

Kieran Minto Postgraduate education officer report: December

Hi everyone, I'm your postgrad education officer for this year. I represent your academic interests, working closely with the undergrad education officer and the reps (Faculty, school and course). I sit on many committees alongside senior members of staff across the university in order to promote student voice.

This month was relatively slow, especially towards the end as students and staff left for the Christmas break. Reflective of this I attended a lot of events organized by the university, union and our reps. My work as part of strategy 2030 continued, as we made plans for implementation of projects in the new year.

Internal events:

- Attended many Christmas celebrations organised and ran by reps across the university.
- Attended a number of events as part of the SU Festive Party.
- Arranged and ran a rep Christmas event alongside the undergrad education officer. This marked the end of the semester, celebrated the work put in by the reps and helped to strengthen the rep community.
- Took part in the procession of several graduation ceremonies and attended the graduation of the welfare officer.
- Attended both the graduation lunch to mark the end of winter graduations along with this years honorary graduation ceremony and diner.

Strategy 2030:

- Co-chaired the student voice strand alongside the UG education officer and Professor Andrew McDowell. I continued to work alongside the UG education officer and the SU voice team on the project being headed up within the union. Alongside working on how student co-design would be administered within the strand going forward.
- Continued to attend and consult on all other streams of the Education strand.
- Meet with of the management team within ESS to discuss future changes to the voice workstream.

Meetings:

- I took part a meeting with university management, student officers alongside several students following the results of the "Decolonise, Demilitarise and Democratise Queen's University Belfast" referendum. This meeting was productive, with management making several pledges and agreeing to future meetings.
- Took part in a joint meeting between JSOC and CST (Community Security Trust).
- Hosted the first QUBSU Education Committee meeting with all PG school and faculty reps, this highlighted some of the issues with the current PG rep system across the university.
- Met with the Student Rep Coordinators of each school, this check-in again highlighted some of the issues with the implementation of the current rep system.
- Attended Education Committee (Student Experience).
- I attended a meeting of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Review Group.
- I took part in the selection panel as part of the Pathway Programme.
- Attended the third meeting of Students' Union Council.