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Department and College clash over Furness Foyer space

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On Saturday 17th November Furness College foyer had its "official" reopening with a guest appearance from celebrity chef, Simon Rogan.

Reuben Edwards, former Furness College Principal, who left his position at the beginning of August, was in attendance at the event and informed SCAN that there was an event earlier in the day "where Simon [Rogan] was made a Fellow of the College, with a wider event afterwards with the ribbon cutting and some food courtesy of Catering – presumably under a little bit of pressure knowing that there was a Michelin starred chef in attendance."

The Faculty of Health and

Medicine has now been located within the 'Furness Building' which means that the foyer and entrance are part of both this department, and Furness College.

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It has been rumoured that there are disagreements between the Faculty and Furness college regarding use of the space. SCAN

has been told that the Dean of the Faculty of Health & Medicine, Professor Tony Gatrell has insisted that the college ask his permission before holding events of any sort in the foyer.

Edward's on the other hand, insists that this area has been designated as a "shared space."

Despite these rumours Gatrell told SCAN that he didn't "see any 'problems' whatsoever" regarding the foyer, Edwards was less positive about the renovations stating that "the

college was consulted over the furniture but 'democratically' overruled on our [rather negative] feedback and I was never involved in the plans for its layout/décor."

Gatrell went on to state that he is "delighted to see the whole Faculty co-located in Furness, and to have a 'front door' to the Faculty, to welcome staff, students and visitors."



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NUS DEMO 2012

SCAN reports from the front line of the NUS' march through London on Wednesday Week 7. Around 10,000 students attended the protest, but as the rain came and the march headed towards Kennington in South London, there were anti-NUS chants, and the NUS President was forced off stage by hecklers and a stage invasion.

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