



## OFFICER REPORTS – STUDENT COUNCIL

### President's Report

November 2019 Student Council

Gemma Lovegrove

### Summary

This month I have been concerning myself with the disciplinaries and appeals processes as I am increasingly being asked to sit on panels in which I do not always agree with the reason for me being there. For this reason, I have requested some training for Sabbaticals to go through the disciplinary process, from start of engagement with the student, to what is expected once on a panel and everything in between. This will help us to understand the University and identify ways in which we can support students to prevent this happening where possible. I have also spent a lot of time going through policies that are due to expire and rewriting to reflect life at Waterside and the changes we have been through as a union.

### Key Talking Points:

- Created a working group with University management and SU management to ensure that we are on top of all data issues going forward.
- Sat on the interview panel for the new Dean for FHES
- Met with the Deans about TEF
- Met with the Chaplain regarding Armistice Day 2019
- Met with University regarding Open Days and improving our presence, secured new sign and a pop up stand
- LEARN working group
- EDAP working group with Wray Irwin
- Met with changemaker regarding transition to HE
- Met with Student services regarding disciplinaries, data issues and sports dome issues
- Interviews for new marketing coordinator

### Report

#### Manifesto Pledges

**Support-** **IN PROGRESS** Working closely with Head of Student Services to make sure that we are aware of initiatives and can support them, such as the 'don't drop out, drop in'. Attending LGBTe with LGBT Officer to make sure that I can support those students and the Officer with any issues they

may raise. Talking with Student Services to make sure that any changes to things such as the Financial Assistance fund are fair and equitable to all. Supporting students and the Academic Advisor through disciplinary and appeals to make sure they are aware of their rights and are represented fairly throughout the process. Chasing up outstanding cases and researching best practice in this area. Some sports teams are experiencing some issues with spectators, I am liaising with staff at the Union to ensure that people can watch safely, and the teams can play without distraction or potential harm from people being pitch side. Am looking into some barriers to create a clear area for spectators. Continue to provide support for Sabbaticals and PTO'S as well as Faculty advocates and staff in the Union.

**Voice – IN PROGRESS** Been helping to fill gaps in student advocates, meeting with FHES programme leads to support. Working with managers to ensure that we have a visible place for drop ins so that we can catch footfall from students who may be time poor and still need to talk to someone. Attending University management meetings and Governors to push for a resolution on the teaching spaces in the sports dome.

**Facilities – IN PROGRESS** Timetabling and access for our student groups has been difficult, I am trying to speak with the relevant people to ensure that students have a reason to stay after studying on campus. This will be an ongoing task. Continuing to look for more campaigns to deliver on campus including Consent, safe sex and safety on campus, condoms and sanitary products still remain a good addition to the bathrooms and as requested, will be provided in the men's bathrooms too. Working hard on representing student voice with regards to the sports dome and lack of heating and safety aspects of teaching and playing in there. Have had a temporary resolution of adding space heaters and the roof being fixed, however, I will continue to push for better services.

### **Other Activities**

Supporting VP ED plus PTO PGR to write a proposal for council.

Working with parking and LLS to make sure that issues regarding parking and printing are well communicated to students. Now have two clear statements that will help students to be able to study later on in the evening. Meeting with PGR PTO and Head of PGR to ensure that our offerings are inclusive of the PGR community which is growing annually. Previous issues have been around receiving data and supporting their own, unique representation system.

Helping the MH Nurses with writing a strong supporting statement for a student nominated for Nursing Time Student Nurse of the Year.

### **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.] None yet received*

### **Declarations**

*[Here is where you declare any gifts or benefits received] none*