

SPORTS OFFICER REPORT – STUDENT COUNCIL

**Sports Officer Report**

**March 2020 Student Council**

**Thomas Weaver**

## **Summary**

*Since the last meeting I have completed the LGBT+ with Sports campaign, Working on the content for This Girl Can and have continued to work towards finalising the planning of Varsity and Sports Awards*

**Key Talking Points:**

* *Had another meeting with Bedford to discuss the organisation of Varsity and the schedule of the day*
* *Released tickets for Varsity and took part in a Q&A social media story on the SU Instagram about the event*
* *Continued to push teams’ events and training through social media*
* *Continued to push out the fixture and results social media graphics every week*
* *Completed the LGBT+ with Sports campaign with a number of our teams wearing rainbow laces during their fixtures and social media graphics being altered to promote inclusivity in sport*
* *Finishing the content with marketing coordinator for the This Girl Can to be posted this month in the build-up to varsity*
* *Helping to resolve the issues faced with committee elections where nominations have not been appearing with the Sports Coordinator*

## **Report**

**Manifesto Pledges**

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| 1 | Help to work on ways to encourage more students, both current and prospective, to get involved with a number of the sports teams at the university following low intake in previous years* Finished the LGBT+ with Sports campaign in partnership with the LGBT Officer to promote inclusivity in sport
* Finalising the content for the This Girl Can campaign to help promote female inclusion in sports at the university
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| 2 | Work with some of the less established clubs to help them remain a part of the AU following a number of clubs disbanding in recent years* Continued to help push teams through social media by sharing their events and training sessions
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| 3 | Help to establish and develop new sports clubs when possible to provide a wider variety of options for students to get involved in sport during their time at university and feel more included* Women’s Volleyball: Made contact with the group and have invited them to AU for the club to be ratified
* Table Tennis: Have been talking to a couple of students about creating a club for individuals who have shown interest. Currently trying to gather more interest to then create a committee
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| 4 | Introduce a number of new events to bring together teams within the University with the hope they can become annual occurrences * Continuing to work with the VP Welfare Katy to organise a Sports Welfare event with a date confirmed for the day before varsity and currently looking for guest speakers for the event
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| 5 | Aim to encourage and support various clubs to work more actively with local organisations to give back to the local community and improve the image of sport at the university * Helping to promote team’s charity events to help their fundraising efforts
	+ Dance’s Family fortune event
	+ Rugby Unions Auction event
	+ Netballs Lip Sync Battle event
* Working with Men’s Football to do a “Have Your Mates Back” campaign with MIND to promote mental health awareness
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| 6 | Help to ensure that every team feels included and is provided the best possible resources to help to flourish and thrive* Provided Ryan with details about issues raised by sports teams and the sports coordinator about facilities for the Operational Student Working Group meeting after I was unable to attend the latest meeting due to other commitments.
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### **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?]*

* Continuing to assist Rosie and Bal on Wednesday to organise team packs for their fixtures and making sure our teams are prepared for the fixtures
* Trying to attend as many home fixtures as possible to represent the SU supporting our teams on Wednesdays.
* Continuing to work based out of the engine shed to allow for students/clubs to approach me with issues they may have

### **Mandates**

N/A – I did not receive any mandates during the AU meeting that

### **Declarations**

N/A