# FVCLEDIC 19/23

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE



My campaigns, policy and other work

#### My campaigns

Prayer Space in Chelmsford	
Prayer space in chemision	Status: Complete/ <b>Working on</b> /Not Started

**Context of the Campaign:** to obtain an adequate prayer space in the Chelmsford campus, as the current one is too small and not appropriate given the growing student population who use it.

**Aims and Objectives:** to liaise with the university and chaplaincy to find and establish an alternative/additional space which is larger than the current one and meets the needs of the diverse student population e.g., ablution facilities.

### **Updates and Wins:**

22/11/22: Sawyer's gym renovation plans are almost complete, now just a matter of confirming these and starting the renovations. Makeshift prayer room will be required for Ramadan 2022

10/1/23: renovation plans are complete, additional requirements and equipment e.g. speakers, bathrooms, interior design are confirmed. Proposal to be sent for budgeting at the end of this week- subject to approval, building work will start soon. Estimated completion time is June. Makeshift prayer space for congregational prayers on Friday is Mildmay sports hall as confirmed by estates, but we do not have a makeshift space for other events where larger prayer spaces are needed e.g. Ramadan (Taraweeh)- will liaise with ISoc and estates about this to find a temporary solution.

Free Transport Campaign	Status: Complete/ <b>Working on</b> /Not Started	
Context of the Campaign: Free transport to and from placement for HEMS students,		
given the CoL crisis and current travel provision not being fair for all courses (e.g.		
medics get reimbursed, but nurses don't, etc).		
Aims and Objectives: to encourage the university/other organisations to somehow fund		
travel costs for students and remove barriers to attending placement for students.		

#### **Updates and Wins:**

22/11/22: Have met with all HoS except one, and they are on board but have expressed concern at the university being able to fund this. In the meantime, I am working on a placement travel guide (due to be released soon). Practice hub is in process of being improved/accessible to all healthcare students (partnering with ME and Student Opportunity team in HEMS).

10/1/23: Meeting confirmed with remaining HoS. Travel guide is complete, requires approval from FPT and will be published soon! FF drop-in sessions for HEMS, and placement in general, organised over December (6 sessions in total) which provide more evidence for transport cost struggles. I have created a placement survey which will supplement the sessions- requires approval from FPT/work with ME and will also be released soon- hopefully before next exec!

EDI Project	Status: Complete/Working on/Not Started
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Aims and Objectives: implement lectures/CPDs/educational sessions for students and staff, promote race equality advocates and foster a more inclusive and informed community at ARU.

Updates and Wins: Project group is in the works (SU); considering affiliating with university.

### Other relevant updates

### Wider University Projects:

- Faculty Forum (HEMS)
- Resolving numerous complaints (formal and informal) in social work, paramedic science
- NUS concerns- due to meet with them
- Futures Festival

#### Wider Union Projects:

- World Cup screening
- Student Marketplace

#### **Policies:**

• N/A

#### Senate Committee

• N/A

#### **Non-Senate committee**

• FPT: Canvas site in place of HEMS newsletter; PDT hub improvement

## **Students' Union Committees**

• USU (not present at either meetings)

# Working groups

- Sexual Respect Working Group (meetings cancelled thus far)
- EDI Working Group