

UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON STUDENT SENATE

Report to Council from its meeting on 3 February 2021

Committee Chair: Professor Jean-Noël Ezingard

The 32nd meeting of the University Student Senate was held on Wednesday 3 February 2021 via Zoom.

Report from the last meeting

The report from the last meeting was presented to Student Senate.

Updates from members

The Vice-Chancellor gave a number of updates at the start of the meeting on the action that had been taken in relation to the points raised at the previous meeting.

Student Senate was thanked for its role in raising issues on behalf of the student body that the University was then able to address and resolve. Student Senate noted that the OfS had recently announced £50m in additional hardship funding for students and that any money the University received would be distributed to students. Student Senates then raised a number of items for the discuss:

- COVID regulations and behaviour on campus. It was agreed that further work would be undertaken to explore how the University's disciplinary regulations could be strengthened.
- Masks in the Library. It was agreed that work would be undertaken to enhance procedures for using the library, including the possibility of mandatory testing.
- Support from academic staff over Christmas. It was agreed that communications would be reviewed for future holiday periods to ensure that students knew what support was available over the holidays.
- Removing reading weeks from the academic timetable. It was noted that the timetable for 2020-21 had been challenging to put together. The concerns of student senators around the provision of reading weeks was noted and would be incorporated into future decision-making.
- Support for students in the event of a strike. It was agreed that, in the unlikely event of any future industrial action, support for students would be the University's absolute priority.

Other items

Student Senate also held student-led discussions regarding careers and employability and environmental sustainability at the University.

Date of next meeting: 28 April 2021

George Turner
University Secretary & Clerk to Council
February 2021