

Rep Journal 2024-25

Worcester Business School

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Hi! I have recently attended my Department Rep Training. I have also attended the following meetings:

- Education Council
- Student Council

I've secured a WBS department rep 'office' space! I spoke to Richard Wilkinson who escalated appropriately and now myself and Carolina are situated in CH2005 as it was a spare room, and will remain here unless a new lecturer needs the space, so if anybody wants to come and chat about anything on their mind, they now have a 'hub' where they can find us and we have an open door policy for students, course reps or staff to do so!

For an update/journal entry, since it's been a little while since I've submitted one of these, I decided to share part of the mini-newsletter I put together for the Computing School course reps, which is a new thing I've introduced to be able to keep all of the course reps up to date with what's going on throughout the business school and university.

"A small(Ish) summary of what we've been doing so far this year:

On Monday 11th of November, Elliot Atkinson (SU Vice Pres of Education) chaired the first rep forum of the year!

- It was great to have a couple of you there and please remember to record it as volunteering hours via the SU site if you are working towards a volunteering award!

- A couple of relevant city campus points were raised, including lack of choices, particularly healthy ones, in the cafe and some issues regarding city campus accommodation.

- These forums are incredibly valuable as they allow us to compare our own feedback to those of different schools, as WBS falls under the Education, Culture and Society school collective.

- Unfortunately, with not all of us present, and not having our ARC present, we weren't able to make the most of this meeting as we could have as a business school, but if you guys have anything you might have wanted to raise in the meeting, please let me know!

- Elliot shared confirmation about a student voice conference being held on Jan 17th, titled 'leading through a new lens' - tickets will be free and when they're available I highly recommend booking to attend.

The WBS welcome reps meeting hosted by Scott Andrews!

- Thank you for attending this! It was lovely to put faces to names and have a chat with you all! I know meetings like that can sometimes be a little awkward!

Rep Training Update

- Still not confirmed but received news from Elliot that your training IS in fact being organised, so you should hopefully receive an email relatively soon about that!

- If, in the meantime, you have any questions, give me a shout! I've been a course rep previously, so I'll see if I can remember haha!

Student Survey Results meeting

- Myself and Carolina (Business and Finance Dept Rep) had a meeting with Elliot a couple weeks ago now in which we gave him a lot of feedback relating to student experience and why we believe the WBS student survey results aren't the best!

- If any of you have heard any feedback from your cohorts that may support this 'negative attitude of city campus students' please let me know!

- We are still working on the 'sticky campus' concept, and as part of that, both the SU and accommodation team now have a presence, albeit small, on city campus throughout the week! I'd be incredibly appreciative if you can point your cohorts towards this as it's been something we've been pushing for for a couple years now, and it is finally happening!"