



OFFICER REPORTS – STUDENT COUNCIL

Vice President Education Report

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Summary

Key Talking Points:

[This is where you really summarise and can use this to give your verbal update in the Council meeting]

- **Course Advocates**
- **PGR Updates**
- **University Challenge**
- **Other activities**

Report

- I have been busy dealing with a lot of the changes that were brought forward to me by Education Committee which can be found later within the report, under any other business. The other major thing is course advocates numbers prior to a follow up with programme leaders we only had 80 course advocates we have got to around 200 as of the 28/10/2019.
- Training has been finalised for course advocates for that training started on the 29/10/2019 with the next 2 weeks. With follow up sessions later in the month Chris [Course Advocacy Coordinator] also said he was willing to do 1 to 1 sessions if needed.
- I have been working with Anthony and went to attend both the PGR events which I wanted to say was highly successful and wanted to congratulate Anthony hard work within this report.
- Have been working at trying to make more impact into university policy I have a meeting with Kathryn Kendon which is about my personal development but also about trying to make some impact in support students in line with the university itself.
- I did the university first university Challenge qualification application with trials on the 29/10/2019 which had 8 people turn up. Plus a few others we had provisional conversations that are PGR students.

- Been working with HRM and Tourism society which are both near ratification and both have been able to gain 15 members to start up.
- Been relooking at the anonymous marking and contacted Bime on Tuesday 29/10/2019 and asked them to run the anonymous marking questionnaire this time I aim to collect sufficient data to evaluate if it is something the student body wants us to adopt.

Manifesto Pledges

[What have you done in this reporting period to get you closer to achieving your manifesto pledges?]

To encourage the university to bring in more graduates to help guide students through their university experience

Since last report this has been slowly being pushed across the faculty of business and law with some success events tourism and hospitality has been highly successful in continuing to bring in graduates with their second annual alumni night which will be happening in November and marketing later on in the year.

To build in more local and community based opportunities for students to develop their skills.

Me and Ryan are working at building a platform for students to support our groups. The platform aims to provide students volunteering opportunities in the following areas:

- Videography
- Photography
- Article Writing
- First aider
- Event coordinators
- DJ
- Graphic designer
- Social Media Markets
- Musicians

This is likely to expand after release, we decided to get these opportunities first as these are things our societies and sports teams have requested in the past and have provided support to our groups that want to succeed.

Working to build a stronger communication platform for students to engage with personal academic tutors and fix problems.

Since the last council this document is now ready to launch and is just waiting to be up online by Richard within the university under help on all Nile pages. a video will be sent out to all program leaders to be put up on Nile on where to access the course advocates directory.

To work with library team to resolve fines as well as expanding on seating and plugs within the learning zone across waterside campus.

Updates on this area are under other activity

Other Activities

[Are there any other things you have done or been involved in during this reporting period that you would like to celebrate or are concerned about?]

- T POD A and T POD B the socket are shaking needs to be reinforced
- FAST Facebook page done this currently has seen some engagement and has 82 likes on the page (21/10/2019)
- Washing machines cost and issues already been raised. This was raised with residential life and is being dealt with circuits the team which deals with this.
- ASSIST trying open a few days a week till five for placement students , email was received which highlighted ASSIST provide drop in opportunity to students that are on placement to work around there schedules this is a service we need to promote more.
- Complaint about the higher education fair and about how people couldn't get work done email sent had feedback and asked them to close the boundaries on days when they have fairs like this it was well received.
- 1 to 1 with advocates about how to better facility them
- Post room chase up – looked into this they were very busy for the first few weeks due to the volume of post coming from international students and eu students getting sent things to the uk.
- Website issues Northampton university- need to follow this with sam to find out the issues that were mentioned
- Parking ride issues work with Ryan so I can share his post and raise concerns through him, posted shared working on noticeable issues
- Timetabling: we still having issues with class sizes being to big and not enough space for groups to work
- Bye law review using the feedback I got given to be done by Friday
- Voucher use chase up with Ryan
- Saturday no catering facilities which means some classes don't have anywhere other than subway to eat.
- Questionnaire around student voice open it up to education committee to come up with the questions
- Changemaker review of their role with Katerina have passed this onto Lucinda [democracy coordinator] to look at due to other major activities.

Mandates

[As an Officer, if you have been mandated to do some work, provide a brief summary of what you have done to achieve the results required in the mandate.]

Declarations

[Here is where you declare any gifts or benefits received]

N/A

