

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

## AVINASH MIRIYAM

## President

My campaigns, policy and other work



## My campaigns

<i>Committee for BAME students</i>	In Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated: 15/04/2021</li> <li>• University has launched Race Equality Steering Group to voice and reflect on the feedback and issues of BAME community.</li> <li>• Race Equality Steering Group is working on the similar objectives that I planned to include in the setup of BAME committee.</li> <li>• Instead of duplicating, i would like to support Race Equality Steering Group to delivery best outcomes of support to BAME Community. So I decided to the campaign here.</li> </ul>	
<i>Course Rep Communication</i>	On Hold
<p>Updated: 15/04/2021</p> <p>Earlier I had a plan to set-up WhatsApp communication for course reps, I stepped back because of privacy concerns. Recently NUS has setup a WhatsApp broadcast to support and communicate students' Union effectively, i speak with our officers and SMT in our catch-up, and they said it is good to go. I discussed the same with campaigns coordinators and they are about it and asked to run a trail how is it working.</p> <p>Organized meetings with engagement team and communications manager to set-up WhatsApp broadcast for course reps monitored by rep coordinators. WhatsApp broadcast will go for trail in this month soon, we are planning to trail four weeks before Christmas and 4 weeks after Christmas. I hope the trail achieve massive impact in terms communication to course reps.</p> <p>After discussion with communications team has come up with privacy and security concerns of the course reps which will impact Union GDPR policy. So I am holding up this campaign at present.</p>	
<i>Access to facilities</i>	In progress

- *Updated: 15/04/2021*
- Students need tools, spaces and equipment to perform up to their potential in assignments. There some needed to open more time than the normal hours at the assignments time. I would like to voice on the facilities required to students to perform to the best their ability at least few weeks before assignments. Had a meeting with James Rolfe, COO of ARU, regarding the support we need and I raised about it in the meeting. Collecting information about the courses that need more facilities from all faculties to carry forward.
- Gone through recommendations for accessibility of previous officers, as we me and Em, had same objectives regarding accessibility so we have shared the responsibilities between us so I am working on:
  - Signage and Labelling around the campuses.
  - Captions for video and audio lecturers to support students with different abled and those English is not their first language. Video and audio captions to accessible to all the lecturers now.
  - Accessibility to Facilities: Recent conversations with James Rolfe, has raised about access to licensed software and he assured licensed software is accessible from home like on campus to support your course work. Checked with course lecturer and students they are able to access the software from their personal computers and easy to execute course work from home, only problem is with personal computers which are unable to support the software.
  - Students having issues with Canvas, e-vision software are signposted to IT team directly to resolve the issues quickly.

#### Other relevant updates

*Updated: 15/04/2021*

*Team Campaigns: Sustainability & Mental Health and Wellbeing.*

*Mental health and well-being: Working on actions of mental health and well-being campaign to students better along with the University.*

*As a part of mental health campaign, organizing informal sessions on weekly basis with 15 minutes slot to students and first meeting received well by students as well and I come to conclusion 15 minutes is small time for students.*

*Sustainability Week was well received by students. Super thanks to Emily for organizing such a big event and continuing to update my posts on social media about sustainability for awareness.*

*ARU Sustainability society is organizing Sustainability Summit 2021 from 21st April 2021, we wish all students to attend those sessions to support sustainability.*

*Attended meeting with International office to collaborate and to address students issues on a large scale. This meeting helps me to realize that students' union and international office are on the same wavelength to support students.*

*Officers had a meeting Roderick (VC, ARU) and Aletta (DVC, ARU) discussed current student issues, plans for Trimester 3 and 1 teaching and support for students. Discussed about our campaign updates.*

*Attended NUS conference voiced about students issues and taken part in approval of policies of NUS along with officers across UK.*

*The support from Campaign coordinator, Rachel is amazing and we had discussions about my campaigns on how take forward campaigns. She is happy to have a regular catch-up to discuss the progress of the campaigns. Thank you very much.*

***Meetings that I sit on:***

*Board of Governors*

**Senate Committees that I sit on:**

Senate

Education Committee

Students' Experience Committee

Students' Matters Committee

**Non-Senate committee's that I sit on:**

Chelmsford Masterplan

Disabled Student satisfaction

LMS Project accessibility

Student Funds

**Students' Union Committee's that I sit on:**

Finance and Risk

USU(University and Students' union)

Board of Trustees