

ROSE BRUFORD COLLEGE OF THEATRE & PERFORMANCE

NOTES OF THE FULL TIME STUDENT YEAR REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 30 APRIL 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. Angela Taylor, Academic Registrar was also present.

1, Welcome and overview of the meeting

Student Year Reps (SYRs) were welcomed to the meeting and thanked for their valuable work as SYRs. In particular Tamsin Robinson was thanked for her contribution as a student representative for three years.

The VP reported back on matters raised at the previous meetings as follows:

Programme committee running times. There was no reason why programme Committees should last longer than one and a half, to one and three-quarter hours. If the meeting did appear to be taking longer than this, then student reps should raise this with the Programme Director/subject leader. It would be perfectly acceptable to ask for the meeting to be adjourned and reconvened.

Study Support. The issue raised by an individual student at the last meeting had not been followed up.

Microwave in the Rose Café. There were now two microwaves in the café area.

2, Programme Committees

The Vice Principal outlined the items which would be discussed at the forthcoming programme committees. These included:

2.1 First Impressions Survey. 65% of students had responded to the survey which was a good overall response rate. 91.8% of students were satisfied with their course, and 92.9% with the College overall. 71.8% considered that their course represented value for money.

More details of the survey as it related to individual programmes would be provided at the various programme committees.

Comments arising from the survey relating to individual areas such as catering, library and student union had been circulated to individual areas for response.

2.2 Module evaluation forms had been circulated to programme reps by the programme administration team. Level 5 and 6 reps advised level 4 reps that it would not always be possible to meet with all students at any one time, but that it was important to gain as much feedback as possible. Feedback could be gained

through email. Students were also able to give individual feedback via the form which was available on the front page of the VLE.

2.3 The revised **Student Complaints Policy** and **Transgender Policy** (new) were on the programme committee agenda for information.

3. Student Surveys

3.1 NSS – the 2019 NSS would close on 30 April. The response rate was at 73/74% which was comparable to previous years.

3.2 A level five survey was underway amongst full time students. Level 5 reps were asked to encourage completion.

4. SU elections

Nominations were currently being sought for SU officers and would close on 7 May. Nominations would be posted on the noticeboard in reception by 9 May and hustings would take place in the week beginning 13 May 2019. Election day will be 23 May 2019.

5. Students' Union

The SU President and SU Welfare and Disability Officer circulated a summary of issues which had been raised by students with the SU. Reps were asked to discuss amongst themselves which issues from the summary they would prioritise and whether these would be for immediate, short term or long term action.

Priority issues were:

Room booking system – students would welcome a more detailed explanation of the room booking system during induction and then a refresher session during the year, including information regarding who to contact if Ade Tettmar was not available. The reps were reminded that each room carried information about how to book rooms. In the longer term, a more automated system allowing for on-line booking would be desirable.

Recycling and plastic waste. Students requested more information about where recycling bins were located. The SU agreed to circulate a map showing the location of recycling bins. **ACTION: SU**

Bartlett Mitchell would be introducing a recyclable cup scheme from September 2019.

Vegan options in the café and Bru Bar. The SU would be meeting with Barry from Bartlett Mitchell and Jean Bibbey to discuss this further. **ACTION SU**

Storage bins. Students were concerned about the lack of storage and the implications of this on waste. If there was more storage then less materials would be wasted between shows.

College opening hours. Students were keen to be allowed into College before 8.30am even though they appreciated that they would not be able to access classrooms or studios as these were still being cleaned. **ACTION: VP to discuss with the Facilities Manager.**

Mental Health First Aiders. Training of ten new MHFAs would take place in August 2019 and the MHFA list would be updated after the training. Tiffany Banks would be trained as an MHFA trainer.

Reciprocal DMTA/SoP workshops. The suggestion of running workshops in one school for students in the other school was welcomed. This could be based on the carousel arrangement which operated in SEM. The same system might apply for establishing SU societies at the beginning of the academic year, to enable students to find out more about each society.

6. Symposium The VP thanked all of the reps for their work with the symposium and reported that there would be an opportunity for a formal debrief. In the meantime, reps were asked to give initial feedback.

Reps suggested that it would have been helpful for the artistic director to have started work a little earlier during the lead up to symposium week, although once he had begun work his input and direction was much appreciated. Some reps considered that communication between areas of the symposium might have been better, and that there should have been a better flow of information leading up to symposium week. It would have been helpful to have had a full meeting of all of these involved prior to the event.

7. London Borough of Bexley – revamping of Sidcup High Street

The Vice Principal provided details of an event taking place at College on 10 May at 10.00am with representatives from the London Borough of Bexley to which all students were invited to attend. The borough was keen to hear the views of students on how the High Street could be improved and how students could contribute through live performance and other events.

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

NAME	PROGRAMME	LEVEL
Ryan Perry	PS	5
Eve Hawes SU	SEM	5
Andrew Exeter SU	LD	5
Tamsin Robinson	TD	6
Alex Ray	LD	5
Jacob Lawrence	CLC	5
Joe Mobbs	ATA	4
Matt Condon	CLC	4
Glen Leyser	CLC	4
Lucy Peacefull	SEM	5
George Wait	ETA	4