

ROSE BRUFORD COLLEGE OF THEATRE & PERFORMANCE

NOTES OF THE FULL TIME STUDENT YEAR REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2019

All identified full-time student year representatives had been invited to attend the meeting. (A list of attendees is set out at the end of these notes.)

The meeting was hosted by Dr Andrew Walker, Vice Principal. Gill Simson, Quality Officer, was also present.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

SYRs were welcomed back following the Christmas break and thanked for continuing as SYRs.

Firstly, the Vice Principal explained that this meeting was an opportunity to hear back from SYRs about how things were going from their point of view.

He outlined particular topics that would be covered during the meeting:

- Programme Committees
- Surveys
- Invitation for involvement in a pilot project
- SU update
- Well campus agenda
- Any other issues

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

Feedback from SYRs indicated that the notification of timings for such meetings was satisfactory. However, some SYRs had expected to have more time to talk about student issues and felt there was insufficient opportunity to address these issues at the meeting. They recognised that they were able to raise issues at plenary meetings afterwards.

Action: To look to identify running times for programme committee agenda items. (VP)

FORTHCOMING STUDENT SURVEYS

Attention was drawn to the forthcoming First Impressions Survey (FIS) which is about to be launched for all Level 4 students regarding their experiences from pre registration to date. SYRs were encouraged to promote participation.

Further, attention was drawn to the National Student Survey (NSS) aimed at all Level 6 students. This is an important national survey conducted across the HE sector by IPSOS MORI; they are known to be persistent in their contact with L6 students to participate. SYRs were encouraged to promote participation.

The Vice Principal will keep student reps informed of the NSS response rates.

STUDENTS' UNION

The SU President asked SYRs questions to determine those programmes and levels represented at the meeting.

The SU P advised SYRs that if they felt uncomfortable dealing with an issue as a representative, they should call upon the Student Union, Student Services or their tutor for advice.

The SU President offered SYRs the opportunity to raise issues with the SU at the meeting. Specific issues raised included:

- Number of contact hours (Acting)
- Lack/cancellation of lessons in autumn term (Costume Production)
- Too late notice of sessions (Stage Management)
- Lack of encouragement and help from Study Support relating to dyslexia (Acting).
Action: The SU P recommended that those students affected by the Study Support issue should contact the SU Welfare and Disability Officer (Eve Hawes) for a chat in the first instance. This would be followed up by a conversation between Eve and the Vice Principal.
- Overly long/chaotic programme committee meeting (4 hours).
Action: Consideration to be given as to how to address the issue (VP)
- Need to highlight what the programme committee is for. SYRs can organise meetings with their tutor to discuss issues in between. **Action: Speak to SU P or VP on how to organise.**
- More communication needed (Stage Management). It was noted Subject Leader was looking to set up weekly or bi-weekly tutorials in the New Year.

The SU President reminded SYRs of the appointment of the two SU Associate Officers and encouraged SYRs to make contact with them – Ellie (Eleanor O'Brien) for School of Performance and Hannah (Woodey) for School of DMTA

The SU President drew attention to the appointment of the new Christopher Court SU representative – **Joe Mobbs (ATA L4)?**

The relocation of the programme administration team to the 2nd floor of Lamorbey House had been raised at Academic Board and one or two other committees. As a result, the SU had worked with management to create a hub in the annex (ground floor ramped entrance adjoining Lamorbey House) once a week and to encourage students to work with the programme administration team. It may be possible to include other departments in due course. Discussions were in train with the Principal and Vice Principal to look to develop a one-stop shop student hub.

A new stage had been installed in the Bru Bar which could be used for anything. Also a new screen had been installed.

PILOT PROJECT

The Vice Principal explained that the College will be participating in the Teaching Enhancement Framework (TEF) subject pilot. (Currently the College has been awarded Gold at an Institutional level until next year.)

However, in addition to the institutional award there will be a subject award (currently being piloted for a second year). Many organisations involved are large institutions of 30,000 – 40,000 students. This pilot would be an opportunity to give some thought on how it might work in smaller institutions.

The College will be submitting in three subjects:

Performing Arts
Creative Arts (PS and CLC)
Materials and Technology (LD)

A proportion of LD, CLC and PS programmes will also submit in Performing Arts.

The College will need to provide a narrative and information against each of these areas in its submission, which will be considered alongside a set of metrics. The results of the pilot will not be publicised this year.

The College is very keen to ensure student involvement in its submissions and to have your thoughts on the submissions at an early stage taking on board some of the points you wish to be making. There will be a draft submission for each subject and an institutional submission. The Vice Principal will be in contact with you by email to invite participation.

Action: VP

The TEF subject awards will be used to recognise the prestige and value of learning and teaching in institutions.

WELL CAMPUS AGENDA

The Vice Principal explained that this was an issue very high up the institution's agenda. The establishment of a "well campus" was to ensure an integrated approach across the College to such matters as health, disability, safeguarding, speaking up about perceived anti-social behaviour and attitudes on campus, mental health issues and broad issues such as feeling good.

A working party would be set up with appropriate student representation and some SU representatives. The Vice Principal would be keen to hear from others who might be interested in being involved. It is likely that there will be two or three meetings of the working party; the first taking place on 18 February at 12 noon.

OTHER ISSUES RAISED

A request for a new microwave in the Canteen.

Action: To raise with member of staff responsible for liaison with Bartlett Mitchell. (VP)

Heating levels in C001a/b too low.

Action: To raise with Estates Department (VP).

LIST OF SYRS IN ATTENDANCE (taken from sign-in sheet)

NAME	PROGRAMME	LEVEL
Ryan Perry	PS	5
Barney Gutteridge SU	SEM	5
Eve Hawes SU	SEM	5
Thomas Laing SU	PS	5
Andrew Exeter SU	LD	5
Hannah Williams	TD	4
Glen Leyser	CLC	4
Jude Devoil	CLC	4
Daisy Francis-Bryden	SEM	4
Max Kinder	A	4
Ryan Jacques	SEM	5

Luke Jeffery SU	CLC	5
Annabel Lisle	A	4
Morgan Burgess	AM	4
Will Goodwin	AM	4
Tamsin Robinson	TD	6
Athina Fridh Paleologos	ETA	6
Chris Walker	PS	6
Alex Ray	LD	5
Abi Turner	LD	5
Eoin Harrington	SEM	4
Charley Hardwick	LD	4
Grace Velvick	CP	4
Gina Dicker	CP	4
Jacob Lawrence	CLC	5