

SU Officer Reports 14/12/2021



Officer Name: Rag Mularczyk	Role: Vice President Education
Date of report: 14/12/2021	
<p>Please include a copy of your monthly updates since the last report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruited 3 more School Reps, so that we now have 23/24 School Reps in place. ▪ Delivered 7 Course Rep training sessions in total but trying to address gaps in those trained by planning further sessions. ▪ Began planning Celebration Week with the SU team. ▪ Met with SERCCs and Heads of School in relevant Schools to action plan for increased engagement with Rep system. ▪ Hosted the first Course Rep Forum of the year, with the focus on student engagement and the results of the early feedback survey. ▪ Met with the Chair of the Board of Governors to discuss mental health support provision at the University. ▪ Participated in the first 'Campus Chat' of the year. ▪ Engaged with partner students by driving to Bristol with Neve, Liam and Tim and giving an SU induction as part of a conference. ▪ Delivered Repstival, with numerous sessions on varying topics over the course of a fortnight. ▪ Hosted the second Education Council of the year. ▪ Hosted a Rep Social providing the opportunity for reps to get to know one another and foster a community, did a quiz as well. 	
<p>Are there any other actions given to you by Student Council and/or towards your objectives that you need to update on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The survey on timetabling and lecture capture has been gradually doing well in terms of responses, but we still want more feedback, as much as possible! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promoting amongst Course and School Reps to encourage them to fill out the survey themselves and encourage their peers to as well. ○ Planning more 'Campus Chat' outreach to increase engagement and explain why we are collecting the feedback. 	

- Lecture capture - I have been in regular contact with Elaine Swift, the Head of Digital Teaching and Learning, discussing how to promote the use of lecture recording software by staff. Elaine attended the most recent Welfare & Inclusion Council meeting to gather students' opinions on lecture recording with particular regard to accessibility. I have also recently contacted the VPE of Manchester Metropolitan Students' Union to ask them about a piece of research that their SU did a few years ago on lecture recording.

Study skills - I had been planning on focussing next semester's Repstival sessions heavily on Study Skills and Employability, with several session topics already decided/planned. However, due to low engagement in Repstival this semester, we are re-evaluating the best way to promote and resource study skills amongst students.

What are the 5 key tasks you aim to get done before the next meeting?

- Continue to push Course Rep training, with the aim of getting to >70% of Course Reps trained.
- Review the delivery of Repstival and engagement with it, with consultation from students.
- Work further with partner institutions/students to boost community and engagement.
- Begin to collate timetabling/lecture capture and write in a formal report.
- Continue to work with senior University members and IT to increase availability of learning spaces for students to complete online sessions on campus.

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- Check out my Timetabling & Lecture Capture survey, we want to hear your thoughts - bit.ly/timetablingfeedback



Officer Name: Neve Ricketts	Role: Vice President Student Activities
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- Regular communication with sport club and society committees'
- Attended ASQEC/LTSEC 27th Oct.
- Brought in Akuma for an in-person sizing session
- Took two new societies to be approved in executive committee
- Approved and supported sport and society grant application process
- Supported Worcester Rowing in their transition to Stourport Boat Club
- Met with the sport development board 11th Nov
- Held the second session of the consent campaign working group
- Promoted international men's day with recreational sport sessions for a week
- Travelled down to Bristol for the TLI conference for remote students
- Launched the consent campaign - Pledge signing for all clubs and socs, open mic night with the poetry society and two workshops delivered internally focusing on 'how to spot no' and 'how I say yes'.
- Met with regional officers at the University of Birmingham for a WM Bucs meeting
- Presented the SU report at the board of governors
- Took part in Worcester Council campaign for 'How are you doing Worcestershire?'
- Met with SU staff and PCSO's to talk about drinking awareness and spiking campaigns
- Met with the team from Gloucestershire to discuss more details around varsity venues
- Supported and promoted #RainbowLaces day

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The tuition fees campaign has come to a stall due to the lack of government addressal. But we have been involved in keeping up to date with the NUS national and local campaigns eg: contact has been made with the officers at Bournemouth to see how we can promote and engage in the midlands.

Consent campaign -

The VPSA has working with a working group of students from across the Union and the aim of the campaign was to promote healthy and consenting relationship amongst university students, create awareness about what sexual harassment is and support the work of the University to create active bystanders. The campaign focused across the week of 22nd -26th of November 2021 - and activities included a #TeamWorc pledge signing; with a promotional video showing support from our Clubs and Socs, an open mic night around the theme hosted by The Poetry Society, students wearing wristbands to raise awareness, social media promotion and a bystander workshop for students and committee members, ran by Dr Gillian Harrop and Holly Barnes-Bennett.

Life skills -

As promised in her manifesto, Neve is set deliver a series of skills-based students for students to help them to develop life skills that will help them once they graduate. These sessions are planned for semester 2 but to ensure that we run the sessions that students want and/or need we have conducted a survey this semester to see what skills students felt they lacked or were most worried about in terms of post-graduation life. So far, the survey has received 60 responses. Early analysis of responses indicates that the most popular session seems to be Personal Finances and Budgeting followed by a guide to making a major purchase.

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- Start researching the internal sessions that can be delivered in regard to life skills results form the survey.
- Prep for the medical awareness day in January.
- Continue the work of promoting sports clubs and societies at open and applicant days.
- Follow the consent campaign work into semester two.
- Work alongside UoG Activities and Opportunities officer to deliver the Varsity campaign.

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What kind of materials / sessions would you like to see from the consent campaign carried through to semester two?



Officer Name: Liam Lees	Role: President
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<p>Please include a copy of your monthly updates since the last report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with University staff and the LGBTQ+ Network to discuss the plan to implement Gender Neutral toilets in University Buildings - Attended several University meetings, such as Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Finance and Development, and Nominations and Governance. - Met with Networks to discuss some exciting projects that they have coming up and how we can support them - Hosted several recreational sport activities for International Men's Day - Attended an Office for Students webinar to discuss how they engage with students - Travelled to Bristol to meet students from partner colleges and introduce who we are, and what we can do for them - Worked with the Women's Network and Commuters Network on creating a 'Get home Safely' Campaign - Met with the Peer Mentor lead at University to discuss how we can work together to introduce the scheme to other schools and grow the support that we offer to students - Attended the ASQEC/LTSEC Combined Meeting to discuss Graduate outcomes and University Policy. - Had a meeting with the SU team on how we can engage more with University staff and create more awareness of the SU and all we do to more students - Chaired the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group to make the SU even more diverse and inclusive! - Attended a meeting to discuss all of the amazing events that the University and the SU are putting on for students! 	
<p>Are there any other actions given to you by Student Council and/or towards your objectives that you need to update on?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To improve the inclusion and mental health support awareness amongst student groups involved in the SU. 	

- Worked with the student voice team signposting information into the Course Rep Handbook
- Creating promotional posters on pronoun use (with focus on emails and meetings) to be shared amongst students and staff
- 2) To lobby the University to develop a more inclusive curriculum and adopt more inclusive and accessible academic practice
 - Working with Katy Boom to ask students how diverse and inclusive they feel that their curriculum is with the larger aim to decolonise.
 - Discuss Curriculum inclusion in University meetings such as EDI Committee
 - Lobby the University for more accessibility software: ReciteMe
- 3) To work with the University to develop processes for reporting discrimination or harassment at the University.
 - Working through University EDI committee to develop inclusive reporting processes
 - The EDI Group also discussed working in partnership with students on EDI within the university and celebrating difference
- 4) To support students returning to University or coming for the first time by making officers available for students to talk to them.
 - Neve and I relaunched the Officer Chat Service
 - We monitor student trends and feedback and reporting this to the SU Feedback and Intelligence Committee

- Ensured that the University has a plan to introduce Gender neutral toilets on campus. This is beginning with a renovation to the Woodbury building and being included in the plans of the new university buildings
- Working with the LGBTQ+ Network to deliver a University Pride festival!

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- Support the delivery of Pride
- Work with Katy boom to deliver Go Green Week
- Implement more Wellbeing events for students
- Work with the staff LGBTQ+ Network to understand how we should deliver Pronoun use prompts to staff
- Create more inclusive events for both students and staff

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As above.