

Student & Dean Forum	LCF, Design and Technology
Dean:	Jose Teunissen
Date:	Wednesday 23rd November
Reps in attendance:	Kieran Jamieson, Lorenzo Piccoli, Tavneet Kaur Khurana, Tannah Aquino, May Jane A, Gemma, Isidora Bonvallet Recart, Ellie Mitch, Olivia Ruston, Oliver Damyan, Yilin Hsieh, Ziming Wang, Briony Hoh, Man Man Ng, Bibi Butten, Stella Nieto Berghusen Foppiano Day, Antonina Soldatova.
SU Team in attendance:	Lee Anderson (Education Quality Coordinator), Emily Sellon (Education Quality Coordinator).

<p>ITEM #1: Communal Space at JPS and Stratford</p> <p>Jose Teunissen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a lot of open-space and in effect it's comparable to what students currently have, there shouldn't be much difference. When we move to Stratford, don't expect things to move smoothly since day one, there will be teething issues and there will always be areas that will require adaptations. The space for MA students to carry out their work is comparable to what these students have access to currently. In 2-3 months, we will have timetables and floor plans ready. <p>Reps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question: Can we visit space in advance? <p>Jose Teunissen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is ongoing to finish the space, so it won't be until the end of August until students can visit. There is a video on Canva that gives a 3D virtual tour of the space. <p>Emily Sellon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can send the video to students, created by Annamarie, for those students who cannot access the video.
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<p>ITEM #2: Collaborative Challenge Project</p>
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Reps:

- The Collaborative Challenge project changed from 30th November to other dates at the last minute. The new dates clash with existing classes that have already been scheduled. When I contacted my teacher she said it was due to strike action. One proposal is that presentations could be recorded for those who couldn't make it. Very empathetic to the challenges of timetabling and strike action, but it's very disruptive and challenging, and other groups have had similar experiences. We need better dialogue when these changes are happening and we would like our team to have the same opportunity to record our presentations, like other groups.

Jose Teunissen:

- **ACTION:** I will raise it with the faculty who are responsible for this area and propose a work around. This sits with the Dean of Quality Assurance in the School of Cultural and Historical Studies (Contextual Practice).

ITEM #3: Online drawing classes**Reps:**

- Online drawing sessions were quite hard to engage with. Possibly going too quickly or they didn't have the resources that they needed for the day. By comparison, the in-person sessions were very successful and everyone enjoyed them. Is it possible to do more of them online?

Jose Teunissen:

- **ACTION:** I will feed this back re: the online drawing sessions not working well. We are sharing drawing lessons across courses, so this is the challenge.

ITEM #4: Subsidized gallery trips

Reps:

- **Question:** Can the University subsidize or pay for the cost of our art gallery trips?

Jose Teunissen:

- Usually we don't do this, but it's something we can take back and ask about.

Reps:

- In our foundation year, our trips were paid for or some assistance was provided. Is this not replicable?

Jose Teunissen:

- This is an exception for Foundation year groups. It is difficult to do for other courses because every course has a finite Consumables Budget that also has to pay for and subsidize other costs. However, I am happy to feed it back.

ACTION: It's challenging because every course has a consumable budget that is limited but I can feed it back.

ITEM #5: Timetable issues

Reps:

- There was a Technical Error with our timetable that meant an entire day wasn't showing up in our timetables when we first started university. A lot of other courses I know got access to their timetable quite far in advance before they started. There were a lot of people who had work planned on those days and there was added confusion around what was happening on particular days, with some students using an earlier version of the timetable. So that was annoying obviously and just an unfortunate thing that happened.

Jose Teunissen:

- I believe the policy is to timetable sessions for two days and to ensure these are on consecutive days, but we're aware that we are currently not always managing it to do so. We're aware that this is particularly challenging for students who work part-time jobs so we're trying to put the timetables together as far in advance as possible.

ITEM #6: Other

Reps:

- **Question:** How far from Stratford station is the Stratford campus?

Jose Teunissen:

- **Answer:** 8 min walk from station. There are lots of cafes, restaurants and green spaces nearby.

Reps:

- **Question:** Will there be student accommodation close to Stratford campus?

Jose Teunissen:

- **Answer:** There is accommodation, in addition to the accommodation we already have in East London.

Reps:

- **Question:** Has the design of the building considered students with disabilities?

Jose Teunissen:

- **Answer:** Yes, it has, much better optimized than our current sites. I don't have the details for how every disability is being addressed in terms of the space, but I am confident it is well adapted.

Reps:

- **Question:** Will there be an Arts Shop?

Jose Teunissen:

- **Answer:** Initially, it was decided we wouldn't need one, but then a lot of students vocalized their disappointment. It is now back on the agenda and is being actively considered, but there is currently no timeline for this.

Actions:

- Jose Teunissen to look into the possibility of subsidizing student gallery trips as part of the Consumables Budget.
- Jose Teunissen to follow up with faculty re: Collaborative Challenge and devising workaround for students impacted by scheduling change.