

TITLE: SoCS Rep Officer Report
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WHAT HAS BEEN WORKED ON IN THE LAST MONTH?

1. Host the first Women in Science Roundtable and present the recommendations to the CoS leadership team. – Due 25th Feb
2. Continue support for students through end of Semester A and exam period - Done
3. To begin to support the April enhancement week program with ideas – Working on

The last month has seen a 2 week end of Semester A period. This period was pretty quiet as students completed their final assignments and we were able to deal with signposting for students who needed support on EC and Extensions. Developments on following activities around working groups and rep support were able to move forwards as we tried to held engagement in the school.

Attendance at the committees through the month was positive and I am very happy that all the reps raised and held their points, even though some of the process owners that the points were raised against were not happy. You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs. I have fed back that process owners do need to be more receptive to student feedback and that invariably to everything is not going to be right first time.

Brief discussion on how to promote the NSS have been held with a view to developing videos, media content as well as live Q&A to support into the completion of these surveys. We should see more of this over the next 2 weeks.

SUCCESS FROM THE PAST MONTH AND ANY REP WINS:

The team have again been busy with their own coursework as the Semester ended but also supporting students as we come to the end of Semester A. Our key achievements over the last 4 weeks have been:

1. **Student Support** – The reps have done a great job over the last 4 weeks helping sign post several students to support. This last 4 weeks involved several end of Semester assignments and request for extension or rules around EC's which were quickly provided.
2. **Reps Support** – The reps have been supporting the school over the last few weeks with extending communication around promotional opportunities or extra-curricular activities. This is great and shows how the reps support in a forward-thinking role and not just firefighting.
3. **Women in Science** – The Women In Science group is going very well. A small team has been created and tentative date for the first off roundtable to be held (25th Feb). There have been circa 4 themes proposed such as the discouragement seen in pre-university for pursuing computing, external representation of female computer science lecturers, language and its impact (is it gender neutral for instance), INB design for open days, as well as the UoL prospectus which has several areas that need strengthening. The team looks forward to presenting their feedback from the first roundtable.
4. **New Enhancement Week** – A potential new enhancement is taking place around the 8th March (Easter break) and the reps have been initially helping with taking part in activities as well as sourcing students to participate. This really helps extends a students CV as well as getting the reps in a high visibility position. I look forward to posting more about this over the next month or so.
5. **SoCS UG Subject Committee** – The reps had the pleasure of attending the Undergraduate student subject committee and reporting back on all the good work and all the potential opportunities. Several areas such as modules with single 100% assessment as well as balance of modules was fed back. This linked to the module evaluations as well which the students reps have been promoting. It was good to hear the reps being vocal and very open about the cohort experience. A meeting overview can be found here:
https://socsreps.github.io/posts/blogs/subjectCommitteeMeeting_BLOG.html

PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH:

This coming month is the start of Semester B and into the Easter Holidays, so focus is on helping with any concerns about starting the new term and supporting where required when students begin to move back to campus.

1. Host the first Women in Science Roundtable and present the recommendations to the CoS leadership team.
2. Take part and host events for the Enhancement Week
3. Promote the NSS across the 3rd year cohort