

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Monday 30th January 2012, 6.30pm, L/036

1. Apologies and welcome
2. Approve the minutes from last meeting
3. Chair's report on academic ideas dealt with outside of the assembly.
4. Improving Assessment and Feedback across the University
 - Academic officer Graeme Osborne has decided to focus on reducing turnaround times and improving quality of feedback for the rest of this academic year. He will kick this process off in the assembly by asking students about their concerns and expectations, as well as outlining how he plans to achieve these goals.
5. Progress reports on issues from previous meetings
 - How will the government white paper on higher education affect LGBT and disabled students - Disabled Students and (ex)-LGBT officers
 - Investigating how current YUSU policy on fees can be changed - Academic Officer and President
 - Investigating the issues about printer credits - Academic Officer
6. Officer Report - Graeme Osborn, *Academic Officer*
7. 'Ask the Officer'
 - The floor is open to all members of the union that have questions to the officer - these do NOT have to be written. If you for any serious reason cannot attend the assembly, you can submit your question in writing to me on academicchair@yusu.org. There will also be questions on the following:
 - How much outreach activity towards students has the Academic officer been doing since taking office?
 - What is the Academic officer doing about the university's fall on rankings? Does he think the rankings are meaningful and that the actions taken to alleviate this fall are effective?
 - With new students from October 2012 paying most or all of their tuition costs, could YUSU pressure the university to improve teaching further? Could YUSU take advantage of the current situation to team up with the Graduate Students' Association and academics to do this more efficiently?

8. Any Other Business

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