



## OFFICER REPORTS – STUDENT COUNCIL

**VPUD Officer Report**

**November 2019 Student Council**

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### **Summary**

Working to keep the engagement high and keep the momentum going from Freshers 2019.

### **Key Talking Points:**

- Uno Document and meetings with the university.
- Varsity Home Fixture
- Engagement are in the engine shed to make it more 'chilled' for students.
- Went through the policies up for renewal that are owned by myself.
- University operational student working group
- Social media promotion of groups
- Open day

### **Report**

#### **Manifesto Pledges**

1	<p><i>Ensure that sports, societies and volunteering groups do not suffer from the funding cut.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Raised the issues with university room bookings to higher management in the university.</li><li>- Supported Radio, regarding the set up and what they need to build the society back up again.</li></ul>
2	<p><i>Encourage and support students undertaking employment and work experience opportunities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Supported Students with assisting them in applying for Jobs within the union and locally.</li><li>- Working with VPED on a work experience volunteering initiative.</li></ul>
3	<p><i>Launch at least 10 new Events that cater to the wide variety of Students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Starting the conversations and looking at budgets to see if can do Re-Freshers in January and if it benefits the students.</li></ul>

4	<p><i>Raise awareness and challenge the stigma around mental health.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with Katy on some campaigns and initiatives we can roll out for all students and our student groups.</li> <li>- Working with Sports PTO &amp; Vp welfare to look at various campaigns including the likes of Stonewall and Mind.</li> </ul>
5	<p><i>Create a 'Buzz' on campus through activities and events.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ordered 2 pool tables for the engine shed to drive in engagement and make the space more student friendly and a safe space.</li> <li>- Halloween event at platform on the Wednesday which reached capacity.</li> </ul>
6	<p><i>Encourage Participation and engagement in sports, societies and Volunteering.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Helped create the men's futsal team get set up with regards to the committee, coach and facilitating start up meetings.</li> <li>- Helped Bio science with regards to applying for top up grant.</li> <li>- Helped and pushed for the start-up of Latin society.</li> </ul>
7	<p><i>Focus on entertainments, events, activities, sports and Societies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raised at multiple levels the issues around the sports dome, not being fit for purpose. Advised students to email me complaints while I put together a document. Raised with governors as well.</li> <li>- Pushed social media for the student groups. Helping them with the promotion of their charity events and trying to drive more engagement.</li> </ul>

### **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?]*

- Re shared the Uno document where students can comment their issues on the bus service and then this information gets fed back to the monthly UNO meetings.
- Worked open day to promote to the potential new students of all the great things our union do.
- Exploring a 'Home' varsity and working out the logistics as the students want a home fixture this year.
- Explored the idea of £1 entry on Wednesday but advised as commercial entity won't be able to.
- Started to look into the polices owned by VPUD with Lucinda [Democracy Coordinator] to renew and ensure that still current and in line with what we're doing.
- Chairing the Operational student working group for the university and steering the agenda to raise any campus issues related to students. Looking to include more student union influence in the area.

**Mandates**

**Declarations**