

Postgraduate Education Sweep Report – April 2025

Training

- Attended the JISC conference learning about how AI can be used to enhance education.
- Discussed briefly with Belfast MET the workings of our union and offered them advice in the beginning stages of their union.

Academic Reps

- Undergraduate and Postgraduate Education Committees. Academic reps were very engaged and were able to collaborate with each other and also SU Voice on their updates and upcoming projects.
- Helped to organise and run the first Academic Rep Summit. This event was co ran by Eli and myself and Voice. We focussed on topics surround assessment and feedback and was proven to be successful.
- Attended respective SVC meetings.
- Academic board took place involving insightful discussions such as PG survey and strategic roles of student voice.

Committees

- Education Committee Student Experience discussing the official university welcome and how this could be improved upon for our prospective students.
- A new postgrad focus group in MHLS Faculty in the hopes to boost the numbers of incoming students.
- Commercial services forum seeing successes of the bar, Mandela Hall and the shop.
- Academic Year Review Report Feedback meeting brought to light the positives and negatives staff had with the report.
- Was a part of the Student Scholarships and Awards Group approving and awarding students.
- Attended another task and finish group of Video Enhanced Learning discussing the upcoming policy.
- Academic Year Report was approved at academic council and therefore all changes will be implemented in the 25/26 and 26/27 time period.
- Attended the MHLS PGT task and finish groups discussing items such as PGT numbers while comparing home student numbers and international student numbers.
- Attended Education Committee Student Experience in the hopes of improving life for our students especially PGT and PGRs.
- Attended Student Scholarship Group helping to allocate respective bursaries etc.
- Took part in the first PGR advisory committee tackling major PGR issues as well as funding and workshop opportunities.

Other

- Had meetings with multiple schools surrounding placement students and the issues they are having in relation to my upcoming placement survey.

- Was on a panel for the Skills Fest Opening Event discussing uprising matters in student lives ranging from assessment to AI.
- SU Elections took place and we received our second highest turn out with 5,397 total voters.
- Hosted a Diversity and Inclusion Panel for the Elevate NI Student Conference.
- Had Brighton SU visit and discussed similarities and differences in both the relationship with the university and how the SU is managed.
- Attended the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Charter Launch at NUS-USI alongside the other unions in the region.
- Got a tour of the medical intersim in the MBC. This was fascinating to see the innovation that can improve our students' learning.
- The staff excellence awards event was held celebrating staff successes. This year saw the first ever student choice award.