

Industry Advisory Committee in the Wolfson School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

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This case study describes the focus of the Wolfson School Industry Advisory Committee.

The aim of the Industry Advisory Committee is to keep people from industry up-to-date with what is happening in Wolfson School and the University. It also enables Industrialists to have the opportunity to update the academic staff on what is happening in their industry.

Committee meetings focus on numbers of applicants to undergraduate degree programmes, how industry can support the School, industrial placements and the recruitment of graduates.

The committee meet once a year, usually in March or April in the Wolfson School. The committee comprises academics, industrialists and other University staff, including the Head of School (Professor Rob Parkin) and the Head of Industrial Training (Dr Kaddour Bouazza-Marrouf). People from industry include those who are involved with design projects, the teaching contract scheme and sponsorship, including some of the consortium companies who sponsor the Innovative Manufacturing Engineering programme; Bentley, Perkins, Rolls-Royce and Smiths Aerospace.

Wolfson School update

Usually the Head of School welcomes everyone to the meeting and gives

an update on what has happened in Wolfson School and the University over the past year, including the National Student Survey, awards received and the Research Assessment Exercise. Staffing update, student successes, accreditation and validation, finances and undergraduate applications

Industrial training report

The Head of Industrial Training gives an overview of the requirements for the award of the Diploma in Industrial Studies (DIS) placement year and how the School prepares students for their placement. Issues around placements are highlighted and statistics showing the number of students placed by programme over the last few years are discussed.

Questions

Questions are taken from members of the committee.

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There is the opportunity for committee members to raise other issues.

Note: there are similar committees in other departments, including Aeronautical and Automotive Engineering, Civil and Building Engineering and Materials.

