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The details in this report reflect progress made since the last meeting of the zone committee, which took place on 15/10/2018.

Minutes of previous meetings can be found on our website here: N/A

Progress Report	
Personal Goal:	Improved communication between student leaders:
	This year I am trying to improve communication between
	different tiers of student leaders from the Faculty Officer to the
	department presidents. I have met with most of them for
	introductions and breaking the ice. We have an online group
Progress: 0/1/2/3	through which we mostly correspond. I have also met with
	Engineering School President and the School's Department
	Presidents after they were elected to discuss their thoughts and
	opinions. I believe we are all in good communication with each
	other.
	Faculty NSS action plan:
	I have comprehended the NSS results personally and have also
	gone through the Faculty action plan which as far as I recall has
	not been allowed before (not confirmed). I have suggested some
	changes based on student feedback gathered through school and
	department presidents and opinions of the reps in the faculty. I
	have reinforced the part of the plans which is truly in line with
	student expectations. I believe I have a good understanding of
	what the faculty plans to do with NSS student feedback.
	Coping with major changes in the Faculty and gathering student
	feedback about the changes:

	The faculty is now larger due to mergers and this has caused new
	people to work together. I am trying to coordinate with very
	different schools to try and find common improvements or apply
	strengths of one school to the other. There are 2 concerns in the
	Engineering school mostly that I am aware of:
	1. The exams are likely to be 100% with probably only
	formative assessments throughout the year – This has not
	been welcomed by first year engineering students who
	have experienced this system and then must transition to
	the old system in year 2. The Mechanical Engineering
	Department President has offered to provide this first-
	hand experience for the benefit of the faculty.
	2. Year 4 in engineering is likely to reduce the number of
	modules overall for the students to focus on their group
	projects more – It is unsure at the moment how the
	students going into their year 4 think about this change
	although, it seems to benefit them and their performance.
	But I would like to question the faculty about their
	thoughts on this change.
	Concise and clear reporting of student feedback and closing the
	loop:
	This is rather self-explanatory, but I aim to provide clear feedback
	in the board meetings and make sure I consult all presidents
	before a board meeting to convey as much as possible. It is also
	important for me to deliver the proceedings of the meetings
	regarding their feedback back to the presidents to ensure that the
	same comments are not received again.
	Motivating presidents for co-option:
	I aim to motivate presidents to elect more course reps through
	co-option which is a very straightforward and easy process. I aim
	to ensure that every year has at-least one course rep.
Zone Goal:	N/A
Progress: 0/1/ <mark>2</mark> /3	

*Pictures/links to blog posts relating to the work in this section:* 

## **Future Plans/AOB**

- 1. Prepare and organize all gathered student feedback in a concise and rational manner to deliver to the next full board or joint committee meeting.
- 2. Ensure with discussion with the presidents that each year has at least 1 course rep.

3. Have a say in Faculty (or maybe the Union if possible) social media policy. This was raised in the first Full Board Meeting of the faculty as a potential risk to mitigate and the fact that Southampton does not have a Social Media policy yet whereas most higher institutions do.

Additional Comments:

None. Thank you.