

<b>Meeting:</b>	Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Forum
<b>Location:</b>	3E 2.1
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	30/11/2023 14:15 – 15:05

<b>Present:</b>	
Ahmad Alkuchikmulla	Undergraduate Humanities & Social Science Faculty Rep (Co-chair)
Bazhena Tancheva	Undergraduate Humanities & Social Science Faculty Rep (Co-chair)
Dhanishtha Upadhyay	BSc Psychology (Placement) Year 2
Paridhi Prabhakar	BSc Psychology Year 1
Jess Smith	BSc Sociology & Social Policy Final Year
Theepika Vijayakumaran	Economics Year 1
Nathan Tse	Economics Year 1
Niamh Fitzgerald	Modern Languages Year 1
Roberta Ursino	Politics & International Relations Year 1
<b>In attendance:</b>	
Amber Snary	SU Education Officer
Georgina Newham	Student Voice Coordinator (Academic Representation)

<b>Item</b>	
1.	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>The co-chairs AA and BT introduced themselves and explained their role as a Faculty Rep. They encouraged students to join the HSS Academic Rep WhatsApp group so they can communicate with Reps easily.</p> <p>The Faculty Reps went over effective methods of feedback Reps can use as well as classifying when an issue was a course issue and when it was a faculty issue.</p>
2.	<p><b>Updates from Faculty Reps</b></p> <p>The Faculty Reps have been settling into their role and attending meetings such as Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee (FLTQCs) and Board of Studies (BoS). They emphasised the importance of encouraging their cohort to complete the Open Unit Evaluation to gather valuable insight on each module.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Updates from Academic Reps</b></p> <p>The chairs opted to go around the room to have informal chats with each Rep due to the number of Reps attending. The key themes that arose are detailed below.</p> <p>3.1. <u>Reading Week</u></p> <p>All departments in the faculty have a reading week, however, when this happens differs for each. For example, Social Policy Sciences have it in week 4 to align with half term for staff, as opposed to Psychology who have it in week 7. There is a strong feeling of needed a more unified approach to reading week.</p> <p>3.2. <u>C7 &amp; Exam Questions</u></p> <p>There is a lack of clarity around the essay structure in the Politics and International Studies department. However, this could be brought up in an incoming seminar.</p> <p>3.3. <u>Programming Economics (12003)</u></p> <p>Economics Year 1 Reps in attendance shared that the module is “unclear” and that students are unsatisfied with the content as it is the first time this unit has been available to students. AA encouraged them to feed this bad in their OUEs.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business presented.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>To be confirmed.</p>