

RH100 Panel 1 Report

Date: Tuesday 14 November 2017

Panellist Attendance – 87.4%

Departments in Attendance – Campus Engagement, ALS, Students' Union

Discussion Topic 1 – Sport Facilities Investment

RH100 Panel discussed the current state and usage of RHUL's sports facilities and how the facilities could be improved.

Panellists informed the College that...

- Sports facilities did not heavily influence university selection however many panellists became more involved in sports once they had arrived at Royal Holloway
- Sport and physical activity is widely seen as adding value to campus life
- increasing levels of physical activity and improving the health and wellbeing are seen as the key outcomes from the university's investment in sports facilities
- improving BUCS rankings and attracting elite athletes are seen as a by-product of improving the sports facilities
- the costs of using the sports facilities are not seen as good value for money

Panellists therefore suggested...

- improvement of gym facilities, e.g. more space, new equipment
- improvement of sports hall e.g. spectator area, new studio space
- a "pay as you go" scheme/ class-only scheme/ monthly payments/ "try before you buy" scheme

Discussion Topic 2 – Academic Representation

RH100 Panel discussed what does and does not work about current academic representation and how it could be improved.

Panellists informed the College that...

- students are unaware/unclear of who their course representative is and their role
- lack of communication with students is a key issue – students are not fed back the outcomes of the meetings and therefore are less likely to engage

Panellists therefore suggested...

- regular, scheduled meeting times for students to feedback to their course representative, e.g. drop in times before SSC meetings
- the process should be standardised across departments to ensure a more formal process
- a link to an online portal so that Reps can receive feedback about the issues affecting students
- representatives for more specific issues, i.e. 'Year Abroad Rep'