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ULIP SU 2019-2020

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This report draws on feedback from a survey that was put together and distributed online among ULIP students in December 2019.

It was met with 21 responses:

4 BA1s

11 BA2s

6 BA3s

0 Postgraduate Students

This equates to under 25% of the total student population at ULIP. While there have been fewer responses from students than expected, ULIPSU would be happy to meet with any student at any time to discuss issues, concerns, criticisms and praise throughout the year.

The survey and this report were created with the intention of assessing the issues that ULIP students face on a day to day basis.

We're hoping that this feedback will give an insight into aspects of student life that both the SU and the Institution may not be aware of. From this, the SU will be better equipped to support students in a way that is useful and to make operational changes that meet students' needs.

FEEDBACK IMPLEMENTATION

If you're in BA2/BA3, do you feel that the SU has successfully implemented feedback from last year's campaign?

YES - 58.8%

NO - 5.9%

UNSURE / OTHER - 35.3%

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SU HAS DONE WELL SO FAR THIS SEMESTER? WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SU COULD IMPROVE ON NEXT SEMESTER?

Increased transparency, great events

Education officer has been good with communication

Been transparent and open with everyone

good - transparency and events

The SU has become a lot more transparent and accessible so far. Additional groups/meeting such as Diversity Committee are great ideas and work well on tackling relevant issues. They could however do a bit more to make discussions inclusive to all, perhaps by doing some more events.

Love the transparency and the posts about what's going on behind the scenes eg. the Treasurer's post

1) Listening to students, being transparent.

2) implementing feedback on lectures - more student-centred classes would be good.

Engagement with all years, plus transparency in conversation and on all social media pages.

Yes, I think they're doing a great job! I think they need to relax a little and trust themselves more and just keep up the good work on transparency!

Good use of social media as a way of interacting with the students and it was nice to see allocation of SU budget.

They could make meetings at a more reasonable time instead of early in the morning. They could also make more use of the pigeon holes so people have a paper copy of staff office hours. Continuation of Christmas parties etc to make money for end of year ball. Perhaps a putting together of an end of year ball planning committee which allow for any student to offer suggestions / help as I know this is hard for the SU to plan themselves.

Done well = making it less cliquy and making sure the SU integrate themselves more into uni

Managed their events well, been clear on their roles and carried them out well

Yes, it would be nice to have more society events and events at times that people with babysitting and au pair events can attend

Increased openness and feeling less cliquy

Improvements: Please take into consideration every individual's opinions at university before making decisions or protesting against something. Especially if it revolves around sensitive topics like ethnic minorities etc. For example, the issue about the posters, it has been taken way out of hand. I'm talking on behalf of most of the ethnic minorities in year 1 that have no clue why it's being made into such a big deal. Maybe post about the issue on Facebook first to raise awareness before taking action, post pics of posters too because some of the students have no clue what the posters are. Also, please be careful with the SU notes. Last weeks SU notes, I was shocked that someone wrote "white people" and "oppressors". As an ethnic minority myself, i think it's impolite. And so do some of the "white people" from my year. Nobody should feel restricted to speak on an issue. Also, I do not think the uni is encouraging colonialism, discrimination or anything similar. We constantly get bombarded by emails regarding the poster situation and sometimes it's a little annoying because majority of us didn't even know what was going on. Please keep the whole university informed about situations like this. The SU should be a voice for everyone not just an individual.

Mental health services, communication (weekly minutes)

DO YOU FEEL THAT INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS (BOTH APPLYING FOR POSITIONS AND VOTING) WAS GIVEN CLEARLY? IF NO, HOW COULD THIS BE IMPROVED FOR THE MARCH ELECTIONS?

YES x 9

Yes - perhaps put a message on the Facebook page saying that vote set up is available and where it is (if you didn't do it this time around)

I didn't realise until hustings that there were ba rep positions so maybe disseminating that information further and earlier wouldn't be better :)

Yes, however it would be nice for applicants to see/hear about what the last people who held the position did in the role, ie to help know more of what is expected in the role

DO YOU FIND THE SU MEETING MINUTES USEFUL? IF NOT, HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS BY ULIP AND ULIPSU?

YES x 5 NO x 1

Perhaps a bullet-pointed email as opposed to minutes. Instead of skim reading, it's easier to read quick bullet points

Yes but maybe a graphic with the highlights/quick summary posted on social media might help more people see it

The minutes are useful but not enough people read them. It's super easy to ignore/not care about what's going on eg. scrolling past posts and ignoring emails. Obviously people just don't care but talking about people face to face, asking them if they've read the minutes, if they know what events they're going to that week etc. could make it unavoidable for people to interact with the SU

Yes, but you could also publish a summary in parlons

It would be useful to have a short run down of the crucial elements on the fb page

I think it is useful to see in detail what everyone is up to so that I can keep up-to-date on what's going on. I think the whiteboard is very useful too.

Yes and they should be reinforced if someone is unable to attend meetings they are required at.

quite long to read might be more accessible if it was more concise

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

71.4% OF RESPONDENTS FEEL THAT THEY BELONG TO THE ULIP COMMUNITY

85.7% FEEL THAT ULIP TAKES DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SERIOUSLY.

81% FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT THE SU.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE GROWING CONVERSATION AROUND DECOLONISING THE CURRICULUM AND IMPROVING DIVERSITY AT ULIP?

Love to see it

Not sure

It's good that the conversation has started and that students and staff are getting involved fantastic for both students and staff

It's very good, very needed and I'm looking forward to seeing how it progresses

It's super important and I'm very glad it's happening

I think it's good however there isn't much opportunity for those who don't possibly know as much about decolonisation etc to learn without either a) seeming stupid for not knowing or b) being looked down on for not knowing

It's a good step in the right direction, hope it progresses to a point where everyone is happy and feels comfortable.

I think it's fantastic that we're having this conversation and I am pleased about the enthusiasm of our lecturers concerning this issue

I don't really understand it, I feel like people shouldn't get offended by history and learn that it was part of the time and not an insult to today. I feel like the university is already very diverse.

it is very important and good that these conversations are finally happening

Don't know much about it

Yes

I do not agree with it. I really enjoy my course right now and I believe that the teachers are doing a great job. I think it's a good thing to teach about colonialism. If they didn't, people would actually forget about the sufferings our relatives went through. The curriculum doesn't necessarily teach that colonialism was a good thing. It just raises awareness of the past events. This is a good thing because I think events like these should never be forgotten.

It's a conversation that needs to be had but people are jumping to conclusions without understanding the broader picture/ engaging in useful and necessary debates

I think it's a good idea so that people feel included at ULIP

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ULIP DECOLONISED AND DIVERSIFIED FURTHER ?

Not sure

Posters down. maybe put somewhere with explanation

Have more open discussions about diversity

not sure

More diversity within the curriculum eg. More reading by female writers, non-White writers, LGBTQ+ writers.

Continued transparency and openness and discussion about what we all feel needs changing, especially with the staff- love amking the meetings open to all

Just continuing to look into the curriculum and see how to diversify and decolonise it.

I would like to see more diverse figures represented throughout lessons rather than as just an isolated topic.

I don't.

Read academics for classes that are from diverse backgrounds and not all old white straight men !

I think it is already diversified, especially our IR courses

I don't and haven't felt that ULIP was in any way supporting/preserving colonial messages so I don't see what further action needs to be taken. My class readings have been very diverse so again no improvement needed

ANY OTHER COMMENTS ?

Officer could be more involved or get on social media to explain what they're doing if they are doing anything, more engagement from the role

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more engagement for such an important issue.

We're definitely heading in the right direction

Perhaps a social media page or some form of media to be kept up to date with projects.

I feel like some people are not included and that nothing is being done to rectify it.

I think this whole thing is a fake "woke". There's issues that students face on a daily, like racism in the streets etc. I think you should focus on helping students feel more comfortable at uni too. Instead of focusing on the academics. It's not the academics that make us feel uncomfortable, it's the students from the above years.

I think it's a great addition to the SU and has benefited classes and events

WELFARE

**DO YOU FEEL SAFE
IN PARIS?**

YES : 38.1%
NO : 47.6%
PREFER NOT TO SAY : 14.3%

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE
ULIP COUNSELLOR?**

YES : 55%
NO : 45%

**HAVE YOU BEEN A
VICTIM OF CRIME?**

Theft

Yes

I had my purse stolen at a bar in first year at Nation (near Nexity).

I went to the polica and they said that it was a problem for the bank and refused to even take a statement

Yes I was robbed but managed to get my phone back so all was good

Yes - sexual assault. It was done by a stranger so I didn't report it.

My phone was stolen on the metro. I reported it to the police but they basically laughed at me and said there was nothing anyone could do

Yes mugging, sexual harassmt especially on the metro

Friend was pickpocketed, we went to a police station even though it's basically useless

Yes, prefer not to say what happened but I told the welfare officer at the time and then spoke about it with another welfare officer

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE INSTITUTION COULD DO TO BETTER SUPPORT ITS STUDENTS?

More appointments with a professional

More counselling. Females so that girls afraid of men don't have to speak to a man... I have to pay for private psychologist which is 50€ per hour. I feel like university should be helping more

more counselling available

More frequent counselling sessions

Open up the discussion about mental health and ways to help ourselves more- we all get home sick from time to time and living away from home mixed with uni and work and money struggles hits all of us hard but is never talked about

Employ more counsellors/offer more counselling.

More support for those with special needs - e.g mentoring.

Not ask for proof of absence every time even though they already have it if it's an ongoing issues for example and to not be discriminated because of favourites. Also to be more organised with deadlines and exams.

More counselling sessions!! once every two weeks isn't really enough so if it's possible to find an on-campus counsellor as well as Chris that would be good

I feel like there isn't anything additional needed.

Listen to our ideas like they already are.

Better publication of exam timetables and key dates such as graduation.

maybe provide freshers with self defence classes as part of freshers week / give them pepper spray or something to protect themselves

Yep

Communicate better, particularly regarding concerns students bring up

Get more counsellors, someone that will actually listen.

Have more support available because a counsellor once every two weeks isn't enough, even with other resources online

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SU COULD DO TO BETTER SUPPORT ITS STUDENTS?

Not sure,

support is great

More counselling availability

maybe an anonymous comment box like an agony aunt that the welfare officer could do a monthly email about or something - i think some people want help but don't want others to know

Maybe organise some meetings (say every 2 weeks) where people can just get together, have a coffee and check in with each other

More counselling/therapy sessions/option. Once every six or so weeks and there are only 8 appointments available for over 100 people?

The su is amazing.

A little more info on how/where to get help would be good.

Nothing additional.

Perhaps more information about English counselling outside of ULIP?

No

Be more open about mental health and other issues to avoid the stigma

Keep us updated about issues

Make sure everyone feels included and listened to

ANY OTHER WELFARE COMMENTS?

No

Keep up the good work

I think Abi is doing a wonderful job

I feel like everyone is struggling a bit at the moment (deadline stress, cold weather, homesickness, being ill etc) and I think it should be talked about more as its normal and common.

Love the instagram and the graphics collab

None.

No, you're doing a fantastic job!

None

Wouldn't go to student welfare personally but I know some people have found it useful for them

Perhaps welfare could run regular events on issues such as physical health (diet and exercise), wellbeing, mental health etc.

ANY FINAL MESSAGES FOR THE SU?

You're doing great!

You're awesome

Great job everyone!

Thank you for all your hard work ♥

Love you all <3

Keep up the great work, all of them are doing an incredible job!

You're all doing a fabulous job!

Thanks for everything done so far

The SU is doing a great job and thank you all for your hard work!



MERCI BEAUCOUP !

Thank you for your feedback. We will do what we can to implement your suggestions. Should you have any further comments or questions, you know where to find us.