

Class Rep Forum – inspiring and informing change to students’ academic experience.

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What will happen today?

- AUSA Class Rep Forums
- Activity – 2 parts (group work)
- Question and Answers

Class Rep Forum

Definition: mini conference/social event for Class Reps which is a platform for sharing experiences amongst students from different Schools within the College. This event also gives them an opportunity to socialize, meet other Class Reps and share ideas and concerns about their academic experience.



Class Rep Forum

Organisation:

November-December 2010: 5 Class Rep Forums:

- College of Arts and Social Sciences (2 forums)
- College of Life Sciences and Medicine (1 forum)
- College of Physical Sciences (1 forum)
- Postgraduate Students Forum (1 forum for all Colleges)

Marketing:

- Information during the Class Rep training in October
- Class Rep Newsletter
- E-mail reminders
- 66 participants (9% of all Class Reps) (optional event)



Class Rep Forum

Agenda:

- Structure of the forum and discussed topics (please see handouts)

Facilitators:

- depending on the number of discussion groups – 1 facilitators per group
- Sabbatical Officers, School Convenors and member of AUSA staff
- have to be enthusiastic and encouraging!

Benefits

Everyone benefits!

AUSA and the UNIVERSITY:

- Can get valuable feedback and learn what students are thinking about their courses and their educational experience so far
- AUSA can encourage students to participate in other events and get involved in project, societies, sport activities and various events
- Class Rep forums help in building a Class Rep community and awareness of the system and change in thinking about the Class Rep' culture

CLASS REPS:

- Can get more involved and speak to sabbatical officers
- Can share experiences and good practice,
- Can ask questions,
- Can make new friends and socialise
- Can learn about students' problems in other Schools/departments
- Can have free pizza 😊



Feedback

“Very useful to see what other reps think!”

“You should do it again!”

“Very beneficial, interesting and productive. I learned a lot and gained valuable information”

“It was great to have face to face time with SA and other Class Reps!”

“Happy to be here! It was good to know other reps and know that we aren't the only ones with certain problems. Keep it up!”

“Best Class Rep event I've ever been to”

“Cross course issues discussed”

“Enjoyable, informative and a new way to discuss issues and possible improvement strategies!”



Organisational hints and tips

- Prior registration required (by e-mail)
- Rooms: lots of space, bright and airy, cabaret style
- Materials : flipchart paper, markers
- Equipment: laptop, projector, spare table
- Pizza, drinks, snacks – depending on number of participants



Organisation

COST:

➤ Staff time:

- Preparation of materials, and registration → 15 hours
- Forums: Sabbaticals: 7.5 hrs each; Staff member 7.5 hrs + 5 hrs → 20h
- Total: 30h

➤ Materials – available from earlier Class Rep training sessions

➤ Pizza and refreshments/drinks: (for 80 participants)

- £96 (deal with a local pizzeria)
- £30
- Total: £126

Activity – Part 1



After our introduction, think about your institution and area of work.

What are the areas in which you are looking for feedback? To which group of students (or staff) that you work with, our idea of event could be used? What topics would you discuss? How could your organisation and participants benefit from this?

Use flipchart paper to record your thought and ideas.



Activity – Part 2

After our introduction, think about your institution and area of work.

What are the areas in which you are looking for feedback? To which group of students (or staff) that you work with, our idea of event could be used? What topics would you discuss? How could your organisation and participants benefit from this?

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Summary

- Cost effective event
- Students, sabbaticals and staff involved in a useful and informative event
- Creative and productive discussions
- Chance to advertise other events

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