

## City University London Students' Union Standing Report

### Summary

This paper is a summary of the Students' Union's current activity. The following areas are covered:

- Representation Update
- Student Satisfaction
- Progression
- Employability

### Recommendations

Education and Student Committee is asked to **note and discuss** the report.

# City University London Students' Union

## Representation Update

The below activities support student satisfaction, progression and employability.

### Programme Representatives

#### *Recruitment and Training*

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>REPS TRAINED</b>	<b>REPS 2016-17</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Cass Business School	144	158	91%
City Law School	74	86	86%
School of Arts and Social Sciences	172	204	84%
School of Health Sciences	129	153	84%
School of Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering	90	99	91%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF REPS TRAINED</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>87%</b>

We have now elected **703** Reps and the Union's aim is to elect at least one Rep on every course at City. **87%** of Reps are now trained and the Union's aim to reach 100% by the end of this academic year. The Union will be looking to improve certain aspects of the Programme Rep System at City, and will work closely with the University to ensure changes are implemented.

### Leadership Elections

At the close of nominations the Union demonstrated a considerable improvement from 2015/16 in the number of candidates standing for election. There were 4 nominations for President, 2 for Vice President Education and 8 for Vice President Activities and Development, this represents a 100% increase.

Leadership Elections have taken place and the Union is pleased to report that 2225 students voted in this year's elections, with a total of 10,949 votes being casted. This is our highest ever based on current records dating back to 2012/13.

## Student Satisfaction

### Learning Enhancement Awards 2017

The Union, supported by LEaD, hosted a successful Learning Enhancement Awards on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Over 250 nominations were received from students for Teaching in Schools, Personal Tutoring, Research Supervision, Professional Services and Assessment & Feedback. The ceremony was attended by over 100 students and staff.

### Surveys

The Union is continuing to work with Student & Academic Services to promote surveys at City. If School's are experiencing any issues, the Union is happy to support in any way possible.

### Varsity 2017

The Union is supporting CitySport with the delivery of Varsity 2017 against Kingston University London. The Union has organised the Official after party to celebrate and support our sporting community.

### RAG Week 2

For the first time the Union has committed to having two RAG Weeks. For RAG Week 2 we have had many volunteers participating in fundraising for Amnesty International and Care International. There were various activities throughout the week such as a Pub Quiz, Games Room and RAG Raids in certain locations in London. Board of Studies (

### Students' Union Awards 2017

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Students' Union Awards took place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. These Awards recognise and reward students at City, University of London, for extra-curricular activities including societies & volunteering and co-curricular such as Programme Reps.

### Student Media

The Union now has an official online media outlet called 'The Howl', launched at a party arranged by the Student Media Society. The Union is currently working on planning for the future of Student Media and discussing how we can support our students better who have an interest in this area.

### Societies

We currently have 77 societies within the Union with society elections currently taking place for the next academic year. The Union has had more AGM's held by societies this year than previously before.

### New Shop – Tait Level 1

The Union has opened its new Shop in 'The Courtyard' area on Tait Level 1. We hope this provides increased presence for City merchandise and exposure for the Union to engage with students.

### **Progression**

#### Keep Calm Study On

After delivering a successful campaign during the January assessment period, the Union aims to continue its bi-annual campaign to support students throughout the May/June assessment period. The campaign will focus on physical activities, study skills, mind, body and relaxation and stress-busting activities along with a Petting Zoo in NSQ. This campaign will also include the Union's Hush Campaign to support a successful 24/7 Library Opening.

Schools and Professional Services are encouraged to join us and support this campaign.

## **Employability**

### Learning at City Conference 2017

The Union's VP Education will deliver a Keynote at this year's Learning at City Conference 2017. The keynote will cover why it is so important for students to be involved in extra and co-curricular activities, the opportunities City Students' Union provides and how City staff can become involved in the Union's Vision 2020.

There will also be an exciting activity, putting City staff in the shoes of a Programme Representative and a Society Leader.

### Student Leadership Conference 17

The Union, in collaboration with the Careers Service, LEaD, Student Development, Library Services and the National Union of Students hosted a Student Leadership Conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 for Programme Representatives, Society Leaders and TeamCity Captains. The key themes of the Conference were Leadership and Employability, and a host of Workshops focussed on these areas were delivered in two streams to students.

The aim of this initiative was to further improve the work our student leaders carry out to improve their courses, society activities and provide an opportunity for students to develop key skills to enhance their employability prospects. The Union aims to continue leading on employability initiatives in collaboration with the University.

### Brexit Essay Competition

The Union received 20 submissions from students across all School's at City. All submissions were reviewed and the top 3 were awarded at the Learning Enhancement Awards 2017. Prizes included 3 days' legal work experience, £100 cash, limited edition pens and City merchandise.

### Inspired Leaders Series

The Union has kick started its Leadership Project in collaboration with CityCareers and hosted the first event January 2017. 50 students attended and had the opportunity to network with business leaders and learn from their experiences. The Union will continue to work with the CityCareers on this project going forward.