

RH100 Panel 2 Report

Date: Tuesday 22 January

Panellist Attendance – 88.4%

Departments in Attendance – Campus Engagement, Strategic Planning and Change (Amelia Tomany), Marketing (Lisa Hutchinson), Dr Tom Wainwright (Management)

Discussion Topic 1 – Cross College Courses

The RH100 panel discussed the implementation of optional interdisciplinary courses.

Panellists suggested...

- A range of course names to engage students such as 'RH-eal World Opportunities', 'Beyond Learning' and 'Courses+'.
- Principles such as 'Engaging and changing the world' are too vague and may be hard to assess
- Interaction with students and staff from departments outside their own is of high importance.
- Themes should include general life skills such as 'An Introduction to Personal Finance' and 'Adulting 101', issues on current affairs both in the UK and globally and an introduction to advanced technologies.
- Distance and blended learning would be beneficial.
- The courses should be advertised through all College communications channels with a dedicated webpage, which includes short video trailers.
- Having dedicated spokespeople and options fairs would be useful in engaging and recruiting students.

Discussion Topic 2 – Scholarships and Bursaries

The RH100 panel discussed how scholarships should be disbursed across the student community.

Panellists informed the College that...

- The more students that can be supported through scholarships, the better – smaller awards to more students.
- Minimising accommodation costs through scholarships and awards is attractive to both home and overseas students.
- Scholarships should be used to incentivise academically gifted students to attend Royal Holloway.
- Cash awards are valued – students should be able to spend the money on what they prefer.
- Scholarships should be used to take financial pressure off those from disadvantaged backgrounds