duck Council members for information and expertise; ready for a speedy start next year.

I'd encourage all lead Council Officers to do the same.

3. North Campus

Further to my previous report the issue seems one of perception of services closing. **North Campus must provide services as long as students are based there.** Shop provision in the bar is good, but we need to tackle this perceived abandonment.

One way of doing this is to promote the **shiny new Learning Commons on North Campus**, which has received some amazing feedback from students and due to this will soon be moving to a new bigger home on the top floor of the Joule Library.

4. Meeting Tony Brown

Lots was discussed and my verbal report to the EPS meeting on Monday will go into details: Internationalisation is still high on the agenda and the issue is we don't know whether it is a problem. Communication is key; international students and PGT need surveying and we need to question whether the structures are capable of obtaining good feedback from these groups. WiSET was questioned as the most effective way to support women in science and the Faculty is looking into whether the resources could be better allocated to achieve this goal.

5. Casework

Had to step in to do some confidential casework.

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What I guess I'm building to is my final report. I will include pictures ☺

All files and reports are on my website.

Hours and Expenses

Week Commencing	Hours worked	Cumulative total
<i>To date</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>-</i>
Semester 2, Week 5	22	525
Semester 2, Week 6	35	560
Semester 2, Week 7	12	572
Semester 2, Week 8	6	578

£42 claimed this period. Total claimed since June: £237.

Mainly exec phone allowance and transport.