

DID YOU KNOW...

- All of the Uxbridge campus has Wifi- so why not bring in your laptop?
- You can cycle to campus and lock your bike in the free compound and use the changing room facilities on the ground floor!
- Want to get fit for Summer? Virgin Active has a special student rate just for you, it's only £10 to join!
- Not a gym bunny but want to swim? Why not go to the newly opened Hillingdon Leisure Centre, google it- you know you want to!
- Do you feel that the library isn't fully equipped for your needs? Then why not ask for a Sconul Card which will give you access to other university libraries within London and the South East. Ask in the Library or visit http://www.access.sconul.ac.uk/index_html for more info.

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Have your say!

As a Student Rep you'll play a vital role in communicating the views of your peers to staff within the Society and Healthy Faculty. As a student rep you will be a point of contact for students who have a problem or a suggestion to make. You will ensure that all students can get their say on issues affecting their education. Just as importantly, you will have to let your fellow students know about any planned changes so they can have a say. As well as having the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the University and to your department, being a student rep gives you the opportunity to get involved, have your say and make a difference. It gives you a high profile with staff and fellow students. It helps to develop skills for future employment: it gives you the chance to build up

your communication skills, gain confidence speaking in public and show you can get changes past the University bureaucracy. And it is a useful addition to your CV. It shows that your achievements aren't just academic; something employers are definitely looking for.



Will it take up much of my time?

No! Your main role is to attend meetings which may occur once or twice a term, spend time canvassing the opinion of your fellow students and finally providing electronic feedback. Simple!

What support will I have?

Bucks Students' Union have dedicated members of staff that will be able to support you throughout the year, so you'll never be alone. In addition you will receive Rep Training to provide you with any information you need.

Who can be a Student Rep?

Any of you can apply to be a Student Rep, in fact we need at least one Rep for each level on each course, both Pre Reg and Post Reg so there's plenty of spaces...just ask!

What next?

If you're interest in becoming a Student Rep or if you are currently a Rep but want to have more information about how we can support you contact Adelaide on Adelaide.allen@bucks.ac.uk

Salford brings new Ideas!

Shannon O'Hare



As Student Reps Lucy Pottinger-Cracknell and I recently accompanied the newly appointed Student Engagement Coordinator for the Uxbridge campus, Adelaide Allen to Salford University, Manchester to attend a conference. This event was specifically aimed at student reps from professional courses like nursing and teaching as it's recognised that the needs of these groups of students may differ from those of others. Aaron Porter, Vice President of Higher Education for the NUS (pictured with the BNU delegates) chaired

the event and speakers included Matt Webber, President of Salford Students' Union and Tony Warne, Head of Health and social Faculty at Salford. Areas discussed included placement student's perspectives on e-learning, access to services and support offered by Universities and Students' Unions and placement experiences. It was a relief to discover that many of issues raised were national challenges not just specific to BNU. Positive disclosures were also shared and this was particularly useful as there were different areas of good practice identified by different university reps. Networking came into play here, with reps

swapping email addresses with each other and union staff in order to share information about systems, which could be used at their respective universities with good effect.

As representatives of BNU, our travel, accommodation and food were paid for by the Student's Union. Traveling up together on the train helped us get to know each other prior to the event and we all had a really good day. This event will be repeated annually so I recommend future student reps to go along if they get the chance next year, and a certificate is given for inclusion in portfolios. It is hoped that some of the information gathered will help us to improve the rep system at BNU, further enabling us to voice the opinions of you, the students.

Email Issues

Ever wonder why you never find out what's going on at University or on your course?

Well one simple reason may be that your email isn't set up properly!

It's crucial that you ensure you have forwarded your university email to a personal account so that you can receive important information from both your lecturers and the University.

Simply ring IT helpdesk on extension '3295' for help.

In addition to this make sure you check Blackboard regularly for important information!

Please email lecturers to find out when they are in/when they can see you so you can arrange a time that is convenient for both of you when you are both in.

Assignment submission deadline is 2.00pm in the drop boxes by ground floor reception. Extensions need to be discussed 48hrs before hand through an appointment with your programme leader.

fullfirstname.surname@bucks.ac.uk is the template for contacting any member of staff.
