

Officer Report (Jon Warner- Education Officer) November 2015

This term has started off during a time of change for Birkbeck as well as higher education at large. As Birkbeck faces an exciting period of expansion, it has become ever more important to ensure that the interests of students current and future are protected, secured and assured.

Recently the college has appointed a new Academic Registrar. This term has proved imperative in setting a mutual agenda on how we can move forward together. At the time of writing this report, meetings have taken place (and further meetings scheduled) with colleagues in Registry to discuss the National Student Survey (NSS), priorities for the academic year 15-16 as well as other issues arising.

Arising from previous dialogue, the college has made clear that they are supportive of and willing to engage with the new academic reps model that I have started to implement, with our first social event and training session to be held in December before the end of term.

I've also attended a number of NUS training events as well as SU's Local , where we discussed liberation issues as well as a co-ordinated response to the government's green paper proposals for higher education.