



## MECHANISM TO ENHANCE ACADEMIC CULTURE AT LSE

During the SEP meeting, it became clear that the departments are a big contributor to how academic culture is shaped at LSE. Further, they provide a critical entry point to making effective and positive alternations to the existing culture. it was underlined by students that there exists an imbalance between the departments, which is reflected in available funding for social events, career events being organised, and the resources available for the department to function independently. This has a significant impact as it shapes the experience of students and the way they interact with the broader academic community at LSE.

Within the departments, the academic mentor seemed to be a significant contributor to the academic culture. Students seem to be concerned with the quality and frequency of contact with their academic mentors. The broader topic of academic mentors and their role in students' academic experience at LSE was put forward on multiple occasions during the SEP meetings. Therefore, we believe proactive initiatives in this regard might be very beneficial for the student community.

### Action points LSE can target

- Transparency in the dispersal of department funds
- Interdepartmental initiatives (in order to increase interdisciplinary learning)
- Consistent standards that mentors need to uphold in terms of number and length of meetings (explore alternatives: e.g. collective meetings)

## INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO POSITIVE ACADEMIC CULTURE

**It's just not the university and the curriculum that has a bearing on the academic culture. even students are an important stakeholder to foster a great academic culture at LSE.**

### BEYOND THE CLASS ROOM:

**A) INDULGE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**B) PARTICIPATE IN NETWORKING ACTIVITIES**

**C) BUILD AN ANTI-PRESSURE AND INCLUSIVE CULTURE**

**D) PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES**

**E) BE AS AUTHENTIC AS POSSIBLE AND BE PROUD OF YOUR ROOTS**

**F) TAKE UP INITIATIVES AND ORGANISE ACTIVITIES**

**G) PARTICIPATE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING ACTIVITIES**

**H) BE OPEN MINDED AND RECEPTIVE TO CHANGE**

**I) BE AN ACTIVE LISTENER AND LEARNER**

