



EXPERIENCE OFFICER (ESSEX) REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	07/04/16
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Summary: *This paper provides an update on the priority campaign(s) of the Executive Officer*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

- Experience Feedback Board
- Developments in Chelmsford
- Global Week
- Increase in clubs and societies
- Don't judge a book by it's cover
- Committee Conference
- Presentation to the FHSCE Faculty Board
- Experience Officer Challenge Debrief

Progress on priority campaign(s)

1. Experience Feedback Board

- Up and running – gathering interest and ideas for new clubs/societies. I will continue to respond on Facebook.

2. Developments in Chelmsford

- Alongside vision visits, myself and Matt, Jo and Alun have had regular meetings with David Humber the Chelmsford Provost to discuss the possible developments of a 'student hub' on the Chelmsford campus. These conversations have been wide spread around what the purpose of the building will be, what will be inside and how it will benefit students.
- David has written the paper proposing the purpose of the building – he has submitted this to the Corporate Management Team and Estates and Facilities and we are due to meet to discuss the outcome on 4th April.

3. Global Week

- Was AMAZING! Our dance society performed, belly dancing, delicious food, music from around the world. The atmosphere was lovely, everyone seemed to be having a really good time.

4. Increase in clubs and societies

- The re-freshers fair was successful in showcasing our newly set up societies.
- I have had 1-1's with these committee members to help them to understand what is required to successfully run a society and develop their leadership skills.
- Sarah and I have been working on liaising with the university faculties to encourage the development of course based societies. We have had responses and are hopeful that this will flourish.

5. 'Don't Judge a Book By It's Cover' Campaign

- Very behind track on this. As I now have another year as an Officer I am planning to continue the planning and implement the campaign/project at a more prominent time in the year.

6. Committee Members Skills Conference

- I am planning an all day event on 26th April in the format of a conference. To give committee members the opportunity to network and attend sessions on transferable skills that they will use whilst being a committee member and in future employment – I am hoping to get them accredited for their attendance. Committee members from both Chelmsford and Cambridge will be invited to attend.

7. Presentation to the FHSCE Faculty Board

- The board were impressed by the services the SU offer to all students particularly those within FHSCE. I have had some follow up conversations with course leaders and other university staff to explore the ways in which we can engage more students in clubs/societies, volunteering and representation.

8. Experience Officer Challenge Debrief

- This was hands down the best week of my job so far. I got to experience most of the societies/sports in Chelmsford and meet the students who are involved. I believe it has strengthened my relationships with many students that I hope to continue to have throughout my time in the role. Best campaign ever.

9. Festival Croatia

- Sarah and I ran a trip to Croatia with a mixture of students who were social tourists and sports club members. The trip was extremely successful. There was a high amount of ARU Pride and community between our students during the trip. Those who played sport played extremely well!

An update on engagement with coach and mentor/mentee(s)

Other points for the committee to note: