

Student-Staff Committee Annual Report

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| Academic year: 2016/17 | |
| School/Institute: History, Classics and Archaeology | |
| Programmes covered by SSC: History BA (V100), Ancient History BA (V100), Classical Studies BA (Q810), Classics BA (Q800), Archaeology BA (V400). | |
| How many SSCs have taken place during the academic year? 3 | |
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Matters resolved during this academic year

| Matter raised | Raised by: | Outcome |
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| NUIT raised the potential implementation of 2 new features to the Newcastle University app. One allowing direct contact with course reps, the second allowing the creation of polls by the SSC for students to vote on. | Marc Bennett | This was approved by the SSC and the features have been implemented into the app. |
| A proposal by the History Society to create an academic journal for the initial benefit of History students, to be later rolled out across the School. | | Discussion was held regarding this issue. It was noted that plagiarism becomes a significant problem when publishing an essay online. Also, there would be student dissatisfaction if this service was only provided to History students in the society as it could be an unfair advantage. It was proposed that exercises in class could benefit students where they are presented with extracts of an essay to discuss. |
| History students requested printer credits to be increased and for credits to be issued every semester rather than year as they are a print-heavy programme. | | The Head of School has considered the option to increase the printer credits. However, figures showed that students largely did not use all the existing credits and therefore increasing them cannot be approved |

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| Issues with the student common room being booked for events requiring students to leave. | | It was stated that as the common room is for all that students should not have to leave even if the room was booked. |
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Ongoing discussions

| Matter raised | Raised by: | Actions pending |
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| Installing a printer in the student lounge. | SSC committee | SS investigating costs and who will be responsible for maintenance. |
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Have you been aware of any equality and diversity issues this year? If yes, please provide any details.

| Matter raised | Raised by: | Actions pending |
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Any other points to note/feedback

At NUSU, we would like to use this report to promote some of the committee's achievements and also use the information provided to report on common trends in student representation. If you are happy for us use the information for these purposes, please mark the following box