



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	24/04/17
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Summary: *This paper provides an update on the work of the Executive Committee member*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

1. Policy: Gender Neutral Toilets
2. Priority Campaigns: Safer Taxis and Buddy Scheme

Progress on priority campaign(s)

Safer Taxis

1. I have compiled a report on various Safer Taxi schemes that have been successful in other universities around the country, including feedback from ARU students.
2. Need to arrange a further meeting with CamCab to confirm the deal.
3. Contacted other unions to determine administrative impact of the scheme on our front desk staff.
4. The union would be happy to run the scheme, just need to secure a float.

Buddy Scheme

1. I have met with the course leader of midwifery (on behalf of students) who have designed a scheme that fits around the mode of their studies.
2. Need to contact other course leaders

Sexual Respect @ ARU

1. Wrote a series of recommendations to improve the support of victims of sexual harassment and assault at ARU. These recommendations have been accepted by the university.
2. The working group outlined as a recommendation was accepted and will be convened for the first time soon, following nominees being put forward from university departments.
3. Published my recommendations [here](#).
4. Working with uni on their White Ribbon campaign, focused on men campaigning against violence towards women and girls. Currently searching for male students who would be interested in being ambassadors.

Improving Prayer Spaces on Campus

1. A survey has been disseminated to students who have been in contact with the chaplaincy to gather their views on the prayer rooms and quiet spaces.
2. The university have agreed to start renovating the Prayer rooms in Chelmsford, including making the signage more accessible, renovating the

kitchen and moving the brothers' prayer room to the larger room so it can accommodate more students.

Books Plus

1. I will be having further discussions with the university after April to consider an allotted amount of money available only for printing on books plus cards for all students.

Registration for Trans and LGBT+ self-defining students

1. The university have updated their registration process to be more inclusive of trans and LGBT+ self-defining students. Hopefully they will be able to add in drop-downs for those self-define at pansexual and asexual, or add a freetext box for students to define as they wish.
2. There is still an issue with registration for trans students wishing to use their preferred name. The university are working on improving this, as there are fourteen separate databases information is pulled from to create student registration accounts.
3. Working with Jamie Vincent to get more accessible information on student services website on how to change your student ID card if a student has changed their name.

Disabled Students' Guide to ARU

1. Worked with Alice Goodheart to help put the finishing touches to her Disabled Students Guide to ARU. The guide is currently being designed and will be available soon.

On-Campus Medical Centres

1. I am gathering student feedback on the state of the Chelmsford Campus medical centre and will be meeting with them soon to improve the service.

Accessible Toilet Signage

1. Working with Michael Graham to write a paper for EDI to consider changing signs from disabled to accessible where appropriate, and for disabled toilets to be listed as accessible on maps/app.

Care-Leavers

1. Following feedback from a student regarding support for care leavers at ARU, I have asked Student services what specific support is available to them, considering their unique circumstances.
2. Particular issues include over-the-summer housing

Gender Neutral Toilets

1. Our policy will be included in NUS resources and materials for other unions to use as a lobbying/campaigning tool.
2. I have submitted this campaign/policy for an NUS Campaign of the Year award.