

Council report – for meeting on 22nd February

Book Fair

This has been the bane of my life for the last few weeks. Whilst a number of improvements were made from the Book Fair held way back in October, again a number of improvements could have been made to this one. In a nutshell however, almost 1,500 books were handed in. As expected, a lot of them didn't sell as people decided to put forward books that were meant for first semester modules. Nevertheless, total revenue amounted to around £5,200 and all of this is being given back to the students whose books were sold.

Casework

- Ensuring a PhD student in MBS was not kicked off his programme.
- Investigating why BA East Asian Studies did not have a Programme Administrator.
- Ensuring that, despite protests, Politics tutorials weren't being cancelled.
- Issues pertaining to University Security.
- (*Ongoing*) A number of issues pertaining to the MEd Psychology with Education programme.
- Looking into complaints about delays from the University making payments for PhD funding.
- Hassling the University on why UMSU toilets weren't working.
- Looking into delays in returning Drama assignment feedback.
- Having loads of individual meetings with people wanting to know about UMSU elections.
- A number of issues for the library:
 - Night-time temperatures.
 - Obtaining another book returns machines
 - Availability of enough sockets

Key Diary Engagements

15th December – Humanities Teaching and Learning Committee meeting.

15th December – Meeting with UG Director in Sociology regarding their NSS ratings.

16th December – University cuts strategy meeting (UMSU meeting).

16th December – Humanities Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

[17th December - 25th January: EXAMS]

26th January – NUS Services Limited meeting.

27th January – Humanities Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

29th January – NUS rally at Platt Fields Park.

1st February – Council meeting.

2nd February – Presentation about UMSU elections.

15th February – International Students Regional Forum.

17th February – Meeting with Chris Davies, Associate Dean (T&L) in Humanities.

(Excluded: Weekly Exec meetings, Trustee meetings, Casework-related meetings with individual students, and any meetings I've forgotten about- of which I'm sure there's a few!)

Hope you guys enjoyed reading this Council report (I'm sure you did!). If you have any questions at all, do let me know.

Best wishes,

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