THE ROLE OF A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

‘STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IS ALL ABOUT INVOLVING AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN THE PROCESS OF SHAPING THE STUDENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE.’

‘HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS [MUST] TAKE DELIBERATE STEPS TO ENGAGE ALL STUDENTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, AS PARTNERS IN THE ASSURANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE’

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THE STUDENT VOICE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THEREFORE IN THIS PROCESS, AND THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT REP IS CRUCIAL AT ALL LEVELS OF LEARNING AND IN QUALITY ASSURANCE, ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF COURSES.
ELECTION OF STUDENT REPS

FOR EACH YEAR GROUP ACROSS ALL HE COURSES TWO STUDENT REPS MUST BE ELECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR. A STUDENT REP CAN PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR RE-ELECTION FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THEIR COURSE, OR A NEW REP MUST BE ELECTED.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW:

Responsibilities of a Student Rep:
• You will be representing everyone on your course
• You will be representing the views of your group
• You will be asked to attend Programme Committee Meetings (PCMs)
• You will be asked to share your groups’ views at the PCMs on their experience of their course
• You will be asked to promote and encourage participation amongst your group in the Student Perception Questionnaire and the National Student Survey
• You will be asked to attend a Spring and Autumn Student Reps Meeting
• You will be asked to provide feedback to your group following attending all relevant meetings

Goals of a Student Rep:
• To be involved in helping to make changes to your course for the benefit of your group and future students
• To provide a flow of communication about academic issues and other opportunities and events
• To share ideas and suggestions with other Reps

What you will gain from being a Student Rep:
• Experience of working alongside College Management Teams
• CV enhancement (your programme leaders will no doubt be pleased to include your role as Student Rep on any reference they provide for you)
• Chance to improve academic standards and teaching that you experience
• Networking

You will also gain and be able to enhance a range of skills, such as:
• Effective communication
• Active listening
• Clear presentation
• Diplomacy
• Assertiveness

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