Officer Report Template

Use this document for your reports to Union Exec, Council, GM and AGM Meetings.

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| Name: | Position: |
| Laura Thompson | Graduate School Officer |
| Issues | **Summary & Action Taken / Ongoing / Planned** |
| Postgraduate teaching | Conducted a survey on research students’ teaching conditions and experiences and wrote the ‘Research Students who Teach’ report. The report has been through Senate (twice), the Graduate School Committee (twice) and SMCSE’s most recent Board of Studies.  Management and the Deans are thus aware of the issues, but progress remains slow as the various committees, boards and Schools seem to be passing responsibility for solutions back and forth. At the last Senate, the SU pushed for action to be taken, and the Graduate School and LeAD (who are currently responsible for postgraduate teacher training) will be preparing a response at the Senate in December.  I have also had a meeting with the Dean of SASS (who were identified as having particular issues in the report) a couple of months ago. The VP Education and I will be having a meeting with the new Dean for this school in coming weeks.  Since February, I have also held a number of group meetings with PhDs to talk about teaching to stay aware of current problems and make sure student voices are heard. Regular attendees to these meetings are providing their support for this issue. As a group, we have demonstrated at the UCU strikes in July for postgrad teachers and will be participating in the #Nov19 demo. |
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