



SPORTS CLUB REP (CHELMSFORD) REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	09/12/15
Name:	Jessica Bush	Action:	To note

Summary: ASSESSING STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE QUALITY AND VARIETY OF SPORTS MEMBERSHIPS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION AND FACILITIES TO ULTIMATELY CREATE A CAMPUS 'VIBE'

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

MAIN OBJECTIVE: Create a survey to be posted online to all ARU students. This will support me in gaining student's opinions and providing a clear picture of their interests in order to assess where I need to facilitate further campaigns to improve sport participation.

Progress on priority campaign(s)

Due to educational circumstances, my main objective hasn't yet been completed. However, over the last few months, I have had many students approach about me regarding sporting opportunities and I have received useful feedback that I can bring forward to the executive committee.

For example, it seems that football/futsal widely interests many students at ARU and on campus. Many students have introduced 5-a-side and 11-a-side football from their own back. This is showing great success and I hope to look further into this, organising matches and fixed days during the week where this will be open to students.

I recently went to the 'Give It A Go' trip to Brentwood Ski Centre. This was a brilliant opportunity for me to meet new students, even international students about their life at ARU. The trip was very positive and there was a good size of participation. My aim next year is to organise another skiing trip to Brentwood or the Milton Keynes Snow Dome earlier in the year through advertising and student interests.

On this note, I am going to create a sports workshop, opening new ideas of sports to all students to support my main objective and ultimately create a 'campus vibe'. Including methods of fitness and updates regarding the gym.

In addition to this, I believe this would be a great way of working collaboratively with Women's Rep and Disabled Student's Rep because it is significant to have sports accessible to everybody. This includes not being afraid of participating in sport due to sexuality. Therefore, a sports workshop not only promotes new sports and improvements to sport participation, but also to help promote awareness to sport participation in disabled and LGBT students. I am looking forward to getting started on this and making a difference, ensuring everyone is positive about uni life.

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

I have kept in contact with my mentor 'Leigh' (Experience Officer), she has giving me great knowledge from her previous experiences to help me with the upcoming year.

She has supported me and is helping to guide me in the right direction. We are organising a trip to Cambridge regarding the sporting opportunities and societies, including an understanding of how they manage and administer their sports to fulfil student needs.

Leigh is also assisting me in the sports workshop and further advertising regarding the interests of winter, outdoor sports. Also, raising awareness of ways to improve the campus gym.

Further support required from the Executive Committee/Students' Union

- Preference to the most effective online survey creation website. Look at effective samples.
- Speak/contact staff to ensure correct procedures and to seek permission (given consent).
- Contacting Active Anglia and other mentors of sport in ARU Chelmsford University.
- If possible, I would like some support and guidance in how to create a blog and newsletters on my priority campaign while presenting a bio as Sports Rep. How this can be done on the official ARU Student's Union website and on a Facebook Page.

In summary, I have set myself a deadline to have my main objective and scheduled date for the sports workshop to be in place by the end of January.