



Issue 21 – Tuesday 23rd October 2018

The following items have been discussed at the most recent SPEP Meeting:

Good Practice

Mental Toughness (AQR) workshops are in development as part of the Level 4 Sport Psychology retention strategy. This is led by Zoe Knowles with the PLSU working in collaboration to develop the interventions.

The 2018 Faculty of Science LTA Plan has been finalised and includes the Faculty-agreed minimum expectation for employability across Undergraduate programmes. Phil Denton thanked Hayley Fallon and Laura Aldridge for developing supporting resources over the summer.

The PLSU have conducted early intervention sessions for PBS (Danielle Anderson and Samantha Forde) and Psychology (Pamela Langan and Nicola Smith).

Introduction

The Science Placement and Employability Panel consists of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss placement and employability matters arising within the Faculty. The SPEP Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science staff up to date.

The Careers Team are planning a system to track student progression which is due to be introduced next year. This includes self-mapping tools that can highlight areas for potential improvement regarding employability.

Careers Centre Updates

Careers events have begun for this year, with the recent Geography event experiencing a good turnout. In general, the smaller scale events have been very well received. Smaller events have been introduced to compliment larger events to ensure all students' needs are covered.

Colleagues are asked to allow students to leave lectures early to allow them to attend the Exploring Science Pathways event on Wednesday 24th October, 2-4pm.

Academic staff are also encouraged to notify students of upcoming Careers events during lectures to help with promotion. It was suggested that events could be integrated into student planners. Academic staff can request for a member of the Careers team to contribute to lectures regarding upcoming events.

National Undergraduate Employability Awards

The National Undergraduate Employability Awards bring together employers, students and universities from across the UK to recognise the successes within undergraduate employability.

The NUE Awards closing date for nominations is 9th November with the announcement of the shortlist coming in December.

DBS

The current contract with Atlantic Data is potentially going out to tender soon. Further information will be available in the near future.

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Science Placements and Employability Panel, good practice you would like to share or any input with regard to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or David Wood.

Date of the next Science Placements and Employability Group Meeting: **TBC**